

GRANGE NEWS

The Oregon State Grange master, Allen Wheeler, addressed the joint Lake and Klamath Pomona Grange picnic at Joe Potucek's on Aug. 4.

Other distinguished guests were Mrs. Wheeler and R. A. James, Jackson County; R. S. C. Roberts, state cere; Wilbur Cooper, Lake county cere; Deputy, Lake County deputy, and Donald Simms, Lake Pomona master.

Winning the prize for coming the greatest distance was Mrs. Florence Fields of San Bernar-

dino, Calif., who traveled approximately 700 miles. Also honored were Elmer Ahlstrom, 86, oldest man present and Helen Oldell, 83, oldest woman present. Jack Biem of Klamath Falls was named the best fiddler.

Following the potluck lunch, the program included swimming, softball, three-legged races, sack race, potato rolling contest and horseshoes.

Klamath Pomona won the attendance contest with 60 members present.

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Hope Services

Services for James Beattie Hope, 57, will be held from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23. Final rites and interment will be in the Bedford Cemetery.

Mr. Hope died Aug. 21. He was born in Evanston, Illinois, while his parents were in the United States on a business trip from Scotland. The family returned to the United States when he was 17. He spent his early years in the Eastern United States and during the time he lived in Chicago, he was a member of the famous Caledonian Bagpipe Band.

He moved to Montana after his marriage and in 1918, to California. He arrived in Klamath Falls in 1936. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include the widow, Bevie this city; two sons, John of Klamath Falls and Russell of Grass Valley, Calif.; two daughters, Vivian Holzner, Klamath Falls, and Virginia Noble of Fresno; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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Post Office Boasts Staff Of 1,500 Agents To Protect Against Fraud And Obscenity

By HARRY FERGUSON
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States mail service has achieved such a solid reputation for fast and safe delivery that millions of dollars worth of jewels move through its channels every month. Most jewel merchants prefer the U.S. mails to transport private goods and armored trucks, and in 1958 when the Hope Diamond was sent from New York to the Smithsonian Institution here it came by registered mail.

This high record of performance, of course, tempts thousands of peddlers of fraudulent schemes and merchants of pornography to use the mails. To fight them the Post Office Department deploys 1,500 postal inspectors around the nation. These men seldom perform deeds that create big headlines as, for instance, does the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Nor do they attempt to wrap themselves in a thick coat of secrecy as do the men of the Central Intelligence Agency.

But they are among the most effective of all federal investigators. The pay-off is not how many persons you arrest in a year, but how many convictions you obtain. The postal inspectors move quietly, gather their evidence care-

fully and win convictions in 99 per cent of the cases.

Public Proves Gullible
The American public is highly gullible when face to face with a get-rich-quick scheme. It is impossible to say how many swindlers obtain each year because many of the suckers are so ashamed that they never report their losses. But the Post Office Department can say with certainty that the figure is at least \$33 million annually because it has a record of those cases.

Year after year people fall for the same fraudulent tricks. Stephen Singer was convicted of mail fraud in Los Angeles early this year for telling people he would get their songs played on the radio. Postal inspectors say he took in \$200,000. Kenneth P. Chamberlain was convicted in Wilmington, Del., of defrauding 125 persons of about \$400,000. He sold counterfeit stock certificates or, in some cases, altered legitimate certificates and sold them. Hundreds of persons are convicted every year for swindling the public with promises of providing lucrative work that can be done in the home.

Heavy Traffic
There is a heavy traffic in pornography through the U.S. mails, but a good bit of it is on a small scale. Sometimes it involves only one or two persons who exchange obscene letters and photographs. Usually these cases are disposed of with a fine of \$500 or less and a period of probation. The punishment is heavier if it is developed in court that the accused person is a wholesale dealer in obscenity. Another quick way to get into trouble with the postal inspectors is to mail obscene material to persons at random. Charles J. Nalewak of Shamokin, Pa., got a prison term of from three to five years because he had been mailing obscene material to all young women whose names or photographs appeared in the newspaper.

Most of these cases are disposed of quietly, but occasionally the postal inspectors become involved in litigation that gets international attention. Sometimes it calls for a judicial opinion in answer to this age-old question: Is it art or is it obscenity?

One of the biggest such cases went to trial in Philadelphia in June before federal district Judge Ralph C. Boddy sitting under a jury. The defendant was Ralph Ginzburg, publisher of Eros Magazine, Documentary Books, Inc., and Liaison News Letter, Inc. In this case the Post Office Department was nudged into action by the public. It got more than 35,000 complaints from citizens who received through the mails advertising describing Eros Magazine as "a new quarterly devoted to love and sex." The advertising also offered a publication called "The Housewife's Handbook on Selective Promiscuity."

Acted Openly
Ginzburg had acted openly with no attempt to be secretive about his project. Advertisements for Eros and his other publications had appeared in magazines and had reached nationwide distribution. His case was that what he was distributing was not obscene. The court disagreed and on June 14 found Ginzburg guilty on all 23 counts of the indictment. He filed a motion for arrest of judgment and was released in \$10,000 bail pending a hearing next month. The Post Office Department

regards this as a notable victory because it is a sort of legal precedent on the distribution of magazines through the mail. It also encourages the public to take an active interest in the fight to keep obscene material out of the mails. Any time a federal department gets 35,000 letters it knows it has to act—and quickly.

One job the Post Office Department does not particularly relish is dealing with the 2.5 million pieces of propaganda mail that comes into the country each month from behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains. Since January it has been required by law to impound Communist propaganda.

Demo Picnic
The 15th annual family picnic of the Jackson County Democratic Central Committee will be held Sunday at the Touville State Park on the Rogue River from 10 a.m. to dusk.

All interested Klamath Falls residents are invited to attend. For tickets and further information call TU 2-1361.

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AT&T Retains Payment Rate

NEW YORK (UPI) — Hopes of more than 2,000,000 stockholders of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. that they might be in line for a higher dividend were dashed today when the world's biggest corporate entity announced no change in the payment rate.

The AT&T directors voted to continue paying the 90 cents a share which has been paid since July, 1961, when the dividend was raised from 82½ cents. The latest dividend is payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Aug. 30.

However, Wall Street foresaw the possibility of an increase in the dividend later this year if the giant utility's earnings rise to the estimated \$6 a share for all of this year compared with \$5.79 last year.

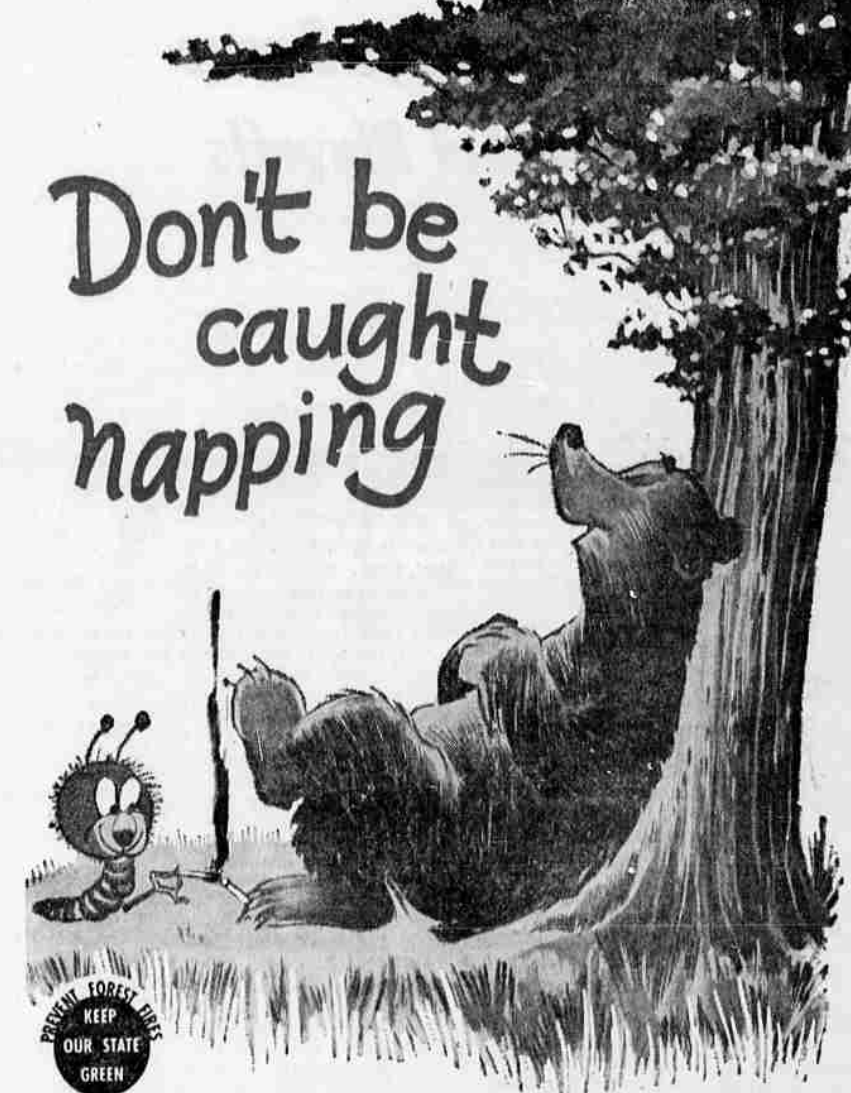
Phoenix Police Hold Suspects

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — Two suspects in a Portland, Ore. hold-up were arrested here Tuesday.

Detectives identified them as William Kilmon and Frank Harris, both believed to be of Phoenix. Police said they are charged with armed robbery of a Safeway store in Portland Aug. 11.

They were held on \$5,000 bond for Oregon authorities.

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