

## Post Office handles mail increase

The Christmas mail rush at the Sandy Post Office has more than doubled the amount of mail being handled, according to local postmaster John Metsger.

"This is about the same amount of mail we handled last year," said Metsger, "we have added three routes to meet the needs of the rush giving us six routes."

The Sandy Post Office serves over 9,600 persons and this number is growing every year as more people move into the Sandy area, according to the postmaster.

During the height of the Christmas rush

the local Post Office will handle 12 or 13 mail bags every morning, while during the normal months only three or four mail bags are handled every morning.

During the past week, lines have formed to buy stamps in order to mail letters and gifts before Christmas.

Metsger said, overall the Christmas rush this year has not caused too much trouble for the local Post Office.

"The only real problem we have is the lack of space to stack the mail before it goes out," said Metsger.



PACKAGES HAVE been stacked to the ceiling in the Post Office at Sandy during the Christmas mail rush. The amount of mail being handled daily by the local office is almost double the normal amount, according to Postmaster John Metsger. (Post photo)

## Bait-Switch fraud easily recognized

The bait and switch game is one of the most common frauds committed against consumers. The "bait" is an advertised low-priced item; the "switch" occurs when you are encouraged to buy something else more expensive.

Marilyn Lunner, Oregon State University extension agent, lists six sure signs a salesman is playing the bait and switch game:

He refuses to show, demonstrate, or sell the advertised merchandise, for one reason or another.

He criticizes or downgrades the advertised product—and praises a similar, more expensive item.

He is "out of stock" for the advertised special, but has plenty of a more expensive product.

He won't take orders for the out-of-stock item at the advertised special price.

He implies that the advertised merchandise is defective or not practical for your purpose.

He accepts a deposit on the advertised merchandise, then tries to persuade you to

buy a similar item at a higher price.

Bait and switch tactics can occur anywhere, says the extension home economist. The practices are especially common in the sale of carpeting, furniture, swimming pools, used cars, sides of beef, automobile transmission repairs, lawnmowers, television sets, and all types of home improvements from roofing to furnaces.

The Oregon Consumer Protection Law says bait and switch is illegal, so when you see it, alert the Oregon Attorney General, Salem, and help stop this fraudulent practice.

For more information on deceptive selling practices, contact the County Extension Office in your area and ask for the free bulletin "Consumer Protection," EC 815.

### Radio lifted

A citizens band radio valued at \$180 was reported stolen from the Dennis D. Schelske residence, 728 NE 173rd Ave., Wednesday night, Dec. 12, according to sheriff's reports.

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## Little 'helper' needs plan

Baking with a two year old clamoring to be near is an ordeal familiar to every mother.

Not only does the two year old want to be as close as possible, he wants to do everything.

It doesn't matter that he doesn't know how, it just matters that he is a part of every bit of action.

Sometimes it works to set him up with his own baking equipment, says Roberta Frasier Anderson, Oregon State University Extension family life specialist.

A pan of cornmeal, a spoon, a cup, and a funnel can provide

for his own mixing experience.

If you don't have a funnel, the top part of a detergent bottle makes a good one. Be sure to include a cloth to wipe up spills

A cookie sheet with a dab of shortening will also keep a small child busy smearing while mother cooks.

A flour sifter with a little flour and a cloth or sponge to wipe up the spills will keep a two or three year old happy and provide a variety of experiences at the same time.

These activities provide good play situations at other times, too, says the specialist.

## College honors Treanor

David Treanor, son of Jewel W. Treanor, of Rt. 1 Box 727, Boring, is among 80 Linfield College freshmen who have received honors at entrance from Linfield.

This recognition is given by Linfield to incoming freshmen who were in the upper 10 per cent of their high school graduating classes.

This recognizes students for their past academic attainment and encourages them to continue high scholarship while in college.

### CB radio stolen

Robert Parks, 1960 NE Juniper Court, reported to Gresham police Dec. 14 that a citizen band radio valued at \$160 had been stolen from his car. Entry was made through a wing window. Tools, a brief case, wool coat and other items were also taken.

## AT SANDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The primary and intermediate grades cooperated in collecting certain coupons, labels, and empty packages to provide money for UNICEF to use for milk, vitamins, and medicines for children in other countries. A total of 1,457 was sent. Mrs. Moore's pupils were given a treat for saving the most.

Daniel McAvoy Woods, weight 7 lb. 15 oz., arrived to live with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Woods on Friday, Nov. 24. Mrs. Woods is the 8th grade English teacher. She has been replaced temporarily by Mrs. Adelaide Huff, but plans to return after the holidays.

Miss Fast's third grade class at Sandy Ridge has been decorating for Christmas by making Christmas balls, Christmas presents, and snowflakes on the day it snowed. We will be decorating our tree soon and drawing names for gift exchange.

Last week on Wednesday we had only half of our class present. We are not sure if they did not want to get their shots or if they thought there was no school that day. But most are back now except for two who have the mumps.

Dick Klein, who has been custodian here for 16½ years and hear custodian for 13½, was honored at a party after school yesterday, Dec. 20, given by all school personnel. A large decorated cake was featured. Dick, who is retiring this month, will be greatly missed for the many helpful things he cheerfully does, many beyond the call of duty.

The seventh and eighth grade concert for the holiday season was given Dec. 19 in the upper grade gym. The concert, of both traditional and non-Christmas music, featured the stage band and concert band under the direction of Gerald Dickson, and the chorus and ensemble under the direction of Mrs. Karen Brisbin.

The concert band played "Caribbean Fantasy," "Diamonds Are Forever," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," and "Old St. Nick Takes a Rockin' Trip."

The stage band played "Sweet Georgia Brown," "The Lonely Bull," "Spinning Wheel," and combined with the girls' ensemble for the final numbers, "Winter Wonderland" and "Sleigh Ride."

Other numbers by the girls' ensemble were "I'll Never Fall in Love Again," and "Tiny King."

The chorus sang "Elijah Rock," "I Believe," and "Born Today," and combined with the concert band in "Gospel Rock Medley."

The Patriots, a small instrumental group, "Wichita Lineman," and "25 or 6 to 4."

Michelle Harmon moved to Parkrose last week from Mrs. Smith's second grade. We will miss her as she was always making nice things for someone else.

We are glad it warmed up. The snow was fun, but we got too cold playing outside.

All of us are counting the days 'til Christmas when all of our fondest wishes will

hopefully come true.

Have a happy holiday season.

Christmas trees were put up in the rooms on Monday. It was felt if they were up sooner they might be a fire hazard.

School will be out for Christmas vacation Friday at the usual time. Friday afternoon Christmas parties will be held. Santa is expected to visit the primary grades. School will reconvene Jan. 2.

From Mrs. Jensen's first grade: Holly Laager joined our class recently. She moved to Sandy from Minnesota.

Christmas is an exciting time for us. We are using our newly learned reading words in stories about the season.

Paul Kline wants a truck and school clothes, Santa, and Marlese Pringle would be happy if you brought that baby her family has been waiting for so long. Merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline sponsored a bus load of 60 7th and 8th grade girls, who went to Portland Sunday night to see the hockey game with Denver. Portland won 5-3. To be eligible to go, the girls had to get either

an A or B for their p.e. grade.

Mr. John Davies, Career education consultant from the State Department of Education, and Dr. Wallace from the County I.E.D. office were guest speakers at a meeting of the upper grade faculty Dec. 13.

Mr. Davies and Dr. Wallace gave some guidelines for developing a curriculum in career education for grades 7 and 8. The upper grade faculty is working on a curriculum to allow students to explore the world of work.

Students will be doing research in career areas that interest them. They will find out about job placement, job requirements, salaries etc. Guest speakers will be brought in so students can have a better understanding of various occupations.

It is the feeling of the faculty that students need to be exposed to the world of work at an earlier age. Students are not asked to make definite decisions on what they would like to do, but will be looking at several areas of interest.

Curriculum planning will also be carried on with the high school so students will have a continued program in their interest area. It is felt students will make a better curriculum decision at the high school level if they have had ample time to explore various careers a few years earlier. All classes will let out for the Christmas vacation after the completion of classes on Dec. 22, and will resume again on regular schedule the morning of Jan. 2.

## Palmblad stationed in Germany



Spec. 4 Fred Palmblad, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Palmblad, Rt. 3 Box 1290, Boring, is presently stationed near Frankfurt, Germany, with the U.S. Army.

Palmblad was trained as a military policeman at Ft. Gordon, Georgia, with special instruction in traffic control handling emergency situations.

Palmblad was on duty when Army Chief of Staff General William Abrams visited his base for inspection recently.

In September Palmblad's battery flew to Greece and Crete for missile training exercises. His enlistment is up in November, 1973, and he expects to be home for Christmas then.

### Tires stolen

Dennis Rice, 1404 NW Victoria, reported to Gresham police that two snow tires valued at \$60 had been stolen from a shed in his backyard.

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