

Mailmen Hail Decision To End 'Junk' Mail Test

Washington — (U.P.) — The nation's mailmen today hailed a government decision to lighten the load on their backs by ending the "junk mail" experiment.

"The greatest news we've received in 1954," said William C. Doherty, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

"A wonderful thing," said a representative mailman, Pat Axte, who walks a route in Bethesda, Md.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield called a halt yesterday to the 15-month experiment of letting circulars and other advertising matter be mailed in cities without carrying a specific address. Deliveries of such mail will stop March 31.

Doherty's union had protested that the volume of "junk mail" increased greatly when it was no longer necessary to put an address on it but merely mark it to "householder" or "patron." He said the heavier load was making "pack mules" of the carriers.

Copco Contract Delay Sought by Commission

Yreka — A resolution asking a delay in the renewal of a contract between the California Oregon Power company and the Department of the Interior, governing use of the waters of Upper Klamath lake, recently was passed by the California Klamath River commission, according to William G. Haglstein, president.

The present contract, signed in 1917, runs to 1967. Copco recently requested a renewal of the present contract.

The commission's request for delay was to permit other interested groups and agencies to put forth their views on the inter-governing use of Klamath water, Haglstein said.

The commission was set up to consider problems, and to foster development, of the Klamath basin. Oregon has a similar commission, and the two occasionally met together.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — The most fabulous New Year's Eve party in Hollywood used to be tossed by producer Sam Spiegel at his beautiful Beverly Hills mansion.

By 4:30 a. m. more than 1500 guests — from diplomats to movie stars and millionaires — would sip champagne. And it took the Beverly Hills garbage department a week to haul away the empty bottles. I remember the beautiful Mrs. Spiegel, glittering in jewels and satin, entertaining such celebrities as Errol Flynn, Rita Hayworth and Tony Martin.

Tonight the hostess is spending a different type of New Year's Eve. Mrs. Spiegel, the former Lynn Baggett, will ring in 1955 from behind bars in the county jail. She is serving a 60-day term for a hit-and-run accident which resulted in the death of a nine-year-old boy.

Wearing Denim Uniform
This time when I visited Lynn she was wearing a blue denim uniform and maroon sweater instead of satin and diamonds. But, sitting on the other side of the visitors' barricade, the actress still looked poised and beautiful.

"No, I won't miss my New Year's Eve party," the brown-eyed blonde said. "It meant too much work for me. Sam would be out front, entertaining, but I was always in the background, worrying about balloons and confetti. Or in the cloakroom with women crying on my shoulder."

"Wives always cry on New Year's Eve, you know," she added with a smile.

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As We Live

Privilege of Proposing Man's Exclusive Right
When a girl is very much in love with a young man who does not ask her to marry him, even after they have been going steady for a long time, should she suggest to him that they become engaged? A young girl writes:

(Q) "I have been going steady with a boy in my class in high school since our sophomore year. We are both seniors now, and I would like to become engaged. He has never mentioned marriage to me. We may have discussed it a little, but he never said right out that I was going to be his wife some day. I know I am not the one to bring up the subject. You may think I am too young. But shouldn't I know what I want after dating this boy and going steady with him for so long? He has never told me what he plans to do when he graduates. He has said when he expects to work and other things but nothing about when he intends to marry. Please give me your advice."

(A) Under no conditions should you be the one to bring up the subject of marriage. That is a man's prerogative and should never be usurped by a girl. Even if you have waited until Doomsday for him to ask you, you should do so.

Have you ever stopped to consider that a boy who is not yet finished with his education is in no position to consider marriage except in an abstract way? How could he possibly

Audrey Hepburn Happy; Wants Baby Some Day

London — (U.P.) — Actress Audrey Hepburn said last night she would like to have a baby some day.

"If and when one comes," she said, "it will be the greatest thing in my life—greater even than my success. Every woman knows what a baby means."

Her husband, actor Mel Ferrer, told reporters that "what attracted me was the simple enthusiasm and unspoiled outlook she kept even after reaching the stars."

"I've made a fine marriage," Miss Hepburn said. "Three months have gone by and I have no regrets. What more can a girl ask?"

By ALINE MOSSBY

United Press Correspondent

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support a wife now unless he were one of the very few who had an inherited income?

At the moment his first problem is to decide what he wants to do in the business world when he graduates from school. Then he must see if he can get a job to his liking, if he can make good in it, and if he likes it well enough to stay in it.

After that he must accumulate enough money to support a wife before he can ask you or anyone else to marry him. You must count on two or three years after graduation before he will be ready to ask you. In the meantime, he may ask you to "wait" for him, but I doubt if he will want to be formally engaged.

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Thorton Favors Employee Probe

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon Attorney General Robert Y. Thorton said yesterday that a grand jury investigation is in order into the "entire subject" of the alleged acceptance of gratuities by employees of the state liquor control commission.

Thorton also criticized the commission for what he said amounted to a "refusal" to turn over documents needed by the attorney general's office for its own investigation of commission personnel. He referred specifically to a report by two Portland attorneys hired by Gov. Paul Patterson to investigate admitted acceptance of gratuities by the commission's assistant administrator and its supervisor of stores and agencies.

Thorton said "my own brief investigation already indicates that a substantial number of gifts and gratuities, ranging from stadium blankets and portable radio sets to bottles and even cases of gift whiskey, have been received from distillery representatives by commission personnel over an extended period in direct violation of the law. I feel that the entire subject should be investigated by the Multnomah county grand jury."

Morgan Announces Demo Committee

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon Democratic Chairman Howard Morgan today announced final appointments to a legislative steering committee charged with securing the passage of Democratic proposals in the 1955 state legislature.

Morgan said the party does not "propose to overburden the committee but it does want an organization within the legislature which can screen, criticize and perfect the few proposals which the party may wish to present to the legislature."

Democrats will enjoy their greatest strength in the legislature in nearly 20 years during the coming session. They will have 25 members in the 60-member house and six members in the 30-member senate.

Morgan's committee will be composed of five legislators and three Democratic county chairmen. Sen. Robert Holmes of Gearhart will be chairman.

Other members are Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie; Rep. Alfred Corbett, Portland; Rep. Robert R. Kemsch, St. Helens; Rep. Robert J. Seward, Keating; Oscar Kendall, Corvallis; John Horn, Salem, and Cliff Driscoll, Grants Pass.

PAYS FINE'S FINE

Detroit Lakes, Minn. — (U.P.) — Harrison Brown and August Tommerdahl were brought into court Thursday on charges of fighting. When Brown said he couldn't pay the \$5 fine, Tommerdahl paid both fines so they would be able to celebrate New Year's Day properly.



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PLACING CROWN ON HEAD, Elmer M. Wilson, Tournament of Roses Association president, formally starts reign of Marilyn Smuin, 19, as 1955 queen at Pasadena's coronation pageant. Ladies in waiting, from left: Joanne Martin, Sheila Breault, Rosanne Boyd, Susan Quarless, Joan Gentry and Pat Scott. Crown contained 1,300 glittering jewels. (International Soundphoto)

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — The elevator girls at the Department of Agriculture did as well as



Harman Nichols

legged that tiptplers are like babies. They list toward the east, following the direction in which the Earth turns.

Winfree would have the good doctor know that drunks, particularly around his precincts in Washington, don't know which way they are turning—or the Earth either for that matter.

"All the local toppers know is that the Earth is turning awful fast," the police academy man said. "And that it's one heck of a job hanging in."

Sen. Karl R. Mundt, the Republican from South Dakota who was temporary chairman of the last Joe McCarthy hearings, started his Christmas card greetings off with "A point of order, please . . ." And then, of course added a Merry Christmas and "A point of privilege."

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SEEING THE SIGHTS
Allegan, Mich. — (U.P.) — Several wild turkeys imported from Pennsylvania turned out not to be so wild after all. Four of them found their way into the heart of Allegan from a nearby game refuge.

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Knowles Sentenced Five Years for Theft

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Harry C. Knowles, under life sentence in Oregon for second degree murder, will serve a five-year term for auto theft first.

Federal Judge Sherrill Halbert sentenced Knowles yesterday. Knowles will be turned over to Oregon authorities after he completes the five-year term.

Knowles admitted killing Albert Stuart of Wickenburg, Ariz. The admission came after he had been arrested on a stolen car charge.

He was sentenced to a life term in prison in Wasco county this week.

British House Turning Into Epsom Salts

London — (U.P.) — Sulphur fumes emanating from potteries across the Thames river slowly are turning Britain's House of Parliament into Epsom salts, Sir Frank Whittle said Thursday.

Sir Frank, pioneer jet engine designer whose hobby is geology, said the sulphur reacts on the dolomite stone of Parliament to form magnesium sulphate, better known as Epsom salts.

Oregon Wheat Loans Higher

Portland — (U.P.) — Loans under the government's price support program were eight per cent larger on Oregon's 1954 wheat crop than a year ago, while Washington crop loans were up 2½ per cent, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today.

Some 55 per cent of Oregon's 25,023,000 bushel crop is covered by loans, compared with 47 per cent of the 23,000,298 crop in 1953.

On December 15, the USDA's stabilization and conservation service said 13,609,009 bushels of Oregon wheat were under loan or covered by purchase agreements. Farmers had repaid loans on 21,661 bushels, leaving 13,677,605 bushels outstanding under the support program.

In Washington, 57 per cent of the 72,444,000 bushel 1954 wheat crop was under loan, compared with 54½ per cent of the 64,150,000 bushel crop a year ago.

Some 41,476,050 bushels on the 1954 Washington crop were outstanding under loan and purchase agreements on Dec. 15.

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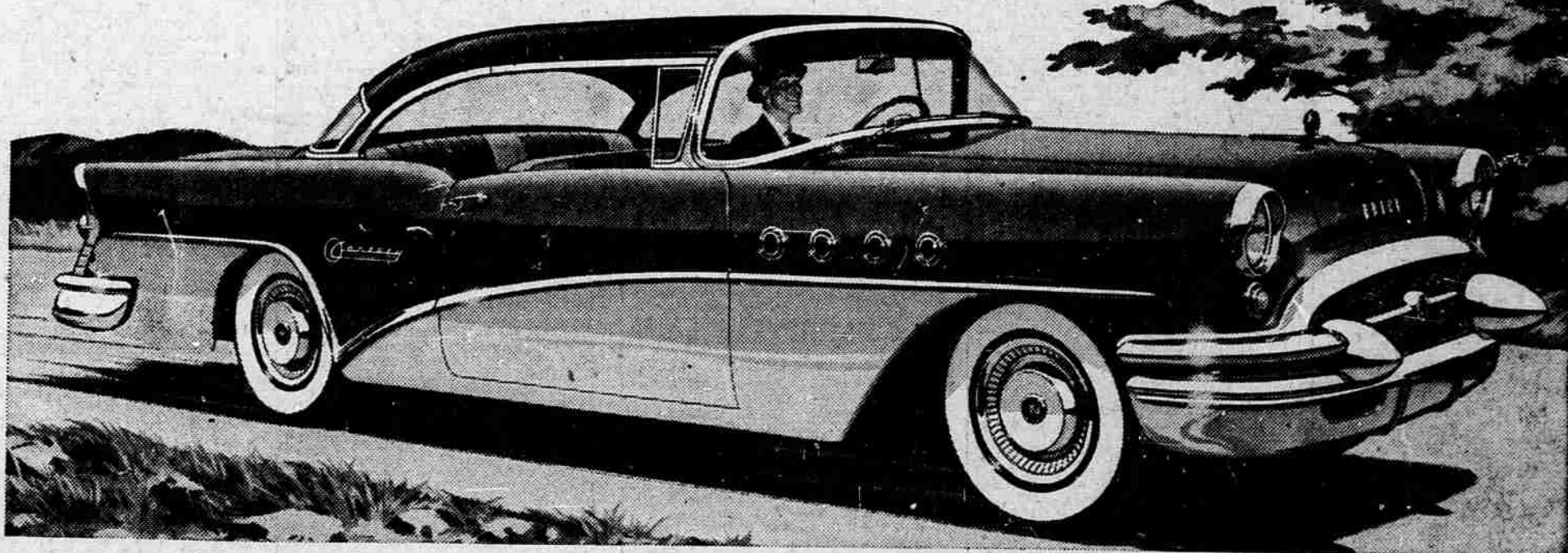
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