

PO Employees Air Annual Headaches For Gift Mailers

"Christmas comes but once a year..." and thank heaven, say postal employees.

The holiday rush is just around the corner and men and women employed by Uncle Sam to weigh, insure, carry and deliver letters, packets, packages and bundles, are ready for the onslaught at the postoffice windows.

Pet Peeves

There are a few pet grievances which postal employees are nursing and which they hope, in a big way, to get over to Mr. and Mrs. Perry P. Public. Such as putting cakes in flimsy boxes, and wrapping with pretty, bespangled paper, and writing addresses on all four sides of the packages as if they didn't expect the clerk or deliveryman to get it the first time.

A dearth of foreign mailing doesn't mean the postal clerk is going to get away with an easy season, by any means. Little or no mail has been shipped to far away countries although there has been a little activity along the route to the Philippines and Hawaiian islands.

Case in Point

Now just pretend you're standing behind the counter and you've licked enough stamps to stretch clean across the Platte river. Up comes a breathless patron at one minute to 5 o'clock and announces that she has "just made it," when the parcel post window, in its long years of establishment, has never closed before 6 o'clock.

In her arm is a cake, probably going to a homesick boy in camp. The cake is in a thin box and the clerk, after many such experiences, says—"Lady, is this a cake?" To which the patron replies in the affirmative but immediately is on her mettle and announces in a firm voice that the cake will go through and she has mailed them that way for years. (Yes, mutters the clerk, "the cake will go through—like a pudding.")

Here's How

At this time of the year there should be a house-to-house canvass of all persons who anticipate mailing packages between now and Christmas week. Another person should follow on the heels of the canvasser and offer a course of instruction in package wrapping. A few simple rules, to be sure, but how the postoffice has worked to get them through a lot of heads. First of all, wrap your parcel in strong white or brown paper. You can use ornate Christmas wrappings underneath as well as stickers and seals, etc. Next comes the string. Use strong heavy cord if possible and wrap several times, tying in a strong, substantial knot. If you must use light string, place it around the package numerous times and then knot carefully where the threads cross.

Now for the address system. ADDRESS ON ONE SIDE OF THE PACKAGE only! The clerk must scratch off all other ad-

resses and you'll probably end up by sending a very messy package to Aunt Nettie back in Mishawaka.

If the postal clerk advises you that your package is not wrapped sufficiently, lady, don't argue. Postoffice employees, like Mamma, know best. According to a questionnaire filled out by the clerks, the customer does not exist who will respond to this warning without an argument that the package is wrapped sufficiently and they'd better get going across country with the parcel or else—

Lack of Faith

Very hard on self-respect of postal employees is the lack of faith the patrons have in them. The general public, advises the local window clerk, has far more faith in foreign mails than domestic. When asked to sign the customs card and to indicate just what disposition he wants made of the package if it is not delivered, the sender invariably gets a smug look in his eye, and remarks, "Oh, it'll get there all right, it always does." The same customer, nine out of 10 times, will insure to the gills anything that is to be sent through the mails for delivery within our own borders.

Another pet peeve of the postal clerk and one he now meets with seething patience, is the customer who asks as a special favor that his or her package, as the case may be, be delivered "right side up."

Foreign Mail

Postoffice customers are advised that letters and packets may now be sent to foreign countries by way of Lisbon, but from that point on Uncle Sam relinquishes all responsibility. Rules on this foreign mailing may be obtained from the postmaster.

In the past, heaviest foreign mail went to England, Ireland, Sweden and Italy. Little or no mail has gone to the two latter countries. There is a terrific mail exchange between Canada and the United States.

Just a few more reminders from the harrassed postoffice: Don't use oily, tinsel, or dark-colored paper; stamps or stickers will not adhere to oiled or tinsel paper; dark colored paper does not show the address clearly, don't attach address stickers with light seals on corners, use stickers with full glued surface and stick thoroughly or write address directly on wrapper. Full name as well as mailing address must be on your return, if not the clerk will hand it back to you. Do not use Christmas seals or tape on the flaps of wrappers. The clerk will either remove them or charge you letter rate. Insure the package!

And now, girls and boys, let's see what we can do for the postman and his holiday headache!

This is not the time to wait and see. It is time to think and act. —Nicholas Murray Butler, president, Columbia University.

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

As a sort of after thought the Boys' Alliance got the brilliant idea of getting some chickens for prizes at the carnival Friday night, December 5. They bought 17 of the fowl and with seven ducks also purchased and the 10-pound goose donated by Mrs. H. B. Largent the carnival could very easily be mistaken for a barnyard.



The Alliance would be more than happy to see everyone in Klamath Falls and surrounding area at the big gym December 5 at 8 o'clock.

A meeting of the student council was held Thursday and more changes in the constitution were discussed and read to the members. As soon as the entire proposed changes are in order and ready for voting, the student body will be informed at a special meeting. The home room representatives were asked to get any suggestions from members of the home room and present them at the next session.

Also a couple of motions were made and passed. One was submitted by Marcell Reynolds for the Honor society. Her bill will grant a half-day holiday to the top ranking home room in grades the second and third six weeks of school, and a half-day holiday for the home room that makes the most improvement.

The second was read by Gene Love and was about the Red Cross membership drive. His motion was passed, and stated that each member of the student body bring 5 cents if possible and when a dollar is raised the room will join the Red Cross and all money collected over the dollar will either go to the Hi-Y or the Red Cross children's fund. It has been left up to the home rooms.

The meeting that was scheduled for the Parents-Patrons club December 11 has been postponed until the second Wednesday in January.

The Krater came out Thursday with new type. It sort of smooths out the pages and gives a neater look.

The Krater this time was as usual up to par and possibly a little over.

A classified ad department was added this time and carried several ads. The Krater charges 5 cents for six words.

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pany has made and given to the Hi-Y several extra large wooden boxes for the food gathered in their drive.

The Krater wishes to make a correction of an error which appeared in the Carlisle Jewelry store ad which appeared in the last issue. The line should have read, "all fair trade items EXCLUDED."

Lakeview Youths Leave for Army

LAKEVIEW — Eight Lake county boys and two transfers left today on the stage for Klamath Falls where they will take the train north to Fort Lewis, Wash., to enter the army for training. Those who left were Cecil C. Collier, James Bert Gerking, John Ralph Hay, James Thomas McDonald Jr., Lytton Plato, Charles Edward Stone, Alton William Lemberger and Herman White, all of Lake county, and Donald Cress and Edward Crement Gunkel, transfers. This makes approximately two hundred young men, draftees, enlistments, and reserve officers who have gone to date from Lake county.

Rotary Entertains Honker Grid Team

LAKEVIEW — The Lakeview Rotary club entertained Coach "Dutch" Wingard and the Lakeview high school football squad at its weekly luncheon yesterday at the Lakeview hotel. Doug Fetsch, a member of the team and an honorary member of the club, was program chairman for the day. The boys told of the thrills and spills of the season just closed and those who are seniors told of their plans for the coming year.

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AAA ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12

Approximately 800 farmers, members of the Klamath County Agricultural Conservation association, participating in the 1941 AAA program, are eligible to vote next week at the annual AAA community elections, Fred Rueck, county chairman, announced Thursday.

Community committees and delegates to the county convention will be chosen at the community election meetings, all of which have been scheduled for December 12 at 8 p. m. at the following places:

Merrill—basement of community hall; Henley—Henley grange hall (near Mac's store); Bonanza—agricultural building, high school; Fort Klamath—Women's

Civic Improvement club building.

A general discussion of the 1942 AAA and Food for Defense programs will precede the balloting at these meetings. Every farmer will be given an opportunity to learn more about the programs now in operation in the county and to make suggestions or recommendations for improving the programs applicable for this county. These recommendations will be carried by the county committee to the state conference the following week.

Following the community elections, delegates to the county convention will meet to review the business of the association during the past program year, and to elect county committeemen for 1942.

"Triple A's role in the all-important food for defense program will place added responsibilities on all AAA committeemen during the coming year," Rueck said. "I believe that this is all the more reason why everyone who has a vote should attend the community meeting and help name the men who will handle this increased responsibility," the chairman added.

AMATEUR DEVELOPS STATIC ELIMINATOR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP)—An amateur radio operator who picked up messages from Amelia Earhart on her fateful around the world flight in 1937 has developed his receiver until he claims it is more effective in eliminating static than any now available.

The amateur, Karl E. Pierson, asserted shortly after Miss Earhart's ship was forced down that he had picked up signals from it and now declares he is positive of it.

Pierson said the army signal corps has made tests of the receiver at its Fort Monmouth lab-

oratories at Red Bank, N. J., and has ordered some of them.

Dr. Lee De Forest, sometimes called the father of radio, declared Pierson's receiver eliminates noises far more effectively than any he has seen.

"My only interest in his receiver is one that I have in my new development," said Dr. De Forest. "Pierson has accomplished what no other radio engineer has succeeded in doing.

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