

New Postage Fees Effective Jan. 1

Starting Jan. 1, new postage rates which were ordered some months ago will become effective, Postmaster L. L. Wimberly announced. With few exceptions, nearly all rates and fees will advance.

These increased rates were made necessary by the heavy increase in all costs in the handling of mails, including supplies, transportation, equipment and salaries, the postmaster explained.

The rate on letters and postal cards will remain the same, as well as rates on newspapers. The domestic airmail rate will advance from five cents per ounce to six cents. On air mail more than eight ounces, the recently established air parcel post rates will apply.

The domestic rates are good for all regular and airmail to all United States possessions.

The special delivery rate on first class will advance from 13 cents to 15 cents on ordinary letters while the special delivery charge on other classes will start at 25 cents instead of the present 17 cents rate for parcels up to two pounds.

Registration rates which are based on values will start at 25 cents for values under \$5 and advance according to value. Insurance on parcel post will start with a minimum fee of five cents and advance with increased valuations. The fee for a return card receipt on parcels and registered letters will be five cents instead of the present four cents.

Money order fees will range from 10 cents to 35 cents and the fee for postal notes will be eight cents to replace the five cents rate.

Parcel post over eight ounces will continue to take zone rates which are slightly higher. The third class rates which cover small parcels under eight ounces and greeting cards will have a minimum of two cents for the first two ounces. The familiar Christmas card and other greeting cards will hereafter be two cents.

Alma Whitcher, Former Sutherlin Resident, Dies

Alma Karen Whitcher, 71, former resident of Sutherlin, died in Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 27. She was born Aug. 21, 1877, in Stockholm, Sweden, and was a resident of Elmonte, Calif., at the time of her death. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors and a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

Surviving are her widower, Harry, Elmonte; three brothers, Otto Nelson, Roseburg; Claude Nelson, Eugene; and Alburn, Minneapolis; and a sister, Mrs. Augusta Horner, Eugene.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral Home Thursday, Dec. 30, at 2 p. m. with Father Williams, Blaker officiating. Vault interment will follow in the Fair Oaks Cemetery, Sutherlin.

Wood Alcohol Slayer To Get No Pardon, Hall Says

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Governor John Hall has declared he will not entertain any request for a pardon from Solomon Miller, a former Portland druggist convicted in 1935 of manslaughter.

Miller was sentenced to three years' imprisonment after 22 persons died from drinking wood alcohol sold at his store.

He was paroled after serving part of his sentence. District Attorney John B. McCourt reported Miller has advised him he would seek a pardon. McCourt said he would oppose the pardon and Hall then announced he would not receive the request.

Out-of-Town Conduct Of Students Criticized

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A Seattle hotel man and a Washington Congress of Parents and Teachers lead joined today in sharp criticism of high school students' moral conduct on out-of-town trips.

Lloyd Lows, of the Seattle Hotel Association, told a Washington Education Association committee yesterday that hotels here will not accept student registrations during the next state high school tournament, unless more adult responsibility is established.

"Some parents would be astounded to see what goes on," he said.

Mrs. Arthur Skelton said the problem was "very disturbing."

Mother Kills Daughter Because She Hates Girls

DURAND, Mich., Dec. 29.—(AP)—The young wife of a railroad section hand was held today after she said in a formal statement that she beat her three-week-old daughter to death because "I hated little girls."

"I knew this was going to be a girl and I hated her from the time I got pregnant," Mrs. Domingo Rios was quoted by Prosecutor Gerald McClellan.

"After she was born I never liked to change her or anything. I never wanted her. I never liked her. I hated her."

McClellan said he would await an autopsy on the bruised body of the child, Dolores, before deciding whether to seek a warrant against the 23-year-old mother.

JOINS FIRE DEPT.

Russell Wescott is the newest member of the Roseburg Fire Department. He has been employed to take the place vacated by Roy McFarland, who is now operating a school bus.

Drunken Driving Holiday Hazard Cited by Newbry

Secretary of State Newbry today joined state and local law enforcement agencies in urging holiday party-goers to save lives by eliminating drunken driving and walking from the New Year's traffic hazard list.

"It is our great American custom to mark our holiday celebrations with totally unnecessary traffic tragedies," the highway safety official declared. "The drinking driver is always a menace, and he tops the list during the New Year holiday."

He pointed out that one of the great difficulties in combating the alcohol problem is the refusal of motorists to accept the fact that very little liquor is enough to affect their driving ability. The man who has had "only a few" is frequently more dangerous than the drunkard because he does not believe his faculties are affected. Reaction tests—and accident records—will prove otherwise, the secretary said.

He suggested that celebrants cooperate with police by keeping off the streets and highways if their plans for the holiday include drinking, and warned other motorists that careful driving is the only defense against those who abuse the driving privilege.

"One slip is enough to destroy a life which no amount of future sobriety will ever bring back," was Newbry's reminder to normally thoughtful drivers to think "just this one time" should be harmless.

Steadily Chiang has been pulling back all the troops he was able to save from north of the Yangtze. Airdrops of food and supplies to the 100,000 troops of Gen. Tu Li-Ming, trapped 50 miles south of Suchow have been resumed. But observers said the effort was more humane than military. Their chances of escape are considered slight.

HONG KONG, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The French language newspaper Indochine today published what it charged was a secret agreement between Ho Chi Minh, leader of Indo-Chinese Communists, and the Communist party of China.

The newspaper said the agreement calls for a "military, political and cultural alliance" between the Viet Nam state and Red China.

Woman Slightly Hurt In Camas Valley Crash

A Ford coupe driven by Robert Stobie was hit by a car as he crossed the road in front of the Camas Valley store, it was reported today. The driver of the other car, Adrian Schroeder of Gold Beach said he thought that the Stobie car was turning to the right, down the highway, so he attempted to pass.

The accident happened when both cars were in the left hand lane. There were four passengers in the Schroeder car. Mrs. Schroeder was thrown against the windshield and was bruised but apparently unhurt otherwise. The two children in the back seat escaped injury.

Neither Mr. or Mrs. Stobie was hurt.

The Schroeder car was quite badly damaged.

LOCAL NEWS

Leave for home—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norton left today for Adair Village after spending the past week in Roseburg. Mrs. Norton is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Shoemaker.

Return to Glendale—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stephens and daughter returned to Glendale, Cal., Monday after spending the Christmas weekend in Roseburg with Mr. Stephens' mother, Mrs. Floyd Stephens.

Local Visitors—Lt. Peter Willis, RAF, and Capt. Jerry Stidham, U. S. A. F., have returned to Phoenix, Ariz., after spending several days at Melrose with Capt. Stidham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stidham, and his sister, Miss Betty Stidham. Lt. Willis is an exchange student from England.

Active Club's Dance Set at Preschern's Barn

Preschern's barn will be the scene of the Active Club's New Year's Eve dance. Final arrangements for the informal affair were made at the club's meeting Wednesday morning in the Shammar Room.

Club members, their wives and invited guests will start gathering about 8:30. A buffet luncheon is planned during the evening. The hall is located in the vicinity of the old oil well just off Melrose Road about five miles from Roseburg.

Report of the club's bowling standing at the close of the first half was made by Emmett Meek. The club's team won 22 and lost 23 games, and was the only team in the League to report 100 per-

cent attendance for the first half of the series.

Informal public speaking by club members rounded out the morning's session.

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Chiung Calls Huddle With Military Leaders

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President Li Tsung-Jen, who might try to negotiate peace with the Reds. But whether the Communists, who list Chiang as the No. 1 war criminal to be tried, will negotiate with any National government is problematical.

All high sources denied the rumors.

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