

Mail Tribune Staff of Ten Members Gets, Writes, Interprets Daily News

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of six articles describing how your daily newspaper is produced and delivered to your doorstep or mailbox.)

Gathering, writing, processing, photographing and interpreting the news are the functions of the news and editorial staff of the Mail Tribune.

Ten persons perform these tasks. The news-editorial function of the newspaper is under the overall supervision and direction of the editor and publisher, Robert W. Ruhl.

Ruhl has been editor of the Mail Tribune since 1919, after purchasing an interest in the firm in 1911. In addition to his editorial duties, as publisher he

is ultimately responsible for the operation of all departments of the paper.

One of the high points of his newspaper career was in 1933 and 1934, when his editorial campaign against a violent group of local politicians won the Pulitzer prize for the paper.

Managing Editor Eric Allen Jr. is in charge of the day-to-day operation of the news and editorial department. He writes some of the newspaper's editorials, and supervises the activities of the news-gathering operation. He has been with the newspaper 8 years, 7 1/2 of them as city editor.

He succeeded the late E. C. Ferguson as managing editor, a post Ferguson held from 1923 until his death last January.

Three Staff Divisions

Other members of the news staff fall into three divisions, responsible for general news, women's news, and sports.

Comprising the general news staff are Earl Adams, city editor, who is responsible for the collection, coordination and processing of local news; Harry Chipman, wire editor, who edits between 45,000 and 50,000 words of United Press teletype copy and feature material on an average day, and who supervises the make-up of the paper; Miss Rosie Boley, courthouse reporter, who also fills in as a photographer and relief city editor; Elliot Carlson, city hall reporter; Miss Peg Hutchinson, reporter, church page editor, and assistant to the women's editor; and the most

recent addition to the M-T news staff, Bob Vroman, reporter-photographer, who started his duties this morning.

Don Robinson, a 1955 graduate of Medford High school, spent the last two summers as a vacation relief reporter on the paper. He leaves next week to resume his studies at a sophomore at the University of Oregon school of journalism, to which he won a four-year scholarship.

Women's Section Receives Honors

Mrs. Bren (Olive) Starcher is women's editor. She assumed

that position in December, 1941, and is senior member of the news department in length of service. Under her direction, the women's section has grown to be acknowledged as one of the best of its size in the state.

In 1955, her Sunday women's section was rated best in the state and third in the nation in its classification by the National Federation of Press Women. Her weekly column, Potpourri, was judged second-best in the state. At the time of the contest, Mrs. Starcher was assisted by Mrs. Paul (Frances) Bulkin, who left the staff last June.

Another long-time staff member is Sports Editor Dick Jewett, who has been with the paper nearly 11 years, six of them as sports editor. He has covered four state basketball tournaments at Eugene and Salem, the state baseball championship playoffs last spring in Portland as well as three state golf tournaments in Medford.

The material produced or processed by the news department includes all world, national, state and local news, photographs, feature articles and columns, editorials, communications, reports from Mail Tribune community correspondents (of whom there are 15), church announcements and stories, Grange reports, and a variety of other material to inform and entertain the Mail Tribune's more than 16,000 subscribers and their families.

Jonas Reier Dies Of Heart Attack Sunday

St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, B.W.I.—(U.P.)—Jonas Reier, 54, retired New York manufacturer and financier, died here Sunday of a heart attack. Reier and his wife, the former Kitty Owen, a granddaughter of William Jennings Bryan, maintained a home here High Hope and a residence in New York.

Reier was widely known in this British island for his gifts to charitable organizations.

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State Constitution Allows School Close

Raleigh, N.C. — (U.P.) — The North Carolina constitution now allows communities to close schools and use the funds for private tuition as a last-ditch move to avoid racially mixed classrooms.

Voters overwhelmingly adopted a constitutional amendment in a special referendum Saturday providing for this so-called "safety valve" for a pupil-assignment law adopted last year.

The amendment legalized the closing of schools by local option when court-enforced integration threatens and using public funds to send pupils to pri-

FIRST IN 25 YEARS
Vienna—(U.P.)—An American orchestra will give the first concert in Czechoslovakia in 25 years when the Boston Symphony makes a one-day stop here on its way from Moscow to Vienna, the Prague newspaper "Vercerni Praha" said today.

vate, segregated schools. Unofficial returns from 1,786 of the state's 2,047 precincts showed a vote of 439,105 votes cast for the amendment to 96,986 against it.



CONFERENCE OF EDITORS—Examining an article for publication in the Mail Tribune are, left to right, Dick Jewett, sports editor, Eric Allen Jr., managing editor, and Earl Adams, city editor. Allen was city editor for 7 1/2 years before becoming managing editor last January.

NEWS DEPARTMENT—Gathering news, processing it and relaying it to the public are duties of these news staff members. Front to back are Harry Chipman, wire editor; Elliot Carlson, Miss Rosie Boley and Miss Peg Hutchinson, reporters; and Mrs. Bren (Olive) Starcher, women's news editor. Mrs. Starcher has been with the company 15 years and Chipman nearly 12 years.

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