

# Retirement of Foreman Stennett Ends 31 Years With Mail Tribune

## DEAN OF VALLEY PRINTING CRAFT WILL TAKE EASE

Learned Trade 56 Years Ago On Iowa Weekly—Coworkers Respect And Admire.

At 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, A. Frederick Stennett will make his final inspection of the Mail Tribune's page one form, will yell "page one!" notifying the press crew the day's issue is ready to go to press, and thus will end thirty-one years continuous service as foreman of the Mail Tribune composing room.

During the long tenure of his foremanship, Mr. Stennett has organized and maintained a crew of proficient, temperate, loyal craftsmen. In all the 31 years of his foremanship he has never found it necessary to discharge an employe. And at no time has the management ever found it necessary to rebuke him for his method of operating the composing room. Most of his fellow employes have been with him from six to 29 years. Everyone in the Mail Tribune composing room, from the owners to the office boy, respect Mr. Stennett and admire him for his skill and efficiency, loyalty, patience and his quiet but deep sense of humor. Everyone in the organization regrets his retirement but everyone wishes him the good health, peace and contentment his long years of faithful service merit.

"I am retiring at my own request because of a multitude of disabilities that retard me in filling the position efficiently," Mr. Stennett said, adding with a twinkle in his eyes, "otherwise I might consider trying to stick it out for another 31 years."

**In Same Room**  
It was exactly 31 years ago January 1 that "Sten," as Mr. Stennett is known around the plant, became foreman of the Mail Tribune for the second time. (He had put in a short term previously.) The newspaper was then located in its present building and Sten has worked in the same composing room excepting for a short period when it was situated upstairs. Sten is the only one here now who was identified with the printing business in Medford 31 years ago.

"Arthur Powell, publisher of the Central Point American, was pressman on the Mail Tribune when I returned to the paper and he is the only one who might contest my claim to the deanship of the local printing fraternity," Sten commented.

Thirty-one years ago, Mr. Stennett recalled, the Mail Tribune had but two linotypes, a secondhand flatbed press, no metal saw at all and a "lot of ad type older than I am." Today the plant has five linotypes, a perfecting 16-page color press, a Ludlow type casting machine, an Elrod rule casting machine and three saws, as well equipped as most modern newspapers of comparable cities.

In 31 years Mr. Stennett has naturally seen a lot of amusing and ludicrous errors creep into print. "Two that happened more than 25 years ago, however, stick out in my mind as the most comical," he said. "One day the office girl brought me two news items and two cuts to go with them. One was about an evangelist who was to preach that evening in the Presbyterian church and the other was about a male dancer who was to perform the same night at the 11 theater. I asked the girl to identify the cuts and as she seemed hesitant I had my doubts. But there was nothing that I could do but accept her identification."

**Foreman Hid Out**  
"After the paper had been printed that evening, two of the maddest men I have ever seen



A. Frederick Stennett

came dashing into the front office. One was the preacher, whom we had dancing at the 11, and the other was the dancer, whom we had preaching at the Presbyterian church. The girl blamed me for the mixup and I hid until the two men had cooled off.

"An inexperienced galley boy accounted for the other mistake I remember so vividly. A wedding story without a headline had been set and I told the boy to put it under the standing head "Wedding Bells." I supposed he had carried out my instructions but imagine my surprise and consternation when the paper came off the press and I saw the story under the heading "Fights Last Night." That one wasn't easy to laugh off."

Sten, like his three brothers, had been picked out by his father to be a farmer and he probably would have been but for snakes, the "billions of snakes that infested western Iowa." There were "rattle, bull, garter, house, copperhead and joint snakes everywhere you stepped," Sten avers. "I didn't give them much thought, however, until one night when I was about 15 years old I awoke and found a snake crawling across my face. By the time it took the snake to crawl over my face I imagined it was 100 feet long. I let out a yell that is still echoing up and down the Nishna Botna valley. Mother, who was not afraid of the devil himself, rushed to my rescue, fished a three-foot house snake from my bed, took it out into the yard by its tail and snapped its head off."

**Left Farm at 17**  
"Ever after that I shuddered whenever I saw a snake and the end of my farming came when I was 17 and I was plowing up a 10-acre millet field as directed by my father. In the first furrow around the tract I plowed out 11 snakes of as many varieties. The last snake I uncovered was about six feet long and it came out standing on its tail with its head close to my face. In dodging it I fell down under the plow and the lines were drawn in such a way that the mules circled around and both fell on the plow under which I was basking in holy terror. When I got the mules on their feet again I unhitched them and took them to the stable, swearing that I'd never plow another furrow on that farm as long as I lived."

"I went down to the village and got a job as apprentice on the little weekly paper at \$5 a month. I worked for the publisher three years before he started out and then I took the paper and it took me only one year to starve out."

Mr. Stennett was born, like Lincoln, in a log cabin on a farm at Stennett, Iowa, July 8, 1868. The town of Stennett was named in honor of his uncle who was property it was located. At that time people thought it was destined to become a metropolis because it was near a large stone quarry. "Since then," Sten related, "the town has fluctuated in population from 19 to 23 persons and the last I heard of the place it was still holding its own."

In 1876 Mr. Stennett's father bought a farm near Macedonia, Iowa, about 18 miles from Stennett, and it was there that the lad was driven from farming by the snakes. Joined Circus Band After the little weekly paper

law for three weeks before order was restored. Fort Smith, Ark., was Sten's next stopping place but he stayed there only six months as foreman of the Daily South-west American when he felt the urge to ramble through eastern Oklahoma and Texas. He reached Phoenix, Ariz., in the heat of summer and, as there was only one extra operator in the city at that time, he worked long, extra hours seven days a week for several months in shops all over town and made about double straight-time pay. About a year later he was selected as foreman of the Republican, a position he quit two years later in 1909 to come to Medford to be near his parents who then resided in Ashland.

**Worked On Tidings**  
"My first Medford position was with A. S. Bliton on the Mail," Mr. Stennett said. "In a short time George Putnam bought the Mail and consolidated it with the Tribune and I was employed first as a linotype operator and then as foreman. After a short time I resigned to become linotype operator on the Ashland Tidings. While on the Tidings I met her and soon we were married."

"I had a chance to go back to a fine job in Phoenix with the Phoenix Printing company and so I resigned from the Tidings and back to Arizona we went. I had not much more than got settled in my new position when a general job strike was called in Phoenix and for several weeks we lived on strike benefits of \$15 a week. "The day I decided to leave Phoenix for Orange, Cal., I received a telegram from George Putnam inviting me to accept the position of foreman of the Mail Tribune again. I accepted and we left Phoenix at once. We arrived here January 1, 1911, and I have been on the job ever since."

"I don't know how this inactive, do-nothing life will appeal to me after about 56 years at the trade. From force of habit I'll probably set the alarm clock each night and when it begins to buzz at a quarter of six in the morning I shall rise up, give a horse-laugh and tell the clock to go to hell."

## BERLIN REPORTS BRITISH LOSSES

Berlin, Dec. 27. (Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Four British ships totaling 13,000 tons, have been sunk west of Gibraltar out of a British convoy which already had been heavily crippled, it was announced officially today.

The announcement said the total toll of attacks on this convoy now amounts to one aircraft carrier and nine merchant ships totaling 37,000 tons sunk and two additional ships damaged. Bombers and dive bombers also sank four Russian transports totaling 7,000 tons and damaged five other transports and a number of smaller vessels with heavy losses in men and material for the enemy, the high command announced.

The Germans said the attack on the transports occurred in the Straits of Kerch, which link the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov between the Crimea and the Caucasus.

## SEC. HULL FLAYS MANILA OUTRAGE

Washington, Dec. 27.—AP—Secretary of State Hull asserted today that Japan, in bombing the "open city" of Manila, was practicing the same barbaric methods of cruelty and inhumanity that Hitler has been using in Europe. The secretary's statement came in reply to a request for comment on Japan's apparent lack of respect for international law in bombing Manila which has been declared an open city, undefended, to spare civilian suffering.

Hull said Japan had an entirely consistent record in recent years especially since the invasion of China in 1937, in practicing the same barbaric methods, the same methods of cruelty and inhumanity as Hitler practices and has been practicing in Europe.

## FILIPINOS, JAPS, STOCKTON SECTOR PUT UNDER CURB

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Sharp restrictions have been imposed on the activities of Japanese and Filipino residents of Stockton to prevent hatreds born of racial and economic quarrels from bursting into conflict.

For two years, since Japanese workers snapped up celery field jobs left vacant by striking Filipinos, animosity has simmered between the two groups, which number around 2,000 for each nationality in Stockton alone.

The Japanese military forces assaulted the Filipinos' homeland. Instantly it was reflected in heightened tension between the two oriental groups. Children fought in the streets. Police patrols were doubled where Japanese and Filipinos rubbed shoulders.

Christmas night gangs coursed through the Japanese business section. Many windows were smashed.

The next day a single shot rang sharply in a downtown garage office. Junjo Kino, 55, Japanese garage attendant, fell dead. Police said a witness told them a Filipino fired the shot.

Yesterday a delegation of Japanese petitioned District Attorney Raymond M. Dunne to give them protection. Japanese mothers told Dunne their children had been set upon by Filipino children while going to or from school.

Dunne took the problem to police. Chief Harold Vogelsang declared his force was insufficient to provide special guards. He was considering deputizing more men.

Chief Vogelsang ordered all Japanese to stay off the streets after dark. Filipinos were told to close their dance halls.

## PRICE OF LUCKY STRIKES RAISED

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The American Tobacco Company announced today that it had raised the wholesale price of Lucky Strike cigarettes to \$7.10 per 1,000 from \$6.53 per 1,000.

The company said the increase of about 8 percent was necessary because of increased expenses.

## ROOKIES HEROIC IN OAHU ATTACK

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—New recruits at a Hawaiian naval station may have been "a trifle too reckless" in the December 7 Japanese attack on Oahu, the navy reported today. "And their disregard for danger undoubtedly increased the number of casualties."

Describing acts of heroism while Japanese planes dived on the island the commanding officer of the Kaneohe Bay naval air station reported the recruits "without exception lived up to best traditions of his service."

Continuing, his report mentioned the "reckless" attitude and said: "It was necessary to constantly urge the men to scatter and take cover because most of them were so intent on repulsing the attack that they were disregarding the enemy's fire."

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