



LIFE OF A DUCK - Come hunting season, the city is the best place for ducks, if this mallard's life is any indication. Gina Spinardi, 8, of Merced, Calif., even shelters her duck from any rain that might fall as it happily floats in her back yard birdbath. She rescued the duck from a big black cat which was chasing it down a residential street. So far, the duck hasn't tried to run or fly away. No doubt it is waiting until Jan. 8, the day duck hunting season ends. (UPI Telephoto)

### Three Post Office Employees Honored On Retirement Here

Three Medford post office employees who are retiring were honored Monday evening at a dinner. More than 130 postal employees, retired employees and their wives attended the dinner.

Honored were Carriers Charles Pettegrew and Floyd K. Lawson, and William S. Rose, assistant superintendent of mails.

Three superior service awards were also presented employees of the Medford post office.

Lawson, who lives at 1418 Reddy ave., entered the service June 12, 1928, under Postmaster W. J. Warner. Lawson has been on a foot route since that time, serving most of Medford as a substitute, but for the past 30 years he has carried his present route.

He has a son, Floyd K. Lawson Jr., now working at the Medford post office.

**29 Years Service**  
Mr. and Mrs. Pettegrew live at 1488 Spring st. He has worked for the post office almost 29 years. He retired July 31 this year after an operation. During World War I, Pettegrew took a war service leave from the post office to operate a dairy farm, returning to the Medford post office in January, 1946. He carried the Medford business

section parcel post route for the past decade. Pettegrew was born at Eagle Point and has spent most of his life in this area.

Rose lives at 158 Janney lane, and he entered the postal service in Medford Jan. 1, 1931. He served in the United States army in World War I, being discharged in December, 1918. In November, 1937, he was promoted to foreman of mails, and in May, 1959, was promoted to assistant superintendent of mails. He has held that position since.

Mrs. Rose is also familiar with post office work, and is a substitute rural route carrier at the Medford post office.

All three were presented a cash gift from fellow employees. Carrier Jack Lynch also presented each with a "good luck token," a slided horseshoe bedecked with ribbon.

Three superior accomplishment awards were presented employees of the Medford post office during the program.

Clerks Boyd C. Kline and Claude B. Allen were presented with lapel pins indicating superior service over the years, and Carrier Virgil Swanson was presented with a lapel pin and a check for \$50 for his outstanding service as a carrier.

The awards were made from the regional office in Portland, signed by Samuel G. Swartz, regional director.

### Glass Tested As Tools for Doctors

Boston (Science Service) - Tiny bundles of glass or plastic fibers that will conduct light are being tested as new tools for doctors to use in medical examinations.

Drs. J. H. Hett and L. E. Curtiss of the American Cystoscope Makers Inc., Pelham, N. Y., reported to the American Optical society meeting here that flexible fibers have been used to carry images in a duodenoscope and a ureteroscope.

The duodenoscope is 34 inches long, with a diameter a little less than half an inch. The ureteroscope is 30 inches long, with a diameter of one-seventh of an inch.

A flexible bronchoscope and colonoscope using fibers are in design stages, they reported. Use of glass or plastic fiber "ropes" gives instruments for medical examination that eliminate "blind regions" caused by curves in body organs.

Fiber optics can also be used to transmit images in the invisible infrared, Drs. N. S. Kapany and D. A. Pontarelli of Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, reported to the meeting. Among the materials that have proved most suitable are arsenic trisulfide, silver chloride and crown glass.

### Fire Restrictions Lifted in Forest

Yreka - Camp fire restrictions in the Klamath National Forest were removed this week, according to Forest Supervisor C. A. Yates.

The restrictions were removed effective Nov. 14. The removal allows camp fires on national forest lands without permits and lifts all restrictions on smoking within the national forest.

Yates urged all people using the forest to practice normal care with fire, since prolonged drying periods may occur at any time. He also cautioned that California state law requires that burning permits be obtained before burning slash and other concentrations of debris on any brush, timber or grass covered lands until Dec. 1 each year.

Burning permits may be obtained from any U.S. forest service ranger station or from California division of forestry offices, Yreka, Ft. Jones or Madroel.

### HEARTBREAKERS

Seoul, Korea - (AP) - Sign seen on the front of a U.S. Army mail truck en route from Kimpo Airport to downtown Seoul: "Dear John Express."



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