

Postmaster Lists Tips to Expedite Holiday Mailing

To assist Santa Claus and "Mr. Zip," postal patrons are again asked to use the Local and Out-of-town labels which have been placed in their post office boxes and made otherwise available Jim Driscoll, Heppner postmaster, states.

"From past experience it can be stated with thankful appreciation that many hours of labor have been saved in the local operation by the kind cooperation of the public in this regard," he said. "This year affords still a greater opportunity for reducing transit labor costs if all patrons will conscientiously use Zip Code numbers in addressing their Christmas mail destined for delivery out of Morrow county or adjacent counties."

There will be extended hours of window service for acceptance of parcel post at Heppner beginning Monday, December 9, and the window will remain open until 6:00 p.m. The money order service window will close at the regular hour of 5:00 p.m. On Saturday December 14, and Saturday, December 21, afternoon hours will be kept at Heppner until 6:00 p.m. for parcel post business and until 5:00 p.m. at the money order window. The Lexington Rural Station will also grant extended window service on the above two Saturdays.

This year unsealed Christmas cards will be 4 cents each, and sealed cards 5 cents each. "The Postal Service is ready, so please bring the bulk of your mailing as early as possible to insure delivery by Christmas," Driscoll said.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Yackley and Joe of The Dailies were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson Wednesday night and Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Yackley is a brother of Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Anderson, who has been ill with tonsillitis, spent most of the day in bed but said that he was able to do some visiting with the guests.

Frosty Freeze Chills Area Here

A persistent cold spell with a chilling pall of fog and heavy frost has held in this area through the week. Temperature dropped as low as 16 last Friday night and minimums have been at least 10 degrees below freezing throughout the week.

For three days—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday—the temperature never climbed above freezing, the high being 27 on Sunday. However, Wednesday went two degrees above freezing at 34 maximum and hope was for somewhat warmer weather.

Heavy frosts brought some power outages on rural lines but these were rapidly corrected by crews of Columbia Basin Electric. The cold spell also added to the hazard on the highway with slick spots at various points. One bad accident occurred Sunday morning, and all drivers were urged to travel with caution.

Complete report from Leonard L. Gilliam is as follows:

Day	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	48	22
Thursday	41	18
Friday	42	20
Saturday	42	16
Sunday	27	30
Monday	25	21
Tuesday	26	21
Wednesday	34	22

Mrs. Peterson III
Mrs. Oscar Peterson, wife of County Judge Peterson, entered Pioneer Memorial hospital Thursday for treatment and rest after suffering from a bad cold, persistent cough and some chest congestion. Judge Peterson said that he believes that she will respond quickly to the care there and soon be able to go home again.

Mrs. Oma Cox, Heppner resident for many years, plans to move to Walla Walla, Wn., about December 15 to be near an aunt whose husband died recently. She is in Walla Walla this week making preparations for the move. The many friends of Mrs. Cox regret that she is leaving but have expressed good wishes for her in her new home.

Church Youth Plan Skate at Cutsforth

Young people of St. Albin's Acolyte of All Saints' Episcopal church will meet at the church at 9 a.m. Saturday for an ice skating trip to Cutsforth Park pond, according to announcements by Father Bruce Spencer. Transportation will be furnished for members and their friends. All are asked to dress warmly and bring their own skates. A cookout is planned for the noon meal.

School Reading Program Subject Of PTA Meeting

"What is Developmental Reading?" will be answered at the December meeting of the Heppner PTA, Wednesday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Faculty members will discuss the reading instruction which is given to all Heppner high school students this year. The materials and machines used will be demonstrated and a reading film will be shown.

Mrs. Jim Myers and Mrs. Stanley Cox, third grade room representatives, and their assistants, Mrs. Marion Green and Mrs. Ernie McCabe, will be hostesses at the meeting.

Sweatshirts in Heppner high school and grade school colors will be sold in a few days at the schools as a PTA money-making project. Mrs. Bill Sowell of the ways and means committee is chairman of the sale.

Grand Opening Proves Success

About 85 persons turned out for the grand opening of Pettyjohn's Farm and Builder's Supply, Friday. The business, formerly Barratt Sales, was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn early in November.

The Pettyjohns combined their official opening with the Christmas opening of the Heppner merchants.

Coffee and doughnuts were served to the guests and participants in the opening. There were also treats for the youngsters who showed for the event.

Four prizes were awarded at the opening, one for the Christmas opening and three door prizes. Jean Stahley and Steve Hutchens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hutchens, tied for the merchants' opening prize.

The three door prizes were awarded by drawing. Those winning prizes were: Mrs. Jack Healy, transistor radio; Mrs. John Graves, paint for one room; and Teresa Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hughes, a small fire extinguisher.

Maurice Miller, General Paint salesman, gave a painting demonstration for homeowners.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish, accompanied by her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huddleston, of Hermiston, went to Othello, Wn., to enjoy Thanksgiving as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waud and family. Mrs. Waud is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish. Mr. Waud, county agent and known here as a judge at the county fair, was home from Washington State college where he has been taking work toward a master's degree.

Mrs. Joe Hartle and family motored to Vale last Wednesday where they met her daughter, Miss Shirley Carson, and spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. Hartle's mother, Mrs. Viola Justus. During the week-

Legislators Talk Boardman Lease At Friday Meet

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Hansell who referred to the debate on the bills as, "Space age pork." He said that it is time to do something about the bills because if they are defeated it would mean that Boeing could back out of the lease and leave the area in want of a taker.

As to the legality of the lease, Rep. Hansell said that it is up to the courts to determine whether or not the lease is legal. He also pointed out that there is no unanimity of legal opinion on the matter.

During the rebuttal, Sen. Musa pointed to the fact that there are other sites along the Columbia and that they might attract the company if the Boardman squabble continues. The other debaters talked along the same lines as they did in their initial statements.

After the rebuttal period the meeting was opened to written questions from the audience. Most of the questions seemed aimed in the direction of the proposed tax freeze and were directed to members of each team.

One question asked whether the development of industry on the land would be taxed according to the "freeze" scale or on a progressive scale, determined by the county assessor. It was pointed out that the land which remained undeveloped would remain under the "freeze" which would be adjusted every 10 years and the land on which development took place would be taxed according to its increase in value as a result of the development.

Another pertinent question asked by the audience was concerned with how much the land has brought in tax payments in the past. It was pointed out that the land has brought very little in taxes as related to its size.

Before the debate had started, Judge Peterson made a short statement in regard to the Boeing deal. He stated that the land involved had been purchased by the Navy during the war at a low price. Morrow county had sold the land to the Navy and the land was not available to Morrow when it was most needed, he said.

Judge Peterson referred to the Navy as being "hard to deal with." He said that the people of Morrow were not in on the dealings for the lease but that they had been willing to trust the "higher-ups" to do the job of negotiating. Peterson said that the people of Morrow want to get something done and are disappointed that the deal had not been closed.

Later that evening the court made a statement in which it supported the passage of House Bill 1014 and opposed the passage of House Bill 1020, the bill which would have put into effect the tax "freeze."

Also, before the debate, Bill Belt of Hermiston, chairman of the space-age association, explained a few facets of the development of space-age industry and outlined the purpose of the meeting as being an informative debate to acquaint the people of this area with the details of the deal.

Moderator was Wallace McCrae, president of Blue Mountain College in Pendleton. McCrae introduced the speakers and added a few side comments about the debate for the radio audience which was listening to the affair over KUMA radio in Pendleton.

and they visited two sisters and the parents of Mrs. Hartle. Shirley returned to Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City on Sunday, and the rest of the family, joined by Mr. Hartle, returned home.

Assassination Deeply Moves French People, Lanham Write

People in France were probably almost as stunned and shocked by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy as those in the United States, Mrs. Conley Lanham of Heppner writes in a letter from Luynes, France, where she and her husband are spending a few months and attending school.

Television coverage of the tragedy was complete, and the French were greatly moved with the news, she reports.

Her letter follows:

Dear Wes and Helen,

Living in a small village in France is quite an experience for us. This village, Luynes, is located in the chateau country of the Loire Valley, the valley of the Kings. Luynes is approximately the size of Heppner, population-wise, and one wonders where all the people live. As one walks the narrow street bordering the limestone bluff, he begins to understand because many of the homes are cave homes dug right into the bluff. Some of them are quite nice and modern, according to French standards; but others, I'm sure are not too far removed from the name "cave" designates.

We have been having some wonderful experiences living in France, many of which will be forgotten, but Friday evening was the start of some experiences we will long remember and which we want to share with you because they are representative of the reaction of the French people to the assassination of President Kennedy.

It was almost 8 p.m. Friday evening when we heard Madame Alazard, our proprietor, come running up the stairs. She fairly burst into the room and breathlessly asked us if we were listening to the news. Then she told us about the shooting, but she said that the President was still alive. We followed her downstairs to watch TV for awhile, but no further news was being given and we returned to our studying. Not too many minutes later up she came again with

The Frank Hamlins had as their guests Thanksgiving Day, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Buschke, Mike and Kyle.

the news of his death. Again we went down and spent the rest of the evening because the French TV station kept giving last minute bulletins. This went on until almost midnight even though French TV usually terminates at 11 p.m. Madame's daughter and son-in-law (Dr. and Mrs. Pages) came the latter part of the evening to get the latest news. Had this assassination happened to a high official in their own country, these three French people could not have been more affected.

Saturday and Sunday I don't know how many different people here in the village made it a point to stop us, to shake hands (the typical French greeting among the French—old and young) and to offer their condolences. Almost without exception this remark was made, "How terrible it is for the people of the United States—and the world. Your President was loved by us." We noticed, too, that wherever the French Tricolor was displayed it was either at half-mast or draped in black.

There are students from all over the world here at the Institute d' Etudes Francaises de Touraine in Tours where we are studying. Monday morning when students began to arrive, it seemed that everyone was still so very much dazed. There wasn't the usual hubbub of voices and the laughter to which we were accustomed. Faces were very sober and grave looking. At the beginning of our class, and I have reason to believe in all classes, the professor expressed sympathy to the few Americans in his class. Afternoon classes were postponed for an hour so that the students could attend at 2:30 the brief ceremony in memory of President Kennedy. This ceremony took place in the American Memorial square around a bronze statue dedicated to the American soldiers who fought here in the two World Wars. In spite of the cold, blustery wind hundreds of people of all ages were gathered there for the ceremony which lasted only a few minutes. The French soldiers made up the honor guard and, of course, a group of our own soldiers were there. One of our boys sounded taps. There were two prayers—the first in French and one could hear the French people in the crowd murmuring the prayer along

with the priest, and the other prayer was in English. Several wreaths were placed at the base of the statue. An Oregonian, Mrs. Helen Davis of Parkrose, H. S. Portland, who is on sabbatical leave and studying at the Institute, helped place one of the wreaths. Again sadness was written on all faces in the crowd.

We came home early from classes Monday p.m. to watch as much of the funeral rites as would be televised. Madame, who teaches in the girls' school here in Luynes, brought three of her pupils to watch. So they, Madame, her housekeeper, and we watched the procession moving through the streets of Washington and into the cathedral. That was it. The broadcast was coming direct by Telestar and reception was no longer possible.

During these last few days the French radio and television stations and the newspapers have done a marvelous coverage of the events, keeping the people informed. From all appearances France was in mourning almost as much as the United States. We couldn't keep from feeling when we would see a French flag at half-mast or draped in black that there must be a tremendously good friendship between the two nations.

In spite of the friendship, however, we surely miss all the familiar sights and faces of home. It's going to be mighty good to see the "Lady in N. Y. Harbor" before too many more months roll by.

Even though it is a bit premature, Conley and I want to wish you and others a most happy and joyous holiday season.

Au Revoir
Vi Lanham

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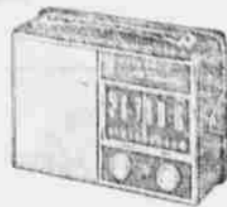
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