

### Increase in Packages Is Noted

Postmaster Bill Thompson announced today that there has been a steady increase in the flow of Christmas cards and packages through the Post Office the past few days. He said he was glad to see that many people are getting the Christmas gifts for distant points in the mail this week pointing out that packages addressed to folks living in other states should all be mailed before December 5th and those for nearby points before December 10th.

Stressing the need for everyone to cooperate on his 1955 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign, Postmaster Bill Thompson says that by these three simple rules, you're certain to have your gifts delivered before Christmas Day. Wrap them securely. Address them correctly, and Mail them early.

He went on to say, "Of course early mailing of all Christmas cards and gifts is a big factor in getting them delivered before

Christmas. Keep in mind that careful packing and correct addressing is equally handling and we often have to puzzle over addresses which are incomplete or simply cannot be read at all."

Advance care in preparing gift packages for the mails and making sure that all addresses are legible and complete will prevent disappointment to sender and receiver alike.

"If you have any articles of unusual size or bulk, better check with the Post Office before attempting to mail them," the Postmaster warns. "The limits of size and weight of packages varies, depending on where you mail your package from."

Some Post Offices cannot accept packages that are more than 72 inches in combined length and girth, nor more than 20 pounds in weight. In Brookings, the limits go up to 100 inches in combined length and girth and 70 pounds in weight.

It is always better to use corrugated cartons for shipping your gifts especially where there are a number of various sized objects.

Use plenty of wadded tissue or newspaper in the cartons for extra protection against shock. Complete each package by wrapping in heavy paper and tying it with strong cord.

As extra precaution against loss, Postmaster Bill Thompson advised placing both your return address and the recipient's address inside the carton or package before it is wrapped.

Don't seal your parcel unless you include a notice reading "Contents merchandise—may be opened for postal inspection" along with your return address and the recipient's address on the mailing label. If you use Christmas stickers or seals put them on the BACK of your Christmas cards and packages so that they will not conflict with the address on the front. Before you release your packages be sure that proper postage is firmly affixed to each and it is a good idea to place a piece of transparent cellophane tape over the address portion of the label to prevent defacing in its transit. Make sure, of course, to include the recipient's full name, street address, city, zone and state.

### SMITH RIVER NEWS

**JAMES M. HOCKING**  
Funeral services were held here Friday afternoon for James M. Hocking, 72, who passed away in a Grants Pass hospital, November 22nd, following a short illness. The deceased was a native of Kansas and had lived in Smith River for the past 11 years. He was a retired woodsman and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lottie Hocking, a daughter, Mrs. Florence Thoresen of Crescent City, a son, George W. Hocking of Grants Pass. He was an active member of the Lake Earl Grange and the Del Norte Pomona. Graveside service was conducted by Rev. Noel Olsen and the Lake Earl Grange and interment was in the Smith River Cemetery.

beginning at 5 p.m., on December 2nd. Two huge baskets of food will be given as door prizes. Part of the proceeds will be added to the annual Christmas TB sales by the two organizations. Home talent has been planned for the evening.

### Letter to the Editor

In Gold Beach, a new court house is needed and expansion of the grade school is planned. There is a practically new grade school building there with more than enough room for all the county offices for many years to come.

Except for vaults, it is ready for all the county offices and have room to spare.

It would be good business for the county to buy the present grade school building, using the respectable court house fund as a down payment to help finance building one new complete grade school as I understand plans are now to have two grade schools a half mile or so apart.

The taxpayers in Gold Beach are faced with not only paying into the court house fund but are going to have to pay the school costs too, and this includes maintaining, at double cost, two buildings—for utilities, janitor, etc.

Not going into this deal thoroughly would cost every taxpayer in Curry County, and especially Gold Beach, a lot of money.

Another thing, as I look at the picture of the proposed new Curry County courthouse, I wonder how much it is going to cost to support it. My guess is around \$1,500 a month. At least, it will be a lot more than the overhead of the present grade school, which costs easily can be had from the school clerk.

I believe there is a county-wide committee looking into the new courthouse matter, and think they should consider this alternative as a part of their and our business.

J. B. Smith

his spare time chasing oranges and lemons that fall off the trees and that's how he got lamed—skidded around a tree trying to catch a lemon before it hit the ground. How's your dog on chasing cats off the place?"

"Mercy! NO! Why, we just love cats and wouldn't think of letting any dog chase any cat!"

"Our dog don't let a strange cat on the place and, besides, for that matter, runs off all the ground squirrels and rids the place of rats and mice."

"Why! My dog NEVER does anything like that!"

"I wonder," mused the admiring pooch's mistress, "Just what they harbor a useless critter like that for."

Red came in the office just then and leaped aside as the dog sniffed his pants cuff, with that one hind leg cocked up in the air.

### Bottleneck Road Hit At Meeting

All possible influence will be used by seven united Oregon Coast counties to get work started early in 1956 on the elimination of at least one of the coast highway's last two bottlenecks.

Sparked by the recent formation of a county court unit delegates to the 25th annual convention of the Oregon Coast association went on record at Oceanlake last week demanding immediate action.

Given top priority at the convention was the rebuilding of the Gold Beach to Pistol River section of U. S. 101 in Curry County. Further impetus in every possible way will be lent to furthering plans for the building of a bridge over the Columbia at Astoria.

An enthused and rejuvenated association which saw the largest convention in recent years also agreed to change the date of their annual convention to late spring. Amended by-laws were adapted, fiscal year changed to July 1 with new officers to take over annually at that time and a decision to hold the spring convention at Coos Bay were highlights.

Don Houghton, president, of Florence, Mayor F. E. Gilkey, of Newport, and Mrs. Nevill Swan of Yachats, corresponding secretary, present officers will continue to serve until election of new officers at the Coos Bay convention.

Functioning as a steering committee of the county court unit are Tillamook County Judge Otto Effenberger, Coos Bay County Judge James Harrison and Clatsop County Commissioner Don Malarkey.

### Garden Corner Chatter

— by RUTH BATHIANY

Many tasks to be done in the GARDEN

Some plants NEED LIME here—Clematis, Delphinium, Aralia, Lilac, Hydrangea, White and Pink.

LIFT DAHLIAS

If you are to Divide In Spring Cut stems 3 inches from bulbs TAG for VARIETY and COLOR

Store in Cool Dry Place

Until they sprout

CLEAN UP CALLAS

The Heavy Leaves Rot and make a wonderful place for Slugs to live and Lay Eggs. Cut Off and Sprinkle Stubs with SLUGDUSTO

To Kill both Slugs and Eggs LIFT GLADS

Cut Stem Near Bulb DRY 3 to 4 WEEKS

Take Off OLD CORM and STEM-STORE

in paper bags with NAPHALINE Flakes or SPRAYDUSTO for APHIS and THRIP

DIG BEGONIAS

Dry 3 or 4 weeks — clean, dust with SPRAYDUSTO to kill insects and mildew

STORE in COOL, DRY PLACE until time to start growing

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By RUTH BATH

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### FOREST FIRES NEAR AVERAGE

Number of fires and acreage burned on national forest protective areas in the Pacific Northwest Region during the 1955 fire season were close to the previous five-year averages, according to Kermit W. Linstedt, Forest Service Regional Fire Control Chief.

Fires started numbered 1,008 and acreage burned totalled some 16,179 to the end of October. Of the 1,008 fires 342 of them occurred in September and almost all of the fires that month started during the dry lightning storms which occurred over the Labor Day weekend on seven Oregon forests. During the period September 4th to 12th about four-fifths of the entire season's acreage of burn occurred from the spread of those fires.

During the season lightning set 620 fires. Man-caused fires were as follows: railroad 15; lumbering 20; camp-fires 129; smoker 133; debris burning 27; incendiary 1; and miscellaneous 63.

In reviewing the fire season Linstedt had these comments to make: "The serious situation which confronts foresters September 4th and 5th over the holiday weekend could easily have developed into a major disaster. September lightning storms have struck before. In number of fires lightning storms in early September of 1938 set 399 fires on four national forests, but the storms were accompanied by heavy rains and the total burned acreage on these four hardest hit forests totalled only 1,857 acres.

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FRIDAY—"Fish Day" Cream Crab or Shrimp on Toast  
SATURDAY — Christmas Shopping at North Brookings — Eat at Dairy Creem  
SUNDAY—Had a good dinner last Sunday at the Dairy Creem — Let's Go Back Today

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Highway 101 — North Brookings

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**December 4 - 14**  
Each Evening at 7:45 (except Saturday)

Sunday, December 4th

11:00 a.m.—Jesus Christ Can Give You Everything  
6:30 p.m.—Baptist Youth Fellowship  
7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**  
If you have no Church Home we invite you to come and worship with us.

**Rev. Walter Sadler, Minister**

### THE Tale Of A Working Dog . . .

While waiting service on their Station Wagon at a local filling station, a white-haired lady entertained their elderly dog in the office. The pooch, somewhat grey about the chops himself, was sashaying around on three flippers and packing his other one. Friendly old cuss, keen to get acquainted with everybody.

The Mistress explained they had a lemon and orange grove, down in the smog country, and that a lot of her neighbors also had dogs but she didn't fancy the fancy purps they cherished.

When they got to going too strong on the merits of their dogs she asks them, "How's it on chasing lemons?"

"Why—our dog never chases lemons and (Blah blah blah!)"

"Well," I tell them, "my dog is nuts for chasing lemons, will even go out and fetch lemons to the house for us to throw so's he can chase and bring them back to us for another throw. He spends all

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