

Valley News

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Wallace Road Fire District Hearing Set

DALLAS — Hearing on the proposed fire protection district north of West Salem has been set for 11 a.m. May 2 in the Polk County courthouse.

Judge Cal M. Barnhart said that petitions bearing 152 signatures had been submitted to the county court requesting formation of the district. The proposed district would serve about 150 families in the Polk County area north of West Salem.

The hearing will consider boundaries and determine whether the district should be formed. If approved, the hearing will be followed by the nomination of directors through petition. A director may be nominated by a petition bearing 15 signatures.

The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes at an election will be elected to the district board. The election, which will be scheduled following the hearing, will be at the Brush College store, Judge Barnhart said.

Rev. N. Hawk Dies, Former Turner Man

TURNER—The Rev. N. Sherman Hawk, 86, former pastor of Turner Methodist Church, died in a La Grande hospital Friday morning after an illness of about a year.

Born Oct. 24, 1869 in Van Horne, Iowa, he came to the Pacific northwest in 1910 and held pastorate in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. He was at the Turner church from 1932 to 1936. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Odd Fellows.

The Rev. Hawk is survived by one daughter, Miss Kathryn Hawk with whom he had been staying at La Grande; sons, Daniel N. Hawk of Clatskanie, and John S. Hawk of Salem; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in La Grande at 2 p.m. Monday with burial in the La Grande cemetery.

Valley Briefs

Brooks—Election of officers is scheduled when Brooks PTA meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the school gymnasium. The program will consist of entertainment by Deloie Robinson's tumbling class, Mrs. Marlin Nikkelsen's 4-H knitting club and by scouts under leadership of Mrs. Marshall Christofferson and Monty Christofferson.

West Stayton—Lyle King, coach at Cascade Union High School, helped organize a softball team at West Stayton School this week. The team's first game is tentatively scheduled here April 20 with North Marion.

Jefferson—Southern Pacific workmen this week tore down the remainder of the depot building here. Part of it had been left standing for a loading and receiving station after the main part was demolished several years ago when regular trainstops here were discontinued.

Turner—Mrs. Manuel Keene and Mrs. Carl Graves were elected delegates to the Rebekah Assembly, scheduled at Tillamook in May, at the meeting of Ideal Rebekah lodge Wednesday evening. Mrs. Manuel Keene was recommended as district deputy. Mrs. Ulwin Denyer and Mrs. Bert Peebles were elected alternates to the assembly.

Dallas—Cub Scouts and volunteer helpers will be out all day Saturday picking up bundled newspapers and magazines stacked at the curb (or left on the porch in case of rain) according to Bob Scholl, Cub Scoutmaster. No papers will be picked up outside the city limits, but anyone may bring papers to the Morrison School the day of the paper drive.

Sheridan—Officers elected for the ensuing year by the Sheridan Garden Club are Mrs. Duane Ehnes, Bellevue, president; Mrs. Nilo Koivu of Route 2 Sheridan, first vice-president; Mrs. Melvin Johnson, Ballston, second vice-president; Mrs. Dale Cooley, Sheridan, secretary; and Mrs. Zelma Thomsoff, Sheridan, treasurer. It was voted to hold a summer flower show.

Girls Lead Classmates



SILVERTON—Colleen Taranoff (left) has earned valedictorian honors and Kay Bergerson is salutatorian of the class of 1956 at Silverton Union High School, the school reported Friday. Both will be honored at commencement exercises.

90 Seniors To Graduate At Silverton

SILVERTON—Approximately 90 students will receive diplomas at Silverton Union High School exercises at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, in the school gymnasium.

Class valedictorian is Colleen Taranoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Taranoff, Silverton Star route, who plans a career in nursing.

Salutatorian Kay Bergerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bergerson, 828 Barger St., plans to major in advertising.

Others placing in the class's top 10 scholastically were listed as Duane McHolick, Frances Benson, Peggy Dobbins, Jim Palmquist, Frit Skirvin, Ronald Melton, Edith Turner and Caryl Zetterberg.

Baccalaureate rites are scheduled May 27 with the Rev. Carl G. Berg of Calvary Lutheran Church as speaker.

Viola Estey, 86, Longtime Polk Resident, Dies

MONMOUTH — Miss Viola M. Estey, 86, 250 S. Broad St., Monmouth, died at an Independence rest home Thursday night after a long illness.

Miss Estey was born in Minnesota on Nov. 17, 1869, and had been a resident of Falls City and Monmouth for many years. She was a retired schoolteacher.

Surviving are a niece, Miss Fidelia Dearlove, Minneapolis, Minn., and a nephew, John Estey, Detroit, Ore.

Services will be from Smith-Kreuger Mortuary Sunday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Belcrest Park, Salem, Monday morning.

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The park, which is a very popular spot in the summer for both young and old, was originally turned over to the county by the Buell Park board, but the county not having funds to improve or maintain the park, expressed a desire to have it turned over to the state.

State representatives visited the park and thought it had much natural beauty and, while it would be a fine community park, did not have the aspects for a state park, so the state declined acceptance.

Chosen as vice-president; Mrs. Howard Matlock, secretary, and Mrs. Joe Doran, treasurer.

In charge for the May meeting is Mrs. Louis Schmerber assisted by Mrs. Tony Adelman and Mrs. Leo Klecniski.

Sacred Heart Club Elects

GERVAIS—Mothers of next fall's first grade pupils at Sacred Heart School here will be guests of the Mothers' Club at its May 1 meeting.

Mrs. Ray Matlock was re-elected president at the April meeting which saw Mrs. Med Davidson

Frank Story, Airlie-Area Farmer, Dies

DALLAS — Frank Story, Airlie district farmer, died Friday at a hospital in Dallas where he had been a patient for several days. He was 60.

The deceased was the former husband of Ethel Story, 55, who was sentenced to three years in prison here Thursday on a charge of assaulting Story last Nov. 2.

Story was hospitalized briefly at that time with a chest wound, inflicted by a small-calibre rifle.

Deputy Coroner Earl Thomson said Story's family had requested that an autopsy be performed Saturday.

Story had spent most of his life in the Airlie district where survivors include a brother, Lee Story. Also surviving are a brother Carl, Windsor, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. H. J. Revens, Portland. Services are pending here at Bollman Chapel.

EXTENSION UNIT ELECTS
JEFFERSON—The Sidney-Talbot Home Extension unit has elected Mrs. Claude Pilcher chairman. Other new officers are vice chairman, Mrs. William Knight, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Herman Boese. Retiring chairman is Mrs. Dale Turndige.

The U.S. Air Force is studying use of mothballs on coastal airports to discourage seagulls.

Student Minister From Willamette To Give Sermon

ORCHARD HEIGHTS—Charles Anderson, senior at Willamette University, will be guest minister at Summit Methodist Church Sunday morning. Anderson is the student pastor, at Marquam Methodist Church. His sermon will be "Power or Weakness?" Glenn Murray, the student pastor at Summit, will preach at Marquam. The fourth quarterly conference of the church will be Monday night at 7:30.

Polk County PTA Council to Meet

FALLS CITY—The Polk County Council PTA will hold its final meeting of the year Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Falls City High School. All annual reports on work for the past year will be given. Election of new county council officers will be held.

A special invitation is extended to all new PTA officers as work shops are in the planning stage to help them with next year's work. Other interested persons are also welcome.

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