

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Whether or not next session of Congress makes decision it will cost 4 cents to mail a 3-cent letter, with other postal rates increased accordingly, is still a moot question.

While the House has passed a bill authorizing such an increase, it still has to be acted upon in the Senate. And there is a substantial question as to whether it will go through next session, or for that matter, through any session in the near future.

If the raise does not go through, credit for blocking it should perhaps be given to Rep. Rhodes of Pennsylvania, who really put over a very sound and solid roadblock.

Rep. Rhodes is author of an amendment which would prohibit the Post Office from subsidizing any big magazine publisher more than \$100,000 in any one year.

One of the biggest single losses incurred by the postal service is handling the big magazines as second class mail, operating virtually as unpaid carrier boys for these publishers.

Or as Rep. Rhodes figures it, it costs the Post Office \$9.4 million per year to handle Life, \$6 million for the Saturday Evening Post, \$5.4 million for Look.

Under his amendment, if a general postal rate increase goes through, these publishers, and others, will pay the difference what it costs the service to handle their magazines over \$100,000 per year. He estimates this would raise another \$38 to \$40 million.

per year which is now being borne out of taxes.

So, all of a sudden, this postal raise matter becomes a very hot potato.

It is almost a certainty the big magazine publishers will resist losing the big subsidy they now receive. And some of them are not without considerable influence in Washington, even to the extent of getting ambassadorships for their wives.

But on the other hand, Congress cannot well afford to tell the country that it intends to continue subsidizing with taxpayer's money some of these huge magazines who get as much as \$37,000 for a single page in a single issue from the big corporations who can afford to advertise in these publications.

In fact, the nation's independent businessmen, voting through the National Federation of Independent Business, have already gone on record as opposing the idea of indiscriminate raises in postal rates inasmuch as small business generally is quite dependent upon low cost postal service.

Thus, an increase of 33 1/2% on regular first class postage, while the big magazines continue drawing what is tantamount to a subsidy, is not calculated to bring out the brass bands on Main Street to celebrate such a move.

It's quite possible that rather than let such a brannigan get onto the floor, the bill will be allowed to quietly die in a Senate committee next session, too.

But if it does get to the floor, it could be one of the most interesting Congressional battles in some time. As they say in current jargon, Rep. Rhodes has really thrown quite a curve.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

A talent show was held in the high school auditorium on Thursday afternoon sponsored by the sophomore class. Narrator for the event was Stanley Schoonover, with a bit of comedy added from time to time by Greg Leyva and Bobby Davidson. The first part of the talent show was for the youngsters from the first grade through the 6th. Prizes were won by the 5th and 6th graders who gave a skit "Sam Gets the Gong" who got a first and Nancy Doherty who got a second for the first and second grades. The 6th grade through high school was won by the 7th and 8th and second by the seniors. The show was as follows: the first and second grades, a tumbling act by Nancy Doherty; third and fourth grades the "Hokey Pokey" by Barbara Bloodworth and Maureen Doherty, and a piano solo by Joyce Peck, 5th and 6th the winning skit, 7th and 8th Beverly Davidson and Martha Doherty danced, a short skit with Penny Parsons, Janet Palmer and Betty Darnielle, and a skit with Tom Pointer, Jimmie Martin and Janet Palmer. The high school act was by the seniors which was Professor Feathers Hugo Lyva and his assistants, Pat Steagall and Inez O'Neal. At this time the whole school sang Happy Birthday to Roger Doherty with the song being led by Greg Leyva and Bobby Davidson.

The P.T.A. sponsored a Halloween party and scavenger hunt at the I.O.O.F. hall on Wednesday evening. The proceeds will be used on a washer-drier for the school. Games were played, dancing was enjoyed and doughnuts and cider were served. Chairman for the affair was Mrs. B. J. Doherty.

Mrs. Bill Weatherford, a teacher in the local school is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

Rev. Norman Northrup is reported on the sick list this week. Mrs. Roy Martin is driving the bus.

Vicky Irvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin returned Friday from the hospital where she underwent an appendectomy. Earl Lacey of Walla Walla was a Wednesday evening visitor at the C. C. Jones home.

On Friday at the last ball game of the season a homecoming queen and king were elected. At the party in the I.O.O.F. hall these same two presided over the party. Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall of this town and Dexter Miles, the king, is the son of Mrs. Ethel Dunbar. The King and Queen were crown-

ed at the half at the ball game by the president of the freshman class, Tommie Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Breeding returned home last week after several days visit with friends and relatives in Yakima.

C. R. Burgett of Pendleton visited his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatfield this week.

Mrs. Patty Darnielle and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra last weekend, from her home in The Dalles.

Mrs. C. C. Jones and son Kenny and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson and daughter Betty were Milton-Freewater visitors on Saturday.

The high school play "Drums of Death" which is scheduled for Dec. 13 on a Friday night is underway with the following cast being chosen this week at school by Miss Betty Oberst, the director. Those are Inez O'Neal, Barbara Steagall, Carol Ann Palmer, Dora Sue Davidson, Joan Patrick and Charlene Jones, Hank Pointer, Greg Leyva, Hugo Leyva and Dexter Miles.

Alonzo Henderson returned Saturday from a few days spent in La Grande with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Marshall were Yakima visitors over the weekend.

Mrs. Morris McCarl is a patient in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Mrs. Bertha Hunt and Miss Nadine Waddill were Corvallis visitors last weekend with a son of Mrs. Hunt, Donald Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers have received word of the serious illness of Maureen Groves in a hospital in Grants Pass, Ore. Maureen, who is a student at Corvallis had been suffering with Asian flu and is suffering a setback. Mr. and Mrs. Munkers motored there last week to visit her.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatfield and John Hatfield of Ione were Pendleton visitors on Tuesday.

Mrs. Dean Hunt and Mrs. John

Drivers License Suspension Lists To Be Publicized

Names of Oregon drivers whose licenses are suspended or revoked will soon be available weekly for publication in all Oregon

newspapers, James F. Johnson, director of the state Department of Motor Vehicles, has announced.

The decision to publish the list was made, Johnson said, because of the number of people who continue to drive in violation of suspension orders.

"This type of driver is a very dangerous type on the highway because he obviously has no feeling of responsibility," Johnson said.

He pointed out that publication was not desired for reasons of penalty to unlawful drivers

but rather to protect the majority who are safe, responsible drivers.

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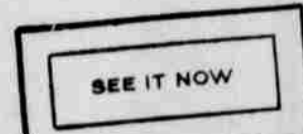
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