

Word Received from Servicemen on Guam By Area Residents

A woman in Jacksonville and a man in Medford have received letters from their children about the typhoon on Guam.

Mrs. Donald Eagleton, box 521, Jacksonville, received a letter from her son who is in the armed services on Guam, and Jesse P. Elder, 3579 Table Rock rd., has heard from his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moreland, of Anderson Air Force base, Guam. Moreland is a staff sergeant in the Air Force.

Mrs. Moreland called it a "miracle" that more were not killed since so few buildings were left standing on the island after Karen blew through. The winds there were recorded between 200 and 225 miles per hour, she wrote.

She said the family was without electricity for several days and at the time of her letter water had not been available except by truck.

No Place to Go

She continued, "No destruction short of complete bombing could do this to a place. You cannot ever imagine. No one has anywhere to go so we all just stay put and help each other as we can."

"The big coral stones in our rock garden have made a real useable fireplace at the edge of our outside back patio. We are eating well. Last night the Air Police made us a gift of several boxes of C. rations. We are thankful for them although we have plenty so far."

"A hunk of our roof is gone over the kitchen stove which makes for a shower every time it rains. Gene nailed a piece of plywood over it a while ago, but it still comes in by the dishpanful."

"Little Myron (10-days-old) had his first bath in water heated on the fire."

In the letter to Mrs. Eagleton, her son explains that his base in another part of the island escaped much of the damage, with the exchange and the enlisted men's club destroyed. He said that he was inside a building at work during the typhoon.

He noted that the base was housing and feeding service personnel and civilians from other areas, with the "chow hall" feeding about as many civilians and dependents as we do military personnel."

Speaker's Subject Hit Close to Home

Niles, Ohio — When Mrs. Alvin Jones chose "What's in a Name" as the topic for her guest spot at a Book Review club meeting she discovered just how much she had in common with a host of people across the nation.

In listing the standings of the common surnames in the United States, she learned that Jones is numbered fifth in the nation and the name Anderson is rated eighth.

Mrs. Alvin Jones is the former Lillie Anderson of Niles. She concluded, "Just how 'common' can you get?"

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National Improvement Mail Service Program Reviewed at Conference

Budd W. Gail, superintendent of mails for the Medford post office recently returned from Seattle, Wash., where he attended a public relations conference for post office representatives from the 25 largest offices in the Seattle region.

The Seattle region includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Seminars and illustrated lectures were presented by television, radio, newspaper, university, Boeing company, telephone and post office public relations specialists.

The national improvement mail service program was introduced to reduce the late mail rush which was overloading postal employees and machines. It was explained at the conference.

Through the cooperation of business executives and government officials, national and local mail is beginning to flow into the nation's post offices on an around-the-clock basis, not chiefly in the late afternoon. Users of mail service are urged to drop mail at the post office during less busy times of the day.

Final program results have meant faster delivery of regular business mail, greater economy in postal operations due to more efficient use of manpower, equipment and space, and better working conditions for postal employees.



APPOINTED — Kenneth T. Mayer has been appointed regional representative for the combustion engineering division of Industrial Chemical company, Los Angeles. His district will be southern and central Oregon and northern California. Among the company's projects is Induco, the petroleum fuel stabilizer and conditioner which promotes clean burning of fuels. Mayer lives at 817 Broad st., Medford. He is a member of the Medford Chamber of Commerce having lived here for the past five months. The name of the local firm is KTM Service.

Civil Service Jobs Reported Available

Examinations are now open for civil service positions of therapist, press operator, and state veterans employment representative, according to the U. S. civil service commission, Washington, D.C.

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