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cheduled for Sunday
Henry Russell Spencer,
authority on Italian politics
professor of political science
State University, will
a public lecture on "Italy's
rection" Sunday at 8 p.m.
207 Chapman Hall on
university campus.
people are invited to at-
the free program.

Alta Fescue Growers Schedule Salem Meet

A regular meeting of the Alta Fescue Growers Assn. will be held Monday in Salem to discuss growing problems and crop prospects for this year, Harry L. Riches, acting secretary, reports.
The meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m. in Room 205 of the Salem postoffice building.

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RAY BOWER, who has resigned his position as Lane County Horticultural Inspector.

Bower Resigns Inspector Post

Ray Bower has resigned as Lane County Horticultural Inspector, a position which he has held for the past four years.

Bower said Saturday that he intended to devote his time to his farm in the Oak Hill district. Bower has owned and operated the farm since 1920 and has been active in Grange work in that district.

Explaining his resignation, Bower pointed out that he had never intended to continue in the job as horticultural inspector after the war was over. "I never dreamed when I took the job that I would continue in it for four years," he said.

Although Bower's resignation is effective immediately no successor has been named.

Eugeneans Bid To Pageant

Pony express riders trotted up Broadway Friday and strode into the office of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

The riders delivered a packet of letters from Klamath Falls to Eugene city officials inviting Eugeneans to attend the Oregon Trail Southern Route Pageant. The pageant, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the old immigrant road, will be held at the Klamath County Fairgrounds, August 22, 23 and 24.

The three-man delegation was composed of J. W. Blackwell, pony express rider, Knute Nelson, Klamath County assessor, and Chet Burton, rancher. After a short visit with Eugene's municipal leaders the party left for Bend.

"The Eugene Chamber of Commerce urges that Eugeneans consider attending the Klamath Falls Pageant as it is another Oregon attraction," Fred Brenne, Chamber of Commerce secretary, said Saturday.

Easter Lily Production Expansion To Be Topic

How to grow Easter-lily bulbs for more blooms will be explained Monday at 8 p.m. for members of the Eugene Easter-lily Club, at a meeting in the WOW Hall, Eighth Ave. and Lincoln St. Local Florist Tommy Williams will discuss the subject.

C. R. Boyd, expert packer in Eugene, will give a demonstration of packing methods. The planning committee will bring a report on the proposed Lane County Cooperative for bulb-growers, and plans will be made for election of officers, to be held at the following meeting.

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Walterville Postoffice Makes Fifth Move; 71-Year History Tells Story of Community Life

By EDITH PAGE

WALTERVILLE — When the Walterville postoffice was moved Aug. 1, 1946, to the home of Postmistress Georgine Christian, it marked the fifth change of location in the 71-year history of the pioneer postal unit.

Although only five families now receive their mail at the office, a far cry from the pre-RFD days, the postoffice still remains an important community center.

Mrs. Christian resumed postal duties in August, after serving in the same capacity in 1945. Coincident with taking over the job, she moved the fixtures to a remodeled garage at her home about three-quarters of a mile east of the previous location in the store operated by Mr. and Mrs. Lockman and owned by R. W. Manning.

Signs are being made for the highway and for over the door of the new office to direct passers-by.

Even with the small number receiving mail here, the salary for the postmistress, based on stamp sales, has more than doubled in the past year. With a new settlement going up west of the office more business is expected.

For virtually its entire life, the office has been operated with a store. People going in for their mail also did their trading and visiting in the community center, but as cars came into existence and people went to the larger centers for trade, the stores began to cater to transients and tourists and to those living near by. Mail delivery in sacks was also discontinued due to the rural route being established here.

The post office was established 71 years ago when George Millican received his full authority as postmaster Feb. 24, 1875. This information was supplied by Millican's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Cushman of Eugene.

Millican located the office on his ranch about 1/4 of a mile north of the river crossing now known as Hendricks Bridge, and which is now the Oscar Millican ranch.

He named the office after his small son Walter Millican, then about two or three years old, according to Leaburg Dam on the McKenzie, Walter Millican has the distinction of being the first white baby born at Prineville, Ore. Later George Millican moved to eastern Oregon and established

Youth Admits Auto Theft

Burnell H. Falk of Albany, formerly of Eugene, was in Lane County jail Saturday on charges of stealing an automobile at Albany.

The 21-year-old youth was arrested by city police after he was driving side-swiped another car driver by Ronald and Richard Litson of Drain at the intersection of Thirteenth Ave. and Franklin Blvd. Falk did not stop after hitting the Litson car, but the Litsons reported chasing and stopping Falk.

Falk agreed, they told police. That drive to the police station, but he turned and lost the other car at Thirteenth and Oak Sts. City police observed Falk driving the stolen car in Skinner's Butte Park at 1:45 a.m. Saturday and arrested him.

The youth has made a formal confession to city police officials here. He will be taken back to Albany for prosecution, the police department said.

Dr. Gage Authors Two Magazine Articles

Dr. Daniel D. Gage, associate professor of business administration at the University of Oregon, is the author of two articles pertaining to real estate problems appearing in magazines of national distribution in July.

"Status of College Real Estate Training" is carried in the Journal of Property Management, and "Appraisal Methods of War-Time Rent Control" appears in The Appraisal Journal.

Peach Growers Group To Meet Monday at EFGA

The annual meeting of the Lane County Peach Growers Assn. will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the Eugene Fruit Growers Assn. office. It was announced Saturday by L. E. Zinkner, secretary.

Several talks of interest to growers are scheduled to be given. There will also be a discussion of peach prices and marketing problems.

Motorcycle hill climb, Aug. 11, 7 miles west of Cheshire.



"HOW MANY?" says Postmistress Georgine Christian as news of Walterville starts on its way to the Register-Guard office from Mrs. Edith Page, correspondent. History of Walterville's 71-year old postoffice traces Walterville's growth from pioneer times.

the one-man town of Millican. The office was established under the U. S. Grant administration. The second move took the office to the site now called the Clifford Crabtree home where it was operated by Mr. Bringle. He sold his holdings to J. W. Shumate 51 years ago, who later moved the store and office fixtures to a location in "Walterville," as it has been known since that time, thus forming a nucleus for a village which later built up with two halls, a church, garage, and residences.

Shumate operated the office under the second administration of Cleveland. With the change to President McKinley, C. H. Baker was appointed postmaster and moved the office to his store in the Woodman Hall. The next postmaster was Clarence Thompson, followed by Irene Brownson. Both kept the office in the WOW Hall. When M. Rennie was appointed postmaster he moved the office to his store around the corner from the hall, back to the first location in Walterville.

Max Gebauer, Myrtle Farnham, E. H. Hotelling, a Mr. Pember, and George Marx are next listed as postmasters. Miss Farnham moved it to the IOOF Hall and later it moved with the George Marx store to the new location on the highway when it was built in the early 1930s. It remained there until Aug. 1.

In all the years of the life of the office it has run smoothly with only one robbery reported. That was about three weeks ago when the Manning store was robbed and along with it money was taken from the post office.

For a number of years the Walterville postoffice was a distributing center and mail was brought here from Eugene by stage, sorted into sacks and delivered up the McKenzie where the next office also sorted from a large sack and delivered on farther up as far as McKenzie Bridge. Summers the mail was

taken into the two hot springs twice a week for campers. Now it goes in each day.

It was a long one-day trip with the drivers starting from each point meeting and carrying mail, delivering it by sacks flung onto the cranes in front of houses. Mail sacks often contained a small rock put there by owners of the sack to give it weight enough to hang onto the crane until it was picked up by the driver. These sacks are not seen out of Walterville now, having been replaced by the boxes on the rural route.

Hacks or light open wagons were used to carry the mail and also passengers. Two and some times four horses were used in bad weather to draw them.

Horses were changed at frequent intervals and one place as the Post Hotel where Mrs. Christian now is located. Two of these drivers standing out in public interest are Percy O'Brien of Eugene, who carried mail for years and also McNutt, now mayor of Eugene.

The mail always came through even though it sometimes had to be rerouted because of road and weather conditions and occasionally brought in on horseback in bad weather.

Roads were muddy and rough. Now the trucks carrying the mail arrive at Walterville about 8 a.m., spin up the beautiful McKenzie valley on macadam roads to the farthest point of delivery

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and back to Walterville about 2 p.m. with one driver doing the trip in a day and each day, excepting Sunday and holidays.

The second distributing point and delivery was to Upper Camp Creek. A. T. Easton had that position for eight four-year terms making a total of 32 years delivering mail to that point. He began his mail carrying at the age of 16 with his sister Lucy as deputy, he carrying it in winter and she in the summer months.

Of the thirteen who have been in charge of the office in its 71 years existence four are still living. They are Miss Irene Brownson, Eugene; Mrs. Myrtle Farnham, Sylvester, Portland; E. H. Hotelling, Eugene, and Mrs. Georgine Christian, Walterville.

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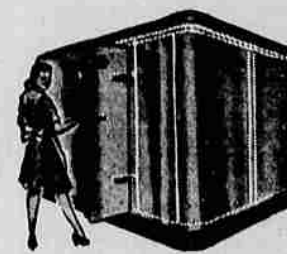
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