

# Postmaster Ends 41 Years Of Devoted Service in Office

By KATHERINE LINDSTROM

IONE—With the resignation of Mrs. Walter G. (Ruby) Roberts this week as postmaster, Ione has lost one of its most devoted public servants. She has always been most thoughtful, prompt and very accommodating in her duties to all those in the community who she served. Mrs. C. C. (June) O'Connor has been appointed in her place and began her work on Wednesday.

Mrs. Roberts may hold some kind of record for public service, having been postmaster for 41 years and during that time has never had a sick leave. She has accumulated 2,000 hours of time off.

During Mrs. Roberts' term of office she has been robbed twice, but neither time did the robbers get a "haul." The first one was caught, and the second time an empty safe was carried away, and was later recovered on a little used road near town.

Mr. Roberts, a World War I veteran, has been her assistant most of the time since 1939. When the Ione branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon was opened in 1959, giving Ione a bank for the first time in many years. Mr. Roberts made history when he took 1000 silver dollars collected while on duty in the post office, to the bank in a wheelbarrow and opened one of the first accounts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will continue at the post office for a short while to assist Mrs. O'Connor, and she will also be instructed by a "Key Postmaster," who will visit the post office.

Past residents of the community will also miss "Ruby" with her cheery smile, when they return and drop in at the post office to say "hello" or catch up on some item of news.

Mrs. Roberts has been superintendent of the Primary Department and also a primary Sunday school teacher in the Ione Community church for many years. She is a Past Matron of Locust Chapter No. 119, Order of the Eastern Star, and a Past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hausler and four younger children returned on Saturday from Wallawa Lake where they spent the last three weeks at Wallawa Educational Day Camp at Joseph. Mr. Hausler was an instructor there.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Kvistad and children of Beaverton came on Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peterson until Wednesday when they were to leave for a vacation at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crawford of Portland came up on Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs.



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Arthur Dalzell, and to get their sons, Tommy and Nell, who have been here for about two weeks. They went home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Tucker and family had as their guests on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tucker and family of Salem, his mother, Mrs. Archie Padberg of Heppner and sister, Mary Evelyn Tucker, who has been attending summer school at Monmouth. On Sunday they all attended a family reunion of the Tucker family at the City park in Hermiston.

Mrs. Dallas Shockley and children of Vancouver, Wn. came on Friday for a visit with friends here. Mr. Shockley was formerly school superintendent in Ione.

Mrs. Gerry Bowman of Seattle, Wn., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. E. C. Heliker, for two weeks. Mrs. Heliker returned on Wednesday from the hospital in Heppner. Surgery done on her foot is healing nicely.

### School Leaders at Eugene

Stephen Lindstrom and Dick Hynd drove to Eugene on Sunday morning where they will participate in the High School Student Council Workshop as president and vice-president, respectively, of Ione High school this coming year.

About 30 Rebekahs and their families held their annual picnic in the City Park on Sunday.

Milton Morgan took his boat down the river on Wednesday to Ilwaco, Wn., where he planned to do deep sea fishing. He was accompanied by Charles O'Connor.

The 4-H Riding club met Sunday for a ride and to practice formations, which they will do at the Fair this year. Their leader, Gene Harryman, and Gary Tullis accompanied them.

### Ernest Christopherson Sr. Dies; Services Monday at Canby

Relatives here have received word of the death of Ernest W. Christopherson, Sr. of Donald on Wednesday evening. He passed away at Newport, where he had been taken, hoping the climate there would give him some relief. Funeral services were held at Canby at 2:00 p.m. on Monday with burial also at Canby.

Mr. Christopherson was born February 3, 1894, and passed away August 7, 1963. He was married on October 8, 1919, to Ada Agee, who survives. To this union were born three sons, Vernon of Olex, Ernest of Ione, and Ersel of Donald. Other survivors are a brother, Clifford, of Gaston; four sisters, Laura Pierce of Col lege Place, Wn., Myrtle Calkins, of Paradise, Calif., Clara Miller of Angwin, Calif., and Alice White of Battle Ground, Wn., twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Christophersons lived in the Gooseberry area for many years on the farm now owned by Holmes Gabbert, leaving here in 1941 to a farm near Donald.

Relatives from here attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christopherson Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Aldrich and family of Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Christopherson and family of Olex.

Mrs. Edna Yarnell of Portland, who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles O'Connor and family, entered the hospital in Heppner on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clifford Aldrich has returned from the hospital in Hermiston. She had major surgery performed there last week. Bill Sears, who has been visiting a classmate, John Swanson, and working in harvest, return-

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ed to his home at Tigard on Saturday. John took him home.

### Farewell Honors Beverly Biehl

Christina Lindstrom and D-Ann Barnett and their mothers were hostesses for a farewell party for Beverly Biehl on Wednesday afternoon. The children went swimming and then went to the City Park for games and refreshments. Those attending were Cindy Barnett, Melissa McElligott, Kathleen McElligott, Richard Snyder, Billie Jepsen, John Rietmann, Grace Savage, Helen Byrne, John Marick, Karen Crowell, Eddie Winkleman, Douglas Barak, Carol Wiley, Carolyn Linnell, D-Ann, Christina and Beverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Biehl and family moved on Friday to their new home in La Grande. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepsen assisted them. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett and family moved into their new home vacated by the Biehls.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Crowell left for Portland after church services on Sunday.

Guests at the Robert Jepsen home on Tuesday were Mrs. Jepsen's mother, Mrs. C. L. Lieualen, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Lieualen and five children of Pendleton.

David Brown of Salem is spending two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jepsen.

Mrs. David Baker honored Mrs. Arthur Lindstrom and new baby, Teena June, with a shower at her home on Thursday afternoon.

After visiting and opening packages Mrs. Baker served petit fours, homemade candy and coffee to the following guests: Mrs. Robert Jepsen, Mrs. Roy A. Lindstrom, Mrs. Robert DeSpain of Arlington, Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid, Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom, Mrs. John Jepsen, Mrs. Gene Rietmann, Mrs. Ray Boyce, and the honoree and hostess.

### Son Born to Wayne Hams

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hams are the proud parents of an 8 lb.,

10 oz. baby boy, born on August 10 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. He has been named Jeffrey Wayne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vester Hams, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn Sr. of Ione. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bothwell of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. James Hams of Hardman, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lundell of Ione, and Noah Pettyjohn of Missouri are the great grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Jr., and family were called to Portland on Wednesday by the sudden death of Mrs. Nelson's father, Sam Ransdell on Tuesday. Funeral services were held on Friday.

Tim Tullis returned on Friday from a most interesting trip to the southern part of Grant county, where he attended the Oregon Youth Range Camp with 66 other boys. The camp is held each year in Logan Valley at the Lake Creek Guard Station.

Street Tree Care is Urged

Mrs. Oscar Lundell, president of the Ione Garden club, would like to remind people of the care required for the street trees planted by the Garden club this spring to help beautify the city.

Only through the cooperation of those living near the trees can we all hope to benefit by the trees in years to come. Have you deep-watered your street tree regularly at least once a week? Have you pulled all weeds from the base of your street tree? Have you mulched your street tree with suitable material? This tree with peat moss, sawdust, or will conserve moisture and keep weeds down.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Hermann and family of Oak Grove have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hermann. They all spent Sunday at the Hermiston City Park with other members of the Rauch family reunion.

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### Ruralettes Meet

On August 1 the Ruralettes 4-H club met at the home of Cheri Carlson. We gave our demonstrations and talked about judging. Mrs. Bergstrom had some classes for us to judge. Julie Zinter had the best score and Mrs. Bergstrom gave her a candy bar. Ann McElligott and Darlene Warren were absent. We played games and had refreshments. Visitors were Mrs. Louis Carlson, Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Mrs. Sid Zinter, Mrs. Ernie Christopherson and Sandy Carlson.

Cheri Carlson, reporter

### Ione Gives Award

The Ione PTA gave a scholarship to Princess Louise Pointer for her first year in college, rather than the Lexington PTA as was erroneously reported in last week's Gazette-Times. She plans to attend the University of Portland.

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Before entering the Army, he was employed by the U. S. Gypsum Co., Pilot Rock.

His wife, Barbara, lives in Baltsville, Md.

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### Ione Soldier Takes Part in Exercise

Army Specialist Four Loy L. Keene, Ione, is participating in Exercise Swift Strike III, a U. S. Strike Command exercise in Georgia and North and South Carolina, involving more than 75,000 armed forces personnel.

Swift Strike III pits two task forces against each other in a four-week mock war ending August 16, and includes airborne maneuvers, long-distance air-lifts, air-ground support missions and counter-guerrilla operations.

Specialist Keene is a motor mechanic in Battery C of the 7th Artillery 8th Missile Battalion at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

He entered the Army in October 1961, completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and was stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex., before his present assignment at Fort George G. Meade.

Keene is a 1957 graduate of Ione High school and a 1960 graduate of Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls.

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