

TOWN TOPICS

A recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Curl was her brother, Sgt. Robert Froman, who was just recently discharged from the Marine corps. He left here Saturday to return to his home in Illinois.

BAZAAR and cooked food sale, February 13, Sundland Electric. Sponsored by Ruth Circle. 413

Among those who were here Saturday night so the men could attend the annual Homecoming dinner of the Masonic lodge were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mills of Cornelius and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwick.

George A. Remnant entered the Emanuel hospital Friday where he planned to stay for a week to receive a thorough medical check up.

The winners of last week's Strunman profit-sharing numbers were H. T. Chivers, Sam Potter and Fred May.

Mrs. Emil Messing is confined to her home because of a serious fall which took place Monday and resulted in injury to her back. No broken bones resulted.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas and daughter returned here last Friday after a trip of several weeks during which they flew to Detroit where they took delivery on a new automobile. From there they drove to Miami, Florida for the annual convention of the National Rural Electric Cooperative association.

VALENTINE dance Saturday, February 13. Bill Durbin's orchestra, 9:30. Hal Cook will be here March 13. 413c

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Hawken returned here last Wednesday from a trip to Miami, Florida where they attended the National REA convention.

Mrs. Wells Honored At Shower Monday

Mrs. Charles Poetter and Mrs. Gene Shipman sponsored a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Pete Wells at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Hudson Monday evening. Mrs. Wells received many lovely gifts. Refreshments of cake, jello and coffee were served to the following:
Mesdames Ed Burton, Dessy Laird, Homer Gwin, Lew Choate, Wayne Reynolds, Hank Hudson, the honor guest, Mrs. Wells, and Mrs. Poetter and Mrs. Shipman. Gifts were sent by Mrs. Jack Nance and Mrs. Ben Barker who could not attend.

Joy Theatre

THURS., FRI. JAN. 28-29

THE STEEL LADY
Red Cameron - Tab Hunter

SATURDAY JAN. 30

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Plus

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SUN., MON. Jan. 31—Feb. 1

BLOWING WILD
Gay Cooper - Barbara Stanwyck

TUES., WED. FEB. 2-3

OUTPOST IN MALAYA
John Payne - Preston Foster

Daughter Seen In Hospital Sat.

TREHARNE — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wienecke and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and Mary Lola visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Falconer and watched TV Thursday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kirkbride, J. R. and Rosalie motored to Portland Saturday where Rosalie had her glasses changed. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbride visited Jo Ann a half hour in the afternoon. She is coming along fine. The Kirkbrides visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirby and Debbie in N.W. Portland before returning home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox and Virginia and Stephen and Walter Kirkbride visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tisdale Friday evening and watched TV.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kirkbride, J. R., Stephen and Walter and Edgar Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tisdale Sunday evening.

Byron Kirkbride returned to work Monday evening following a week layoff from a back injury.

Edgar Jones visited Stephen and Walter Kirkbride Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Exie Weaver returned home Saturday from Miami, Oklahoma where she has been the past few weeks at the bedside of John Weaver who is very low with cancer. Word received by Monday mail was that he is no better or no worse.

Couple United at Simple Ceremony

Miss Ada Normand and Pfc. Kenneth Lindsley were united in marriage with a simple ceremony at Kelso, Washington January 19. The ceremony was read by Rev. C. H. Spragus.

They were accompanied to Kelso by Mrs. Rex Normand, Beryl Normand, Mrs. W. J. Lindsley and Mrs. Sam Smith.

Mrs. Normand will remain here and attend school. Pfc. Lindsley returned to Fort Lewis Sunday after spending a 30-day leave here.

Mrs. Dewey Hunt served a wedding supper Wednesday evening honoring the newlyweds. Besides the bride and groom, guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Normand and baby, Pat Normand and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lindsley.

Pinocle Club Meets At Davis Home for Play

After a delicious luncheon served by the hostess, Julia Davis, members of the Friendly Pinocle club enjoyed the remainder of the afternoon playing pinocle. Marie Sauer won high score and Margaret VanderZanden won low. Mrs. Freda Nelson was a guest. The next meeting will be at the VanderZanden home Friday, January 29.

Natal Hall Dance Scheduled for Club

Dancers who belong to the Do-Si-Do club and their friends and guests are scheduled to go to Natal Saturday night of this week, January 30, for another dance.

R.I.P.

by W.P.



Better Mail Service Now Provided Rural Areas, Deficit Being Reduced

(Note: The following report concerning the post office department, the largest peace-time agency of the government, has been released by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.) Rural America no longer is the "forgotten zone" of mail delivery according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Millions of citizens now are getting better mail service because of a new emphasis on rural free delivery, Mr. Summerfield said, pointing out that the post office department is modernizing service everywhere to deliver the mail faster and at less cost.

In a report on operation for the past year and plans for 1954, the postmaster general declared:

DIRECTIVE ISSUED

"Just a year ago, a new team of executives took over the management of the post office department's \$10,000,000,000 a year business with a directive from President Eisenhower to provide better mail service while reducing costs and the postal deficit.

"We are undertaking one of the largest reorganization projects ever made in the United States and the dangerous trends towards poor mail service, poor employee morale and ever-mounting deficits have been reversed.

"For example, the department closed about 600 out-moded fourth class post offices and substituted modern rural free delivery service.

"We intend to proceed with this policy of improving rural delivery. It is badly needed, not only by agricultural families who deserve better service but also in rapidly growing suburban communities around our cities. More and more people are moving into these areas and they must have modern, fast mail delivery six days a week."

BALANCE SOUGHT

One of the big tasks facing the new postal administration was cutting the deficit to help balance the national budget and put the post office department on a more nearly break-even basis, Mr. Summerfield pointed out.

"Already we have reduced the estimated postal deficit for the current fiscal year to about \$440,000,000. That represents a reduction of the deficit by about one million dollars every working day," he said. "But we still are running behind. In the eight years since World War II, the postal deficit totaled \$3,800,000,000. The interest alone on this huge debt costs the American taxpayers over \$100,000,000 a

year. "We believe that congress should recognize that economies already made and to be made by the new management of the post office department cannot by themselves bring the postal deficit into balance.

"We have asked the congress to raise the cost of out of town letters by one penny from three cents to four cents. That rate hasn't been raised in 21 years, but meanwhile the cost of operating the postal establishment has doubled in that time.

RATE RAISE ASKED

"We have asked the congress for a modest raise in second-class mail rates for newspapers, magazines and periodicals to bring in added revenues equal to less than nine per cent of the present loss on this class of mail.

"Second-class mail rates are lower today than they were in 1925; in fact our revenues at present rates are barely sufficient to cover our bills for transporting second-class mail, with nothing left over for the enormous expense in handling, distribution and delivery.

"We have also asked the congress for an increase in third-class mail—comprising advertising matter—circulars, and packages up to eight ounces. We lost 191 million dollars on this class of mail in 1952.

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"Our taxpayers should know the size and extent of our losses on both second and third-class mail.

"Since 1936 through the fiscal year 1952 the losses on second-class mail with magazines comprising 68 per cent of the total, were two billion one hundred and twenty seven million dollars.

FAIR COST SOUGHT

"In contrast we are told, published statements indicate this sum is over twice the realized losses of one billion forty-nine million dollars in the price support program given to the farmers of the country by the commodity credit corporation.

"We believe it unconscionable that this postal deficit should be passed on to succeeding generations to pay. Instead we believe the cost of operating the postal service should be distributed fairly among the actual users of the mails."

Postmaster General Summerfield pointed to these significant improvements in service this past year:

Later pick-ups from mail boxes in most cities now speed deliveries by a full day.

Air transportation is being used as an experiment in speeding first-class mail and is working out very well at no increased cost.

Merit is the primary criterion for promotion of postal employees to supervisory positions.

STANDARDS SAVE MONEY

Performance standards have

been introduced and a savings of \$10,000,000 a year already has been recorded in large post offices.

Longer hours of post office window service are in effect in 200 larger cities.

Regional offices are being established to decentralize management and provide closer supervision over operations.

Administration has been reorganized and simplified to eliminate duplicate functions and save money.

"Much progress has been made in this first year under the new management," Mr. Summerfield said. "Much more can and will be done in the days ahead to assure better mail service.

"Dramatic proof that our citizens are getting better mail service at lower cost is evidenced by the recent holiday mail season when the department handled more Christmas mail than ever before at lower operating costs. It did so efficiently and promptly so that the Christmas mail was delivered by Christmas day."

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