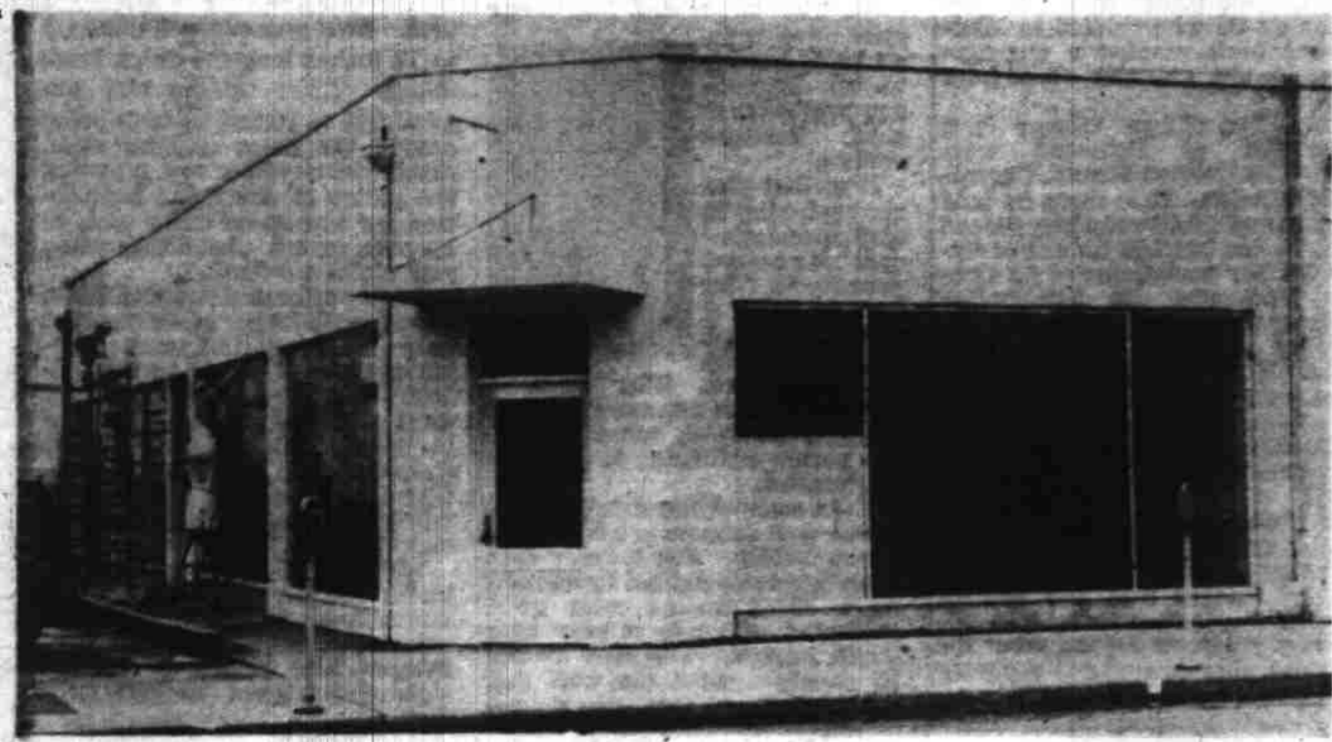


THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

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New Postoffice Ready



INDEPENDENCE—Workmen are shown putting the finishing touches on the new Independence postoffice building, scheduled to open Wednesday, January 11. Increased population in the area made the move necessary. The old postoffice was occupied in 1930. (Statesman photo.)

Independence Postoffice To Open Doors January 9

By Ralph Kleising

Statesman News Service

INDEPENDENCE, Jan. 4.—The Independence postoffice will move to a new location Monday, January 9, Postmaster Glen Smith announced today.

A 10-year lease has been signed on the Firestone building at the corner of Monmouth and Second streets. Marlowe Butler and H. M. Dodson are owners of the building.

The lease calls for 2,575 square feet of space, twice that of the present location in the Fluke building on C street. A new automatic heating plant has been installed.

According to Smith, all new fixtures have been ordered in the new postoffice, although those now in use will remain until the new ones can be manufactured.

The front entrance to the lobby of the new location will be in the north corner of the building on Second street. There will also be a rear entrance and a parking place for mail trucks and rural delivery cars.

The need for the new location is shown by figures released by Smith. In 1940 the postal receipts of Independence were \$9,857. In 1948 they were \$18,029. The 1949 figures will be still higher.

Glen Smith has been postmaster here since 1933. The postoffice has been in its present location since 1930.

The following is a brief outline of the early history of Independence and the Independence postoffice. The information was supplied by L. R. and Verd Hill and Mrs. George H. C. sons and daughter of the founder.

The first United States postoffice in Independence was established in 1853 in the log store of Henry Hill, Asa Burbank and Leonard Williams, located southeast of the Deming property in what is now North Independence. It was then known simply as Independence, having been named after Independence, Mo., by the founder, Elvin A. Thorp.

Thorp was born in Howard county, Missouri, in 1820, and took up the donation land claim at the present site of North Independence in 1845.

The first mail was carried into Independence by a man named Lankester and later by Ed Clark, an uncle of Mrs. Sida B. Walker.

Both carried the mail by horseback. Sarah and Thomas Burbank succeeded Henry Hill in charge of the postoffice.

Store Building Used
James Hill was among the first postmasters authorized by the government and had charge of the mail in the Winestine store building just south of the present Walt Huntley place in North Independence. The Winestine store building was built and owned by Captain Lyons, for whom Lyon lodge 29, AF & AM, here was named.

After James Hill, C. P. Cook was in charge of the store and postoffice in the Lyons' store building. The postoffice was then moved across the street to Jim Foster's store, which occupied the site of the present Mark Graves home. Ephrim Cox's store was the next site of the postoffice and was one building south of the Foster store on the site where Arthur G. Baker now lives.

A postmaster by the name of Merwin, the father of a later postmaster, bought the Lyons building and kept a furniture store and had a turning lathe. He was in office until about 1868 when the new addition, Hills Town of Independence, was laid out to the south of the original site that Thorpe chose. The postoffice was moved to the addition which has become the principal part of the city.

When Henry Hill laid out the site of Independence in 1866, the stage coach line started and the line kept a few extra stage coach horses here to change for the trip to Albany. Later Jim Cooper had the contract for transporting the mail and George Boothby of Monmouth drove the stage.

First Train Run
In 1880, the first train was run over the new Southern Pacific track through here and the mail contract went to the railroad. Pap Hodgins was the first postmaster after the town was incorporated in 1882 and served until 1885. The postoffice was then located on C street near the site of the Stevens building.

John T. Ford, later sheriff of Polk county, served as postmaster

Postmaster



INDEPENDENCE — Glen Smith, Independence postmaster, who will supervise moving facilities into a new postoffice building January 11. Smith has been postmaster since 1933. (Statesman photo.)

Church Elects New Leaders At Amity

Statesman News Service

AMITY — The Amity Church of Christ elected new officers for 1950 in a meeting and dinner Sunday following the worship service.

New officers are Iva Shield and Robert Neumann, elders; Mrs. Hattie White, deaconess; Paul Shield, deacon; Mrs. Ivan Shield, secretary; Mrs. Shields, pianist; Bill Morse, jr., assistant pianist.

Bible school officers are Hugh Shields, superintendent; Mrs. William Morse, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Otto Ehlers, corresponding secretary; Otto Ehlers, treasurer; Mrs. Ivan Shields, pianist; Bill Morse, jr., assistant.

Those present besides the honored guests and hosts were Mrs. Fannie McMorris, Mrs. Maude Kobow, Mrs. Earle Mandle, Mrs. Pearl Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kobow, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morris and daughter Tamara and Cieta Mae and Wayne McMorris.

Idaho Couple Guests In Pioneer Home
PIONEER — Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bell of Osburn, Idaho, visited the home of Mrs. Bell's brother, Tom Keller, over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Keller of Dallas were also guests in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stalcup Linda and Jan, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stalcup of Oakridge to Neakowin where the families were guests at the John Keller home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyer of Albany visited Mrs. Boyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rockford, recently.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woodman were Mrs. Frank Sead of Valseiz and Mrs. Sydney Hanson and Alvin.

If your nose fills up...



Man Injured In Accident At Falls City

Statesman News Service
FALLS CITY — Granville Wilson is recovering from rib fractures and other injuries suffered in a fall at the Valseiz mill. He was treated at the Dallas hospital and returned home.

Milton Sample and Yvonne Bennett of Valseiz were married at Longview, Wash., Saturday. They will make their home in Falls City.

Detroit Folk Visit, Entertain On Week End

Statesman News Service
DETROIT — James Griffin, wife and baby daughter of Imperial Beach, Calif., are spending the week as guests of his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert and son Billy.

Wilbur White, master sergeant from Fort Lewis, is spending a 16-day furlough here visiting his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Ward, his father, Lester White, and his brother, Keith White.

Al Monroe, seriously injured in an auto accident near Stayton a year ago, had his broken leg removed from the cast recently, and with Donald E. Creasy of Salem driving, spent New Years eve with friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Manning have sold their interests in the Canyon Cafe to Manning's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manning, and have returned to Sacramento, Calif., with their family. The two brothers have been running the cafe jointly for some months.

Mrs. Myrtle Manning, mother of Robert Manning, is able to be out after having been sick for the past two months in the hospital and at home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Montgomery of Glide were house guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mattoon.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

SILVERTON — Mrs. George Kirk was installed as president, Mrs. Gus Ker and Mrs. Steve Enloe as vice presidents, Mrs. F. Butler as secretary, and Mrs. Gladwin Hamre as treasurer of the Loyal Berean class of the Christian church Sunday school. Mrs. Lynn Neal was in charge of the installation Tuesday in the church social rooms.

Rescuer and Rescued



CHICAGO, Jan. 4 — Dennis Trojan, face burned and hair singed, carries his sister, Karen, 14 months old, and his brothers, Richard, left, four, and Peter, five, follow as he shows how he took them to safe spot in kitchen when family Christmas tree burst into flames yesterday. Karen was playing near the tree when fire started. Father was at work and mother was doing wash in apartment house basement. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Jefferson Folk Vacationing in San Fernando

Statesman News Service

JEFFERSON — Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Husted are spending the winter in southern California and are located at 12215 San Fernando rd., San Fernando, Calif. Mrs. Husted's sister, Mrs. N. T. Manela, and Mr. Manela who live between here and Albany, are also vacationing in California and are now in Los Angeles.

Euclid chapter, OES, will install new officers for the coming year on January 10 instead of January 3 as reported last week. S-Sgt. Gordon DeWall is now stationed at Washington, D. C., leaving here about a month ago. He helps take care of radar equipment in President Truman's plane, the Independence.

Church Holds New Years Service at Amity

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AMITY — The Amity Baptist church held a "Watch Night" party at the church. Games were supervised by Mrs. Edward Lehman and Alvin Rutschman. After refreshments were served the group went upstairs for a devotional meeting led by the pastor. Forty-five attended the service.

Relief Funds Continue for Lowery Family

Statesman News Service

FALLS CITY, Jan. 4 — The volunteer campaign to aid the Omar Lowery family continued to spread through the Willamette valley today.

Floyd French, Falls City grocerman who has headed the drive to aid the fire-stricken couple that lost two daughters and their home here last Wednesday, said a donations drive has started in Independence.

E. P. Oppinger, president of the Independence Chamber of Commerce, announced that local businessmen have started donations toward the relief fund.

Mabel Thom, Independence Laundry and Dry Cleaners owner, has contributed clothing for the family and other contributions will be made.

In Salem, a physician contributed \$25; another party has donated a mattress, springs and clothing; a route 5 woman will give a large quantity of fruit, canned goods and a man's suit. George and Marvin Ross, operators of the Willamette Grocery company in Salem, added \$25 to the fund, and their bookkeeper, Jess Fehler, contributed \$5.

French said cash contributions now total slightly more than \$900. The money will be used to pay funeral expenses and doctor and hospital bills for Lowery and a daughter, buried in the fire.

Mill City Cafes Redecorated over New Year Holiday

Statesman News Service

MILL CITY — Viv's Steak House reopened January 2 after being closed 10 days for alterations and redecorating. Also closed during the holidays was the Bank cafe, which is also being decorated.

Lt. Loyd Hoeye, who has been in an army hospital in California, spent the holidays with relatives in Mill City and Salem. Hoeye, stationed in Germany until recently, is awaiting retirement from the army due to wartime injuries.

Rebekah, Odd Fellows and their families, attended a 6:30 p. m. turkey dinner and watch party New Years eve at the Rebekah hall. About 100 attended.

FIXED PRICES
MEXICO CITY, (INS) — Corn and beans will be sold by a government organization at a fixed price of 300 to 500 pesos a ton to circumvent black marketeers. These are staple foods for the vast majority of Mexicans.

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