

Mrs. C. M. Pierce Writes On The Postmaster Job

Congressman's Secretary Tells Of Troubles Caused By Postal Appointments

Many Applicants Normal

Examinations Taken By All Who Try For Jobs To Prove Fitness For Desired Position

(News Notes by C. M. Pierce, Secretary to Congressman Walter M. Pierce.)

Postmaster appointments are interesting people of many Oregon towns just now, and since there is usually a lively contest for each office, I believe people generally will like to hear what I have learned about the way postmasters are made. First, there are two distinct groups as to method—the fourth class postmasters of small offices who are under the classified Civil Service, and appointed for life or good behavior, and the presidential post-offices of the first, second and third classes. The smaller offices of the fourth class are more easily handled because there are vacancies only when the postmaster dies, moves, or behaves badly. In such a case, the notice is sent to the Civil Service Commission, which holds an examination, after posting the notice in the local office. This examination covers the ordinary subjects of spelling, penmanship, arithmetic and business training, and is really a written examination. If the office pays under \$500 a year and the examination does not result in three names a post-office inspector may visit the locality and prepare an eligible list for the Department or a new examination may be called. This eligible list contains in order of standing the names of the three who have passed the highest examination.

The presidential offices of the first, second and third class go through the same procedure, except that when the eligible list is sent by the Civil Service Commission to the Post Office Department, the administration congressman enters the picture. The Postmaster General, as a matter of courtesy, submits this eligible list to an administration Senator for his home town, otherwise to the Congressman in whose district the post-office is located. This is done through custom, and not through law, and the plan originated in the desire to have someone knowing the people, and communities make final choice. As Oregon has only one Democrat in Congress and he is National Committeeman, post-office eligible lists for the entire state are sent to him for recommendation. Usually there is a large file of correspondence about each office, proponents of each candidate extolling the applicant so that one who reads the letters feels that we really do have a most remarkable body of citizens. But, unfortunately, the attacks upon rival candidates are frequently so bitter, it leaves some doubt in the reader's mind as to their being any person in the town qualified to hold public office. At any rate, these letters from citizens and from Democratic party officials of city, county and state, are placed before the Congressman, who studies them in connection with the eligible list, and selects the name which he desires to recommend for appointment. He sends this to the Postmaster General, who makes the appointment. Curiously enough, it is not allowable to mention political party or religion in the recommendation. Veterans are given preferential rating. When the name has been selected, it is sent by the Post Office Department to the President, who makes the nomination to the Senate, where the appointment must be confirmed.

Candidates are rated by the Civil Service Commission by the following process: First, every candidate presents an application on which he lists a number of references, giving the names of local citizens. These names are pooled from all the lists, and each reference is queried about all the names, so each has a chance to report on friend and foe, politically speaking. The Commission also sends the list to the largest users of the post-office and to a select group of professional and business men, finding their names in directories and lists which they keep on file. A group of examiners then studies the reports on each person and rates each candidate with certain definite qualifications in mind. This rating is sent to two different groups of

Wasco Class Day Exercises Planned

Commencement exercises will be held in the school auditorium May 17 at 8 p. m. for the class of 1935 of Wasco High school. Baccalaureate services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday morning May 12 and the class night exercises will be held at the auditorium Mr. 10. Geraldine Funk will be valedictorian and Leon Smith will be the salutatorian of the class. Those graduating are: Geraldine Funk, Leon Smith, Al-danda Beletski, Dana Jean McMullen, Cleone Walsh, Francis Watkins, Marvin Thomas, Norman Fields, Eugene Spencer, Donald McDermid, Arthur Van Gilder, Leonard Fields, Nadine Patterson, Joe McE. Reverend Bond of Forest Grove will give the Commencement address.

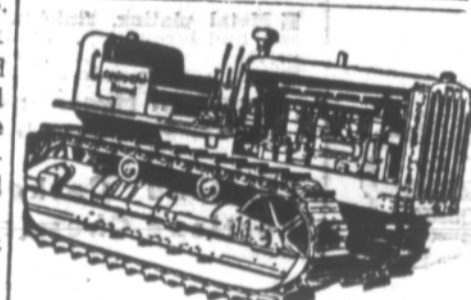
An interesting scene the Good Ship Lollypop was displayed at the auditorium Saturday evening when the Junior prom was held with a good attendance. The music was furnished by the Paul McCoy orchestra. The proceeds from the dance was twenty one dollars.

Mrs. L. P. Haven was hostess to the Woman's Study Club Friday afternoon of last week. Oregon Out-of-Doors was the subject matter. Director Mrs. Everett Watkins. Roll call, Birds and Flower Talky. "Forest Reserves", Mrs. Louis Scholl; "Old Trails and Land Scenic Highways" Mrs. Ed. McKee; Reading, Mrs. Hilderbrand; "Fang in the Forest" by Alexander.

To protect the kindergarten class from the mumps, Mrs. Orville Yocum is holding classes at her home through the rest of the term. Mesdames Andy Shearer, W. Harper, J. Hilderbrand and Mrs. S. B. Brock attended the library convention at The Dalles Thursday afternoon. Shoppers in The Dalles that day were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent, Mrs. Dan McDermid, Mrs. Ralph Smith and Mabel McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Fields were Saturday night guests at the Wily Benfield home at Redmond. The Pythian Sisters convention held at Redmond Saturday was attended by the following members from here: Messrs and Mesdames Joe Hilderbrand, Tracy Fields, B. W. Guy, John Robinson, Miss Olive Robinson, Mesdames R. H. McKean Maude Akers, Ed Thomas, Mary Brackett, E. D. McKee and H. H. Brackett. The party of members returning home Sunday evening reported an excellent time.

Baseball season is on again, the third game so far. Grass Valley and Wasco were at the bat Sunday afternoon at Grass Valley, Wasco losing to Grass Valley 12 to 6.



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Mrs. Frank Morrow entertained the Contract Club Wednesday at a one thirty dessert luncheon. Mrs. Lee was the lucky winner at cards. Miss Margaret McKee was hostess to the Junior bridge club Wednesday evening of last week. A six o'clock buffet supper was served before cards. Collis Moore of Moro received a guest prize.

Mrs. Claude Andrews of Portland, Mrs. Al Merchie and daughter of The Dalles were town visitors Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Steve McMillen and her daughter Dana Jean were Portland visitors several days of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fields motored to Portland Sunday taking down a load of livestock. Isabelle Fortner of Grass Valley spent Saturday evening as the guest of Evelyn Olsen. She attended the prom.

Wayne Darby returned to his school at Culver Saturday. He has accepted the position as principal at that place for the coming year. Mr. and Mrs. K. W. McCafferty, Darlene and Miss Betty McCafferty motored to Battleground, Wash. over the week end guests of Mrs. McCafferty's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Drinkard spent a week visiting in Portland. Mrs. William Johnson was able to return from the hospital Saturday. Her sister, Mrs. E. E. McClure of Chicago, arrived the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tate visited in Portland last week. Fred Medler spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Johnson.

Miss Vivian Fuller of Moro spent the week end with her aunt and cousin Mrs. Elizabeth Full and Wayne Burton. She attended the prom Saturday night.

Mrs. Ed Fedman left for Portland Sunday night to do some spring buying for the gift shop during her absence.

Mrs. A. B. Riddell is visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bond in Sunnyside, Washington.

Charlie Sissel and Henry Rich-elder attended the Odd Fellow lodge at Moro Tuesday evening, Henry taking his initiatory degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hull returned home Monday after a stay of several weeks in Portland.

Benefit for Camp Fire Girls, "Mother and Daughter Banquet" at Fraternity Hall, May 8, at 6:30 p. m. Price, 50 cents per plate.

Mrs. A. M. Hicks at Wasco is agent for the Peacock Floral Co. and will gladly take care of orders for flowers for Mother's day and Decoration Day.

"They say her husband's words are sharp and to the point." "Maybe that's the only way for him to get a word in edgeways, now and then."

Meeting seven was held at the home of Jeanne Haynes. Cassie von Borstel and Nellie Wilson demonstrated Pear Salad. The salad was not only considered delicious but pretty.

Nellie Wilson suggested we have a song leader for all occasions. Members decided to have the president.

Five-Star Clothing Club

The sixth meeting of the clothing club was held April 26 at the usual time and place. Meeting was called to order by the President. We sang our song and the minutes were read. They were also approved. For Roll Call each gave a name of a stitch. Everyone was absent except the president and secretary but this was all that was needed to carry on our business. For old business we talked about our scrap books. Each contributed several ideas. To make our scrap books more attractive we are planning to use a varied color scheme. President asked for unfinished business which was about a party. We decided what we were to have and whom to invite. The Secretary is to send the invitations out this week. New business. We are to have a demonstration at our next meeting by Margaret Holmes; but we do not know for sure what it will be yet. The meeting would have been enjoyed more if there were not so many onlookers. The meeting was adjourned and each signed by leaving the room.

Aileen Gregg, reporter.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned C. A. Tom, has been appointed administrator of the estate of George E. Wilkerson, deceased, and has qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned at his home at Rufus, Sherman County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. To-wit: April 5, 1935.

C. A. Tom, Administrator
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