

Ashland Rural Mail Carrier Being Paid for Work He's Not Doing

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Washington — A rural mail carrier for the post office department at Ashland, Ore., is being paid for work the law says he should be doing but postal officials won't let him do. This complaint was made to Rep. Charles O. Porter a few days ago by Floyd Flood, the carrier for Ashland route No. 1. Flood said instead of pocketing the paychecks, as he could do, he is turning them over to charity.

This is the latest episode in a curious case which goes back to last spring when Congressman Porter first heard that postal officials had shortened Flood's rural delivery route by turning a section of it over to a star route contractor. Looking into the matter as a member of the House Post Office committee, Porter concluded that the action was against the law.

Asked To Investigate

When Porter asked Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield to investigate, postal officials here admitted that the transfer of 3.65 miles on Highway 66 and Buckhorn Springs road from Flood's rural route service to a star route contractor was in violation of a 1918 act of Congress. The decision to make this transfer had been made by the Portland regional office, they explained, because they thought it could be done at less expense to the government and service would be two hours earlier in the day.

So the department ordered the restoration of rural delivery service by Flood. After that

Flood, in his letter to the congressman, tells what happened: "On Oct. 5th the Post Office Department restored the Buckhorn Springs area to the rural route for two days only. After that time the mail was given to the star route carrier and I was told to make the run but that I would not be allowed to carry that mail. This appears to be a deliberate and planned evasion of the order to restore service."

Flood observed that the Ashland Daily Tidings, which has backed the post office department in this little row, in an editorial column by the editor, had called the law which prevents the transfer "obscure." Flood said the "general opinion" of people in the area "is that any official who ignores a law, however 'obscure,' is not working for the best interests of the people and has the makings of a bureaucratic dictator."

Interviewed Patrons

Flood said he had interviewed patrons of the disputed route and they told him they preferred rural route delivery, even if it was little later in the day.

"For this I was censured by the postmaster who said I had no right or authority to discuss the matter with them," Flood wrote Porter.

As for the paychecks he is receiving for not carrying the mail, instead of just making a token run, I received \$11.69 each pay period for this which includes both pay and mileage allowances. The first check went to the United Fund. I intend the second for the American Cancer society and after

that to any other bona fide charities."

Porter's office is now taking up with postal officials the case of the mysterious paychecks for the missing mail.

APPLEGATE VALLEY Warehouse Being Erected

By MAUDE ZIEGLER
Applegate Valley — A warehouse for county road equipment is being constructed near the south approach to Cameron bridge, according to Wesley Hartman of Jacksonville, construction superintendent. The building will have a concrete floor and galvanized siding, Hartman said, and will house a grader and truck used in the area and a pickup belonging to Gail Buffington, district road superintendent. Concrete for the flooring has been poured and when it sets work will continue on the building, Hartman said.

The shed is built on a 4.3 acre tract purchased by the county from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farrand at a cost of \$500 last March.

Bears almost were to be had for the asking at the Glenn Saltmarsh ranch recently, where two were shot within a few days. The first one was noticed when a hound dog belonging to Canton Lee of Kim's restaurant, which Saltmarsh was keeping until his master could come for him, Saltmarsh, a veteran at killing bears, could see no sport in shooting his victim, and telephoned Bert Hukill, who hurriedly came to the scene to claim his first bear.

Next day a half devoured yearling calf was noticed in the Saltmarsh pasture and after a few nights of watching another bear was discovered at his feast. Hukill was lying in wait and shot his second bear. Folks around the neighborhood will have their boots storm-proofed with bear tallow this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis have returned to their home on the North Umpqua after spending a few days with friends here on their return from a trip to California. They were accompanied by Mrs. Helen Mosier of Los Angeles, who was returning from Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Davis formerly resided on lower Applegate, and among friends they visited there were Mr. and Mrs. James K. Hutchinson, Mr. and

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
Veterans Day will be observed at the VA Domiciliary with an appropriate ceremony in the theater, conducted by officials, service organization representa-

tives and the veterans themselves.

Mrs. Iris Pierce, of Central Point, will sing two numbers, "America the Beautiful" and "Roses of Picardy" with Mrs. Elizabeth Dressler, accompanying.

Manager E. K. Ricker will deliver the address and Assistant Manager Harold Jaffrey will introduce service organization representatives.

Chaplain Perry Johnson, replacing Chaplain Feller, who is away, and Chaplain Lawrence Eskay, will offer the invocation and benediction.

One minute of silence, the traditional mark of respect, will be observed and taps will be sounded by Ray Jones, trumpeter of the orchestra.

The Color Guard also will officiate at the beginning and the end of the observance.

Members of the Color Guard include H. H. Brecht, commander, Thomas L. Holleman, George Berge, Miller Anely and Nesario Ribera.

The orchestra members are Barton Stevens, Roland Head, Nedum Imbler, William Lowes, Ray Jones and William Olson.

The Veterans Day ceremony will start at 10:15 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11.

Post 6412, of the VFW, last week held an evening of entertainment reminiscent of former parties in the domiciliary headquarters.

Eve Prentice brought out a quartet of accordion girls and together they ran a repertoire of familiar songs at the meeting in the employees club building.

Little Sandra Charters sang and performed for the gathering. Mrs. Raymond Charters was master of ceremonies. The accordion ensemble consisted of Lois Young, Rae Buritt, Monte Noble, Sharon Roberts and Mrs. Prentice. Irving Gray sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Hans Sorenson, past commander of the post, was called upon to play his own style of accordion music as the refreshments were being served. Percy King, post member, also played.

Earlier in the evening, the 1958 officers were elected. They are Max L. Wolfe, commander; Henry L. Williams, senior vice commander; Irving Gray, junior vice commander; Eugene C. Barnett, chaplain, and Ingwald Hansen, trustee.

The Illinois Valley High school band and chorus came over from Cave Junction Wednesday evening for a concert in the domiciliary theater.

The event was sponsored by Post 4390 of the VFW. The group was under direction of J. Van Johnson, music instructor at the school. The band consisted of 40 pieces with 36 voices in the chorus.

Precautionary instructions regarding the handling of household chemicals that are poisonous when taken internally or applied externally through error, have been posted in the domiciliary sections by the medical department.

"Many products used in and around the home, although not labeled poison may be dangerous if taken internally."

"For example, some medications which are beneficial when used correctly, may endanger life if used improperly or in excessive amounts," the bulletin states.

Antidotes for acids are milk, water or milk of magnesia, while those to be used for alkalis are milk, water, fruit juice or vinegar. This dilutes the poison and causes a salt to form immediately.

Fresh air is recommended for inhaled poisons and a thorough drenching of skin for external contamination.

For chemical burns it is necessary to wash and cover the burn immediately with loosely applied cloth. Avoid ointments.

Rural reflections: Sputnik rolling around up above has become localized, domesticated, and used as a handy term for almost anything. There is the farmer naming his young colt "Sputnik," and it is the name for the new parakeet that flits around the room, as well as a physical ailment not yet diagnosed. There are some that believe that outer space has gone to the dogs.

A total of 1,108,983 persons bought licenses to fish in Wisconsin in 1956, including residents and non-residents.

Sunday, November 10, 1957

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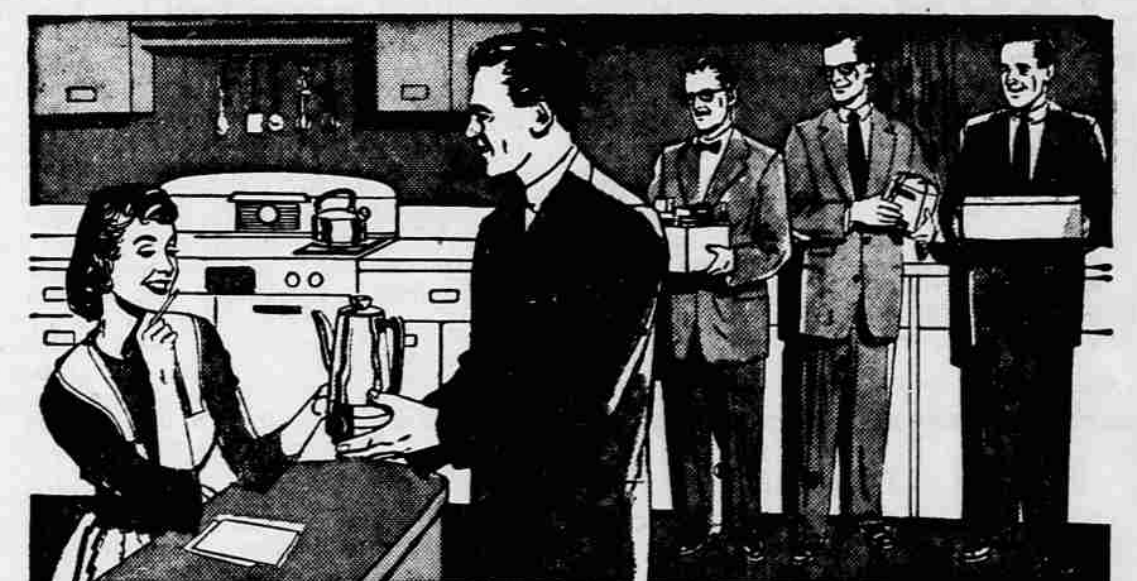
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