

NAME IS SOUGHT OF JACKSONVILLE FIRST POSTMASTER

No Record Can Be Found of
Original Postal Head As
History Is Prepared —
Dardanelles Initial P. O.

If anyone knows who the first postmaster of historic Jacksonville was, Postmaster Frank DeSouza would like to hear about it.

Mr. DeSouza is compiling a postal history of Jackson county and in doing so he has encountered a number of curious circumstances. One is that none of the surviving pioneers or sons and daughters of pioneers in Jacksonville whom Mr. DeSouza has consulted knows who the first postmaster of the old mining town was. Neither does the postoffice department in Washington which usually is meticulous in keeping records.

But Mr. DeSouza has learned, there is no record in Washington of Jacksonville's first postmaster. And Mr. DeSouza is thus held up in his county history of postoffices and postmasters.

Dardanelles First

Medford's postmaster started the historical compilation with the idea of having a suitable memorial established for the county's first postoffice. And it's a safe wager that not one in a hundred persons would know where the county's first postoffice was established.

It was at Dardanelles. There is no longer any Dardanelles. It was a pioneer settlement situated across the Rogue river from what is now Gold Hill at the approximate point of what is still known as the Narrows, Dr. DeSouza said.

A postoffice was established at Dardanelles on October 19, 1852, and its first postmaster was William Green T'Vault.

Mr. T'Vault was a distinguished pioneer. He published the first newspaper established west of the Rocky mountains, founding the Oregon Spectator in Oregon City in 1846. Mr. DeSouza related. A native of Arkansas, Mr. T'Vault came to Oregon from Illinois in 1845. Besides being one of the first postmasters in the Oregon territory, he was a lawyer, legislator and journalist. A grandson, Donald Kenney, resides at Prospect.

Ruined by Fire

The postoffice at Dardanelles was discontinued on December 2, 1878. Mr. DeSouza's research has revealed. It is the postmaster's intention to recommend the erection of a tablet or plaque to mark the location of the county's original postoffice.

Mr. DeSouza has been helped in procuring information of the county's first postoffice by Miss Alice Hanley. Miss Hanley recalls having called at the Dardanelles postoffice when she was a little girl. The office was in a building that also catered to the public as an inn and stage station, she remembers.

The Dardanelles building was destroyed by fire many years ago. All the postmaster's records were removed by his daughter to her home in Jacksonville and they were destroyed when the home burned down.

Mr. DeSouza said. Postmaster T'Vault died in Jacksonville in 1899.

Where was Manaseta?

First postoffice to be established in the Oregon territory were at Astoria and Oregon City in 1847, Mr. DeSouza related.

Second postoffice in Jackson county was established at Manaseta on October 12, 1853. Mr. DeSouza has learned that the first postmaster was William R. Rose but he has not been able to find out where Manaseta was. The postoffice was discontinued on June 28, 1855, records show.

The postoffice in Jacksonville, which became the most famous mining town in the Pacific northwest, was established February 18, 1854.

A postoffice was established at Port Orford on March 27, 1855. There is no record of the first postmaster, Port Orford was then part of Jackson county. Later it became part of Coos county and now it is in Curry county.

On March 23, 1855, a postoffice was established at Leland with McD. Harkness as postmaster. Leland, then in Jackson county, is now part of Josephine county.

Medford Is Upstart

Gold River acquired a postoffice on April 18, 1855, with Davis Evans as postmaster. The office was discontinued on July 18, 1859. Mr. DeSouza has not been able to ascertain where Gold River was situated.

Ashland Mills got a postoffice on May 17, 1855. Abel D. Helman was the first postmaster. The Helman family is still represented there through the Helman baths. The city changed its name to Ashland on June 14, 1871.

So far as the history of Jackson county is concerned, Medford is an upstart. This city did not acquire a postoffice until February 8, 1884. The first postmaster was James B. Howard, well known pioneer surveyor who laid out the city of Medford and was its first mayor.

Latest postoffice in Jackson county was established at Union Creek on April 22, 1924, with Mrs. Helen C. Herriott as postmistress.



'NOTHING TO THEM'
Sen. Sherman Minion (above) of Indiana, New Deal champion, characterized reports that he is under consideration as a possible appointee to the U. S. Supreme court as successor to the late Justice Cardozo.



SHIPSHAPE GIFT for Father Divine, Negro evangelist, is finished by Helen Williams whose uncle, Bill McCoy, has been renting boathouse on Father Divine's newly purchased 500-acre Hudson river estate opposite that of President Roosevelt.

REPUBLICANS TOLD THEIR LEADERSHIP NEEDS AWAKENING

The Republican party is in need of a new leadership that will take cognizance of the issues of the day, adopt the sound phases of the New Deal and administer them honestly and efficiently, Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls editor told a luncheon-meeting sponsored by Pro-America in the Hotel Holland this afternoon. More than 70 men and women crowded the hotel's small banquet room to hear Mr. Jenkins.

Describing himself as a constitutional and hereditary "black Republican," Mr. Jenkins said that unless he receives help in restoring the Republican party to the position it once occupied as a constructive force in American life, he will desert the ranks and go over to the conservative wing of the Democratic party. The time has come, he said, for Republicans to quit walling among themselves over the New Deal and to go into action to give the American people what they want under a sound and efficient administration.

"The Republican party as a party deserves everything it has got in the

past six years," Mr. Jenkins declared. "We have no one to blame but ourselves. The Republican party died 99 years ago but didn't know it."

Present issues had their roots in conditions that began materializing 30 years ago but the Republican leadership was too "fat-headed" to realize it, the speaker said. He cited as emerging as issues three decades ago social security, relief, pensions for the aged, labor legislation and stock exchange reform. On all these issues the Republican leadership was too "fat-headed" to take any action or even cognizance, he repeated.

"I'm ashamed of the Republican party for letting its leadership become so fat in the stomach and so fat in the head as to let a bunch of wild-eyed fanatics step in and bring this nation to the brink of ruin," said Mr. Jenkins in referring to the New Deal.

While praising the principles of New Deal legislation, Mr. Jenkins condemned their administration, saying that a "hash" had been made of worthy ideals. He was particularly eloquent in condemning the labor relations act and, to a greater extent, its administration.

Unless the national budget is balanced the nation will end in bankruptcy and the budget will not be balanced until there is a change in administration, Mr. Jenkins prophesied.

Mrs. C. M. Hurd, president of Pro-America here, presided. She introduced her co-officers and officers of the Men's Republican club before presenting the guest speaker.

QUESTION OF WAR LEFT UNANSWERED IN LONG HARANGUE

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In Czechoslovakia are being systematically ruined and doomed to slow extinction.

"The depriving of these human beings of all rights must come to an end," the speaker thundered.

But again the German chancellor held out an olive branch to France. "Straubourg means much, but we have surrendered it in the interests of peace to settle for once and for all the eternal strife with France," he said, referring to the cession of Alsace-Lorraine after the world war.

"On other frontiers too we have made sacrifices. We have acted more than loyally."

"I believe that the cause of European peace is not served by creating the impression that Germany is indifferent to the fate of the three and a half million (Sudeten Germans) in Czechoslovakia," he went on.

"Let the gentlemen in London be assured of this," he shouted.

No Intention To March

Reviewing the first weeks of the crisis arising from the autonomy demands of the Sudeten Germans, Hitler denied Germany had any intention of marching into Czechoslovakia at that time, four months ago.

Assertions to the contrary he branded as "lies."

"I demand that the oppression of the three and a half million Germans in Czechoslovakia shall cease," he told the cheering audience.

"The right of self-determination must be given to them."

The Arabs in Palestine "may be alone and defenseless, but the Germans in Czechoslovakia are not," he said.

Hitler said that he gave orders on May 28 to begin immediately with hurried completion of fortifications on the western frontier which had been under construction for two years.

He disclosed Fritz Todt, noted as Germany's builder of highways, had been placed in charge of these operations.

Busy On Defense

At present, he said, 362,000 workers, 100,000 labor service men and numerous army engineering and infantry battalions were at work on the fortifications.

Daily 8,000 freight cars transport material amounting to 120,000 tons into this region, he continued, "and I can assure you the work will be completed before winter sets in."

Delving further into the Czechoslovak situation the reichsfuehrer said:

"The overwhelming majority of this state was forced without being consulted to obey this state. They were suppressed and their right to live taken from them."

"Among the majority of the suppressed nationalities are three and a half million Germans, nearly as

many as the total population of Denmark.

"These (the Sudeten Germans) are creations of the Almighty, and he did not create them to be surrendered to foreign force."

"He did not create 7,000,000 Czechs to act as guardians of 3,500,000 Germans!"

Hitler finished his speech at 8:33 p. m. (11:33 a. m. PST).

RESERVE OFFICERS WILL GREET CHIEF

Members of Rogue River chapter were advised by officers today to attend, if possible, the state-wide gathering that will greet Col. Stephen A. Park of Milwaukee, president of the Reserve Officers' association of the United States when he makes his official visit to Oregon Thursday.

A reception and banquet will be given in honor of the national president of the Aero club in Portland at 6:30 Thursday and reserve officers here were asked to make immediate reservations if they plan to attend. It was indicated that a large number from here would attend.

Capt. Terry H. Holberton, Harold Woods and Philo D. Smith of the local chapter have been appointed to the banquet committee.

McMINNVILLE, Sept. 12 (AP)—The C. K. Spaulding Logging company, closed for nearly two years, prepared for an early resumption here today. A skeleton crew retained since the shutdown was increased to repair machinery and clean the plant.

COGGINS FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Virgil B. Coggins, better known to his many Medford friends as "Dutch," were to be held this afternoon at 3:30 from the Felt funeral parlors, the Rev. D. E. Millard of Trail officiating. Interment was to take place at Phoenix cemetery.

Mr. Coggins, a resident of Medford

for the past 27 years, where he made a host of friends who were saddened by his unexpected death late Friday night in his home at 321 West Jackson boulevard, was born at Ann, Mo., December 18, 1907. He came to Medford in 1907 and attended grade and high school here. He had been employed at the Shum Vantage company here for the past 10 months.

He is survived by his wife, Birdie Coggins, and his mother, Mrs. Ella Gillan of Medford.

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