

Five-County Postmasters Hold Chemult Conference

By HOPE N. BRADER
CHEMULT — Saturday evening, November 19, the first of the five-county postmaster meetings was held at a dinner in the Trailways Bus Company dining room at 7 p.m. Host postmaster, Farley Elliott, presided.

Many of the counties in Eastern Oregon have few post offices within their boundaries, and it has been thought that much more interest in department affairs could be gained by having a group large enough to warrant a speaker from one of the many offices now centralized in Portland. With this in mind, invitations were sent out to postmasters in Klamath, Deschutes, Lakes, Jefferson and Crook counties to invite their personnel to dinner on November 19 to discuss organization and future policy.

It was decided to include Malheur and Harney counties in this group and meet again in the spring for election of officers and another educational meeting.

Thirty-four headed the severe winter weather for the first turnout. These were greeted with good food and warm hospitality of the Bend postmaster, Farley Elliott. Elliott told of the early times in

postal history in the Bend office and of its origin in 1883 with a petition for a post office which was turned down but established in 1886 and the name shortened from "Farewell Bend" to "Bend."

In 1886 mail was received twice weekly via stage from Prineville. Later a post office was established three miles up the river and named "Deschutes" so the small city of Bend had two post offices which, after one election, nearly split families as one office was entirely Republican and the other used exclusively by Democrats.

In 1906 the Bend postmaster received 14 sacks of mail in one day and it took almost all day to sort the mail. One item of record says it snowed 4 1/2 inches on November 3, 1906. On January 4, 1928, the mail stage was late from Prineville, another item says. It might also be noted from the annals of the present that this same November 19th, 1955, the south-bound mail train from Portland was late at Chemult and so the mail stage from Chemult was late making connections into Bend. But the present mail stage brings more than 14 pouches and sacks daily and the clerks and the postmaster of Bend do not take all day about it.

In 1926 the Bend post office burned to the ground and was replaced by the present office. In 1946 Bend had one of the longest rural routes in the entire world, being 102 miles. Also just this last year an elderly patron gave up a box she had held for 44 years.

Last year there were over 273,000 pieces of first class mail handled and over 160,000 metered pieces and parcel post too numerous to mention.

Guests were welcomed by Evelyn P. Waldron, postmaster at Orelch and president of the Klamath County postmasters.

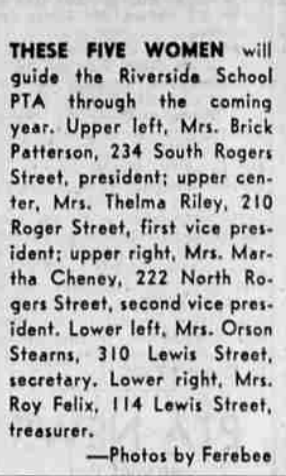
Guests were also greeted by Hope N. Brader, postmaster at Chemult and second vice president of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, Oregon Chapter 11. Mrs. Brader delivered remarks from Tom Palmer, state president, and Mary Horn, Jennings Lodge, that they could not meet with the group due to the severity of the storm. Mrs. Brader urged early cooperation in membership and that a membership drive would be started early in January instead of waiting to catch up with the stragglers later in the season.

Speaker of the evening, Don Acton, assistant manager of operation from the district manager's office of the Post Office Department, Portland, gave a very comprehensive and instructive talk on post office operations. He gave some impressive figures on just how big post office business is—double the business of General Motors and four times the business of The Bell Telephone Company.

The Post Office Department is really big business.

Acton explained the working of the reclassification of all postal employees and how they shall be paid in the future. He said he was well pleased with the way the employees in Region 15 are taking hold of the new methods and cooperating with the department in the new system worked out to speed up mail handling and record making in the accounting departments.

At the close of his talk, Acton held a question and answer forum and settled many questions that had been puzzling postmasters and employees.



THESE FIVE WOMEN will guide the Riverside School PTA through the coming year. Upper left, Mrs. Brick Patterson, 234 South Rogers Street, president; upper center, Mrs. Thelma Riley, 210 Roger Street, first vice president; upper right, Mrs. Martha Cheney, 222 North Rogers Street, second vice president. Lower left, Mrs. Orson Stearns, 310 Lewis Street, secretary. Lower right, Mrs. Roy Felix, 114 Lewis Street, treasurer.

—Photos by Ferebee

Jury To Hear Ann Woodward

MINEOLA, N.Y. — Mrs. Ann Woodward is expected to go before a special session of the Nassau County grand jury Friday to tell how she killed her millionaire sportsman husband with a shotgun blast.

Her lawyer, Murray Gurlein of New York City, says the 39-year-old widow will exercise her right to testify before the grand jury about the killing of her husband, William Woodward Jr.

The Duchess of Windsor may be a witness before the jury.

Mrs. Woodward has told authorities that she shot a date, the half-way of her home by a noise she thought was caused by a powder. Her 65-year-old husband, who was at the door of his bedroom across the hall, was hit in the head and died almost instantly.

To appear before the grand jury, Mrs. Woodward must waive immunity—meaning that anything she says could be used against her in any possible prosecution.

The state is not calling Mrs. Woodward as a witness, which would be an unusual procedure.

County authorities, who have questioned the widow in detail, have not challenged her story that the shooting was a tragic accident.

Dist. Atty. Frank Gulotta said yesterday he had not confirmed through Mrs. Woodward's lawyer that she will appear before the jury. "We certainly hope to have her among those present," Gulotta said. "But her appearance seems to be pretty much up to her attorney and her physician."

SACRED HEART NOTEBOOK

With Thanksgiving being this coming Thursday, student of SHA will enjoy a four day holiday beginning November 21.

The sixth annual parish bazaar was held this past Friday and Saturday night. The affair proved to be a big success and fun was had by all.

Thanksgiving baskets were arranged by different rooms and also by the Sodality.

Juniors are anxiously waiting for the arrival of the class rings which are to arrive this week.

With the Christmas season being so near students of SHA are practicing for the annual Christmas play.

Defense Department Orders Junketing Records Released

WASHINGTON (UP)— The Defense Department today ordered closely guarded record of congressional junketing unlocked in preparation for making them public for the first time.

The Pentagon, acting on the urging of a non-junketing member of Congress, said it would disclose how many congressmen used military transportation for overseas travel and how many took their wives, aides and "guests" along.

The decision became known at the same time the government-owned Panama Canal Co. clamped a lid of secrecy on how many congressmen are taking 15-day cruises to Panama at taxpayer expense aboard company liners.

W. M. Whitman, company secretary, told a reporter that it was a "long standing" policy of the company's board of directors to keep secret how many congressmen are taking the free cruises.

The Defense Department said "several thousand" flight manifests must be hauled out of storage in Kansas City, Mo., and examined along with records of "hundreds of changes" in congressional itineraries before full details of congressional junkets are made public. The department said it would take between six and eight weeks to compile the records.

Members of Congress, flocking

to all parts of the globe, probably racked up an all-time record for overseas junkets this year. About 400 members are believed to have made trips abroad, mostly at taxpayer expense. Many went to Russia.

The military services, which supply most of the transportation and some of the meals and lodging, never have disclosed how many congressmen were accommodated. And many members of Congress have been happy to let that information stay bottled up in the Pentagon.

But one non-junketing member, who cannot now be named, has been critical of his colleagues' globe-trotting and has asked the defense department point blank for the full story.

Col. Wade M. Fleischer, Defense Department liaison officer, replied that the information would be supplied.

"I wish to point out, however," Fleischer said, "that due to the numerous last minute changes which occur in the membership of congressional groups traveling abroad plus hundreds of changes in their itineraries while outside the United States, it has been determined that an examination of each flight manifest is the only manner in which this information can be assembled with a reasonable degree of accuracy."

Home Extension

CRESCENT
By Sunny Case

A social meeting for members of the Crescent Home Extension Unit was held November 17 at the home of Dorothy Hodges. Attendance was good in spite of inclement weather. Hostesses were Mrs. Hodges and Sunny Case.

Financial chairman, Dorothy Bowman reported that the rummage sale and bazaar held November 10-11-12 at the home of Zella Sheppard was a success. There will be another bazaar and cake bake sale sometime in December.

The next meeting will be on December 1, a work meeting with leaders Arlene Prater and Zella Sheppard in charge. Subject for study will be "Making Cakes Attractive."

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Eskelin has been a member of Fort Rock Grange for the past 20 years, with six of those years as master and six as secretary. He will be secretary again in 1956.

Mrs. Bonifay Yancey, Klamath County deputy, will be installing officer at West Side Grange next

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Now is the time to lay in a good supply along with plenty of heavy wrapping paper, corrugated cartons and strong cord for your Christmas gift pack, yes. Right now is not too early to start your gifts to the most distant points and try to have them all mailed by the first week in December.

The postmaster especially requests that you do not mail all of your Christmas cards at the last minute. Those for out-of-state addresses should go by December 10 and all others should be in the mail by at least a week before Christmas. Most important of all be sure that each Christmas card and parcel is clearly and accurately addressed.

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