

Water District Seeks Contract In Special Vote

A special election in the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District has been called for Friday, July 15, to determine if the district should enter into a contract with the United States of America to secure \$236,534 for rehabilitation of the distribution system.

If district voters approve the repayment contract, the district will receive the \$236,534 through the Bureau of Reclamation. Under the proposal, the district will be obligated to repay the money in 40 equal payments without interest.

The sum of \$164,934 of the total will be allotted to rehabilitation of major structures in the joint system with the Medford district above the Bradshaw drop. This includes work at Fish lake and four-mile reservoir.

Medford district, which will vote on a similar contract, will supply \$334,866 for work in this area.

A total of \$70,000 of remaining funds sought by Rogue River Valley Irrigation District will be used to replace the Antelope flume with a concrete siphon; to replace the Bear Creek flume with a concrete siphon and to line canals and replace other structures on the main canals.

Harold Sexton, manager of Rogue River Valley Irrigation District, reported that maintenance costs on the Bear Creek flume last year were over \$1000. He pointed out that this structure, which controls water to the western portion of the district, has reached a limit of safe usage and is in danger of failure due to flood or general deterioration from age.

Most structures to be replaced if the contract is approved, range in age from 40 to 15 years.

Work on the program would begin this fall pending appropriations. Completion would take three or more years.

The contract has the full approval of the board of directors of the district. They pointed out that this contract would make no appreciable water rate increase to users because of lower maintenance costs.

Rites Wednesday For Mrs. R. Newton, Native Daughter

Last rites for Mrs. Retta Newton, 62, Central Point, were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the Perl Funeral home in Medford.

Mrs. Newton passed away in Oakland Calif., Friday, June 10.

The Rev. Maurice Tisdell of the Medford Church of Christ officiated at the rites. Interment was in Central Point cemetery.

Mrs. Newton was a native daughter of Central Point. She was born here on April 3, 1893, the daughter of the late William W. Edington.

She is survived by her husband, Leigh Newton, of Central Point; a sister, Mrs. A. B. Collett, of Grants Pass, and two nephews and a niece.

Switchman Joins PT&T in Medford

Appointment of W. T. McIntyre as chief switchman in the plant department of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at Medford, was announced today by J. H. Creager, Pacific Telephone's Medford manager.

McIntyre, who has been at the company's Roseburg office the past four years as a switchman, replaces Carroll R. Judy, transferred from Medford to Salem as chief switchman.

Thurmond Wins In Photo Contest

Ruth Thurmond, daughter of Mrs. Edna McCall, route 1, Central Point, received two awards in the National High School Photographic Awards contest, according to information received here this week.

Miss Thurmond, sophomore at Crater High school, won a \$10 honorable mention award for her entry in class 4, animals and pets. This picture showed a hippopotamus at a zoo.

She also received a certificate of merit for her photo of two dolls. This entry was in class 3, pictorials.

The 1955 National High School Photographic Awards was sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company.

4-H Cooking Club Takes Sunday Trip

By Juanita Swindler

SAMS VALLEY — The 4-H Cooking club led by Mrs. Bill Duggan and Mrs. Floyd Doland, took the club out Sunday. They went to Evans creek where they cooked their own breakfast. The group returned about noon.

Mrs. Bill Duggan and her three children, Mickey, Dennis and Dixie, went to state grange at Klamath Falls last week. Mickey was the delegate from Sams Valley. Dixie won third place for an essay.

Sams Valley Juvenile grange won first place for their scrap book on the history of Jackson county. They also had a scrap book of the Juvenile grange history.

Farmers of Sams Valley have been having day and night.

Gilbert Mack is attending Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland for the summer term.

Mrs. Donald Beers and her son are down from Anchorage, Alaska, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beers, for the summer.

Marie Northy took a weekend vacation trip to Klamath Falls.

Mrs. J. B. Christian and children of Salem, arrived Tuesday morning to visit her mother, Mrs. B. M. Smith.

Police to Promote "Slow Down" Theme

Information on the "Slow Down and Live" traffic campaign underway in Oregon was received this week by Police Chief Oran Chastain.

The program, which is nationwide, is being conducted during the 101 day period from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Five major causes of accidents, cited by Chief Chastain as targets during the safety campaign, are: excessive speed, speed too fast for conditions, following too closely, failing to yield right of way and improper passing.

Chief Chastain stated that the local department will cooperate with the campaign.

Local Resident, Boy Save Swimmer Sun. At TouVelle Park

Mrs. Jack Wheeler of Central Point and Terry Turpin, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne M. Turpin of Medford, are credited with saving Robert Dorlan, 42, of Medford from possible drowning at TouVelle park last Sunday evening.

Dorlan, who had been swimming in the Rogue River, apparently became exhausted. Young Turpin and Mrs. Wheeler, who were returning to their car from fishing, heard Dorlan's cries. When he was within reach, he held onto Terry's BB gun and the pair helped him from the water.

The rescuers and Mr. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Turpin had been fishing on the river during the day.

Field, Sage Win U of O Degrees

Bruce W. Field and Daniel Sage, both of Central Point, will be candidates for degrees at the commencement ceremony at the University of Oregon Sunday afternoon, June 12, at Eugene.

Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Field, route 1, is a candidate for bachelor of science degree. Sage, son of C. W. Sage, route 2, is a candidate for a master of education degree.

Baccalaureate and graduate degrees will be conferred on some 1200 seniors and graduate students of the university at an open-air ceremony.

Speaker for the commencement services will be Stuart LeRoy Anderson, president of Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.



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