

# Valley News

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## N. Santiam Chamber Host for Grange Outing at Detroit Dam

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DETROIT, Ore. — The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce, meeting here Wednesday night, decided to act as hosts for the State Grange convention outing to be held in Detroit Dam area on Sunday, June 13. The Chamber will furnish a sack lunch at noon.

In other matters, a committee was appointed to investigate the allocation of forest land funds to schools with a possibility of districts located mainly in national forest lands to receive a larger share of the funds.

## Civic Center Plans Told to Monmouth CC

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MONMOUTH — The Monmouth Chamber of Commerce Tuesday heard Mrs. Ray Rauch and Mrs. Dale Mansfield of the Junior Women's club speak concerning the proposed plan for a community center. A committee was appointed to meet with other civic representatives at a "meeting of representatives" tentatively set for June 2.

Feasibility of an overhead sign at the intersection of highway 99W and Main street, designating the business district, was discussed. A committee will look into the matter and report at the next meeting. A letter from the State Highway Department stated it is too early to plan on stop lights at the intersection of the highway and Main street.

Roben Maaske, president of OCE, told of the added advantages for the fall term when students will be able to receive degrees in many more subjects; he also declared that tuition at OCE is very low compared to other colleges of the same standing. Maaske also announced there will be a "pastoral workshop" for three days at OCE with 100 ministers participating to conduct classes in marriage counseling. They will be quartered at Todd Hall.

## Exercises Slated For Mill City's 8th Grade Pupils

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MILL CITY — Graduation exercises for the eighth grade will be held Friday, May 28, at 8 p.m., in the elementary gymnasium. A play, entitled "Mysterious Stranger," will be presented by the class, under direction of their instructor, Mrs. Donald Shytle.

Other numbers on the program will be songs by the boys' and girls' quartets; songs by the entire group; trumpet call, by Lahny Padrafsky; address of welcome, Carol Cooke; presentation of awards, Vernon Todd, superintendent; and presentation of diplomas, Russell Kelly, chairman of the school board.

## Mill City Pupils Elect Officers

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MILL CITY — Principal Howard Means of Mill City High School announced the following results of the election of student body officers Tuesday: President, Brooks Crosier; vice-president, Carol Anderson; treasurer, George Rambo; secretary, Marlene Anderson; annual editor, Hazel Caudle; annual co-editor, Charles Kihlman; advertising manager, Janet Ross; and publicity manager, Jackie Bickett.

The above officers will serve through the 1954-55 school year, it being compulsory that the president, vice-president, treasurer, and annual editor be members of next year's senior class.

## Gates Teachers Guests at Dinner

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GATES — Teachers leaving the Gates school system were complimented at a dinner party Monday evening by two of the returning instructors, Mrs. A. T. Barnhardt and Mrs. Gwen Schaefer. Those honored, along with their families, included Don Miley, superintendent; Dale Reynolds, Mrs. Perry Dibblee, Miss Mary Page and Mrs. Richard Parker.

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## Grandson of Valley Pioneers Leaves to Homestead in Alaska

By GLADYS SHIELDS  
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JEFFERSON — Shades of pioneering! Grandpa never had it so good!

Grandpa was E. N. Thomas, who came overland to Oregon in 1883. His campfire was his heating unit, cook stove and light plant at night. Water came from any stream or spring they were fortunate enough to find. His bed was a roll of blankets on the ground, or maybe in the bed of an old prairie schooner. Pioneering was tough in them days!

But, this year, 1954, Grandpa Thomas' grandson, Delavan Thomas and family are pioneering in Alaska, but deluxe!

The family of five was headed this week for a homestead of 160 acres at Anchor Point, 200 miles southwest of Anchorage. Their home on wheels is a modern, deluxe trailer house, and they carry their own light plant, water system, and every convenience necessary to bring modern living to frontier life.

**Bulldozer, Light Plant**  
In the caravan leaving Jefferson were Mrs. Thomas, driving a truck loaded with a bulldozer, two welding outfits and shop tools, and pulling a trailer carrying the light plant. Thomas is driving a panel truck and pulling the house trailer.

They are carrying around \$600 worth of food, \$100 worth of garden seeds, plus medical supplies—and fishing and hunting equipment (for the leisure moment). They'll be already to set up housekeeping and homesteading on the spot on arrival.

**Two Weeks Trip**  
The trip will take them about two weeks, by-passing Seattle, and on north through Holt, Huntington, Prince George, Dawson Creek — over the Alkan highway.

About a year ago, Thomas flew to Alaska to look over the land opened to GI homesteaders and liked what he saw. He filed papers

for 160 acres and has a preemption on 160 more. After clearing the land, they will truck farm and raise beef cattle.

The house trailer will be their home, and Thomas will erect the other necessary buildings required by homestead law. The bulldozer and other machinery will come in handy in clearing the land, and getting a farm into running order.

**4 Miles to School**  
There's a grade and high school within four miles of their homestead, where their three sons, Del, 11, Ross, 4, and Allan, 1, will go to school.

The Thomases have friends already located there — the Bill Cledeninis from Lebanon, and two or three other Cledeninis families who went north two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been planning this move down to the least detail for the past two years. They promised to write and keep homefolk informed on their new life.

## Girl Scouts Plan Week at Camp

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MILL CITY — At the Girl Scout meeting, held at the home of the leader, Mrs. Howard Means, Monday, it was planned to spend a week in camp at Honeyman State Park which is located on the coast near Florence, the dates tentatively set as July 7-15.

Mrs. Means states that facilities include both lake and beach, mountain trails, life-guard to supervise swimming, and improved campgrounds. The trip will be financed from the girls' treasury, augmented by the cookie sale, dues, and a surplus from last year. Additional funds will be raised by the individual girls.

## Valley Briefs

**Falls City** — C. C. Libby of Salem has leased the V. E. Davis building for a fountain and variety store. He plans to open the store within two weeks.

**Silverton** — Mrs. Helen Hammond, the former Helen Wolcott of Silverton, is confined at Providence Hospital with a broken vertebrae incurred in an accident at her home in Portland Sunday. She is expected to be in a cast for several months.

**Silverton** — Vern S. Davis, Portland, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will speak Tuesday at the Father-Son banquet planned by Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood. The dinner will start at 7 p.m., served by Trinity Detour Society. All fathers and sons are welcome. The committee, Olaus Moen and Harold Larsen, report, but tickets must be secured by Sunday.

**Mill City** — Earl Parker of Detroit suffered a severe injury to one foot when it became caught in a lawn-mower Saturday. Mrs. Parker, who is worthy matron of the Eastern Star here, drove him to a physician where it was necessary to take 13 stitches in the wound.

**Menmouth** — A no-host dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Hilda's Episcopal Church. Members and friends are invited to bring guests.

**Cloverdale** — Marcie Prinz youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prinz, is reported "much improved". She has been seriously ill at her home with virus pneumonia. She and other children in the family recently had the mumps.

**Menmouth** — Douglas Kester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kester, will become organist at St. Hilda's Episcopal Church Sunday. He is replacing Miss Louise Woodruff.

**Cloverdale** — Sam Drager returned Sunday from a trip to Dixon, Cal. where he sold 20 head of registered Suffolk rams at the Dixon ram sale. He was accompanied by Mervin Pearson who sold six Hampshire rams at the sale. Both parties were well satisfied with returns.

## Scholarship Recipients at OCE Listed

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MONMOUTH — Names of mid-valley high school seniors who have been awarded freshman scholarships at Oregon College of Education were announced Thursday by Floyd Albin, acting registrar.

Listed by schools, they include: Salem — Jean Patton, Jeanne O'Hern; Cascade Union High — Larry Dean Gower; Sue Ann Grimes; Central High — Rosie Mae Alsip, Sandra Jean Owen.

Dallas — Ruby Laurice Dashiell, Harold Holdorf, JoAnn Mary, Delbert Jay Wade, Russell Dean Wells, Delores Yvonne Youngblood; Falls City, Lucille Emily Riggs.

Gervais — Patricia Ann Kessler, Elaine Kushnick, Betty Jeanne Zysset; Lebanon — Judith Anita Schmele, Carolyn V. White; Mill City — Richard Lee Verbeck.

North Marion High — Eugene Larry Cole, Rosemary Helen Orvold, Richard Joseph Sonnen, Evelyn Nellie Taylor; Perrydale — Irvin Bissell, Sharon Louise Ralph; Scio — Marilyn Ketcham, Jean Stormont.

Silverton — Mary Ann Wornom.

## Polk County Rural School Budget's Defeat Confirmed

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DALLAS — Returns from all but one rural school district confirmed defeat of Polk County's rural school budget Thursday.

Latest tally show the budget trailing 239 to 174 with only Oakland unreported among 28 districts.

County School Supt. F. C. Green said the rural school board would meet Tuesday night to canvass votes and declare the election.

Defeat of the budget means that districts will prepare separate budgets.

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## Graduation at Oakdale Due This Evening

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OAKDALE — Graduation of the eighth grade class will be Friday at 8 p.m. The graduate, Gene Cook, George Ann Fairchild, Diane Overboiser, and Kenneth and Robert Schmidt, have won many honors during their years at Oakdale.

George Ann was representative in the last two annual spelling contests conducted by the Statesman and KSLM. Both girls are first class Girl Scouts. The Schmidt boys are second class Boy Scouts, and all are active 4-H members who have collectively earned nine first awards, 21 second awards and 25 third awards at state and county fairs.

Their graduation program will feature: Invocation, the Rev. William Cook, pastor of Four Square Church of Dallas; salutatory, Diane Overboiser; last will and testament, Robert Schmidt; class prophecy in skit by class; piano solo, Miss Marjorie Palmer of Falls City; valedictory, George Ann Fairchild; address, Phil Newitt, principal of Dallas Junior High School; presentation of di-

## Evergreen School Graduation Held For Eight Pupils

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SILVERTON — Graduation of eight eighth-graders was the occasion for a program at Evergreen School, two miles south of Silverton, Wednesday night.

Irene Klopfenstein was valedictorian and Phillip Hari and Deloris Hansen shared salutatorian honors. Others in the class were Fern Steele, James Kaser, Archie Kuenzi, Jerry Setter and Fred Briggs.

Melvin Kaufman, a student, was master of ceremonies for the evening's program, with Ruben Klopfenstein, a member of Evergreen School board, handing out the diplomas. The Rev. Arnold Nelson, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Silverton, gave the commencement address, and music included by Howard Harley, an accordion solo; Archie Kuenzi, vocal solos and songs by various school groups.

Cecil Brill, chairman of the school board.

Mrs. Bernice Barker, principal, will accompany them for processional, recessional and class song.

## Gun Wound Kills Grocer At Sheridan

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SHERIDAN — Services are pending at Sheridan Funeral Home for Earl Home Wood, 48, Sheridan grocer who died Wednesday of a gunshot wound.

Deputy Coroner Otto Heider Jr. said the wound was self-inflicted. Wood died enroute to a McMinville hospital. The coroner quoted the family as saying the deceased had been despondent for a number of days.

Wood operated the Wood Market here.

Surviving are his wife, Ella Wood, and three sons, Byron, Weldon and Roger.

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Sullivan had been confined here for five weeks. Formerly he was a lumber tallyman for South Forks Lumber Co. in the Santiam area.

The deceased was born Aug. 31, 1893, at Pueblo, Calif. Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Carrie Gramling, Falls City, and a brother, Harry L. Sullivan, Nahalem.

Services will be held Saturday at Falls City Christian Church. Burial will be at Falls City Cemetery.

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