

Mail Volume, Receipts Show Steady Increase to All-Time Fiscal Record

Nyssa Post Office Follows National Trend With 23% 1959-60 Raise Over 1953 Receipts

A new all-time high in the nation's mail volume was reached during fiscal year 1960 ending June 30, which continued the steady upward trend of the past seven years at a rate which even exceeds the population growth, according to advance information from the annual report of the Post Office department which has been made available to Nyssa Postmaster Lloyd Lewis.

Although subject to last-minute revisions, the year's total has been estimated at 63.6 billion pieces of mail which includes about one billion pieces of parcel post. It was stated that this would mean an increase of nearly 25 percent over the corresponding figures for 1953 when the annual volume was 50.9 billion pieces.

During this same period, it was pointed out, revenue of the department also has shown an impressive gain with an increase from \$2,091,714,000 in fiscal year 1953 to \$3,276,800,000 for fiscal year 1960.

Nyssa Receipts Climb to \$43,617

The local postmaster reported that here in Nyssa receipts of the post office climbed from \$35,006.25 in 1953 to \$43,617.57 last year.

"There is not much we can do about how much mail we have to handle from day to day or how many people are making use of postal service," Postmaster Lewis stated, "but the whole department keeps busy in devising ways and means for doing the job not only more efficiently but more economically. As I recall it, that was the way President Eisenhower outlined the principal objectives of the department when Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield was being sworn in back in 1953, and that's the way we have been operating ever since.

"We can't deny that we still make mistakes and that the human element still plays a vitally important part in daily operations, but statistics in the department's annual report offer positive proof that we are making progress on a nation-wide basis. As an example, while the mail volume showed an increase of 16 billion pieces handled annually, employment increase during this same period amounted to only 11 percent.

City Delivery Expanded

"City delivery service has been started in 800 communities in addition to extension of literally hundreds of routes which were already in operation. This required the equivalent of 31,000 more letter carriers to serve approximately 9 million more American families and upwards of 700,000 more business concerns.

"There is perhaps no better way of demonstrating the department's ever-improving efficiency than by

showing just how steadily the annual volume handled per man-year of employment, excluding city carriers, has been increasing since 1953. In that year the total handled by one man was 132,000 pieces of mail. For 1960 the corresponding figure was 157,000," Lewis continued.

"It is of course, true that all additional service has made it necessary to take on many new employees and that our total increased from 506,520 in 1953 to 562,868 on June 30, 1960, but as pointed out in the original 1960 report figures, the workload increase during this same period was nearly 25 percent.

Unusual in Post Office History

"To my way of thinking that's the story in a nutshell and I seriously doubt if there has ever been a story just like it in the entire history of the Post Office department."

Included among items cited by Postmaster Lewis as recent accomplishments by the department were the following:

Established the first large-scale program of automatic mail handling by machinery on a nationwide basis.

Developed the "airlift" program which speeds up delivery of approximately one letter out of every 17 on a "space available" basis.

Continued with development of faster machines for letter sorting, parcel post sorting, and for mail culling, facing and cancelling.

Continued with plans for a new automatic postal substitution which will vend stamps, envelopes, post cards and writing paper, and which will have money changers for both coins and bills.

Pierce Heads Demo. Farm Organization

Robert Pierce, Ontario Heights farmer, has been named to chairman of "Farmers for Kennedy-Johnson" drive in Malheur county.

The movement is being organized nation-wide and has been completed in all Oregon farming counties, according to State Senator Loyd Key, farmer-processor of Milton-Freewater, who is director on the state level.

Senator Key said, "The enthusiastic support by farmers for this drive indicates they are going to vote for Kennedy. The 17 percent drop in farm incomes in the past year is an important impetus in banding farmers together to put their farm marketing problems behind leadership that has a positive program."

Pierce added, "County-wide committees will be set up immediately, composed of farmers who feel that they cannot farm on a substitute for price at the market place."

Camera Catches Crazy Daze



HERE IS that crazy mixed-up Ben Franklin gang, left to right: Alberta Strawn in the latest of old fashions; Chet Bowns, wearing ladies' tapered plaid capris and bandana; Millie Larsen, the speedin' hot rodder, who by the time this photo was taken had lost most of her speed.



JOANNE JEFFERIES POSES with her doll buggy passenger "Pepper," dressed in Sunday finery on Saturday, immediately following announcement that they were winners of second prize in the best costume division at the dog show. Also shown is Karen Cannon, dressed as Santa Claus and leading "Moose" who ended up as a reindeer for the parade and show. They were recipients of first place award in the best dressed class.



CHIEF REED RAY, center, is shown with two members of his tribe, Elton Hunsucker on his right and Paul Smurthwaite, dressed squaw fashion complete with beads and earrings. "How?" That's what we'd like to know! —Staff Photos.

Ladies Attend Mothers' Meet At Cairo School

By Mrs. Vern L. Smith

LINCOLN HEIGHTS — Mrs. Raymond Findley, Mrs. Harvey Reel, Mrs. Vernon Carlstrom, Mrs. Brock Robbins, Mrs. Bill Lewis and Mrs. Vern Smith were among those who attended a room mothers meeting at Cairo school last Wednesday. Mrs. Lewis is chairman of the group.

Debbie McGuiness celebrated her sixth birthday anniversary Thursday by treating her teacher, Mrs. Roney, and her schoolmates to candy bars.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Ray and daughters of Wilder, Idaho, were Sunday evening visitors at the home of Mrs. Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leavitt. Mrs. Ray is the former Doris Leavitt.

Penns Have New Son

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Penn of Portland are parents of a son, Timothy Larry, born Oct. 5. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Stohler of this community. Mrs. Stella Penn of Valley View is paternal grandmother.

Don Finkleson of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last week to visit at the home of his brother-in-law, Allen Anderson. He joined in a deer hunt while here.

Brenda McKinney of Nyssa spent the weekend at the Allen Anderson home.

Honored on Second Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Harris entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday for their son, Jeffery, who was two years old. Guests were his grandparents, Mrs. Annie Harris and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Solterbeck of Payette.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Good and daughters of Caldwell were Sunday dinner guests at the Louis Wiggins home. The Goodell family also called at the Clifford Harris and Mrs. Ethel Goodell homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmelzer are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schmelzer. Fred is assisting his father with the farm work.

Mrs. Bill Leavitt recently spent a few days at North Powder where she visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed Young. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Riggins at Baker.

Auxiliary Reports Tomato Donations, Tells Need of Apples

Members of Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary report this week that 72 gallons and 44 No. 303 cans of tomato juice have been processed by WSCS ladies of the Methodist church. Tomatoes were donated by Fagen Brothers greenhouse and Mrs. Emil Wohlke. The ladies processed them at Allen's canney near Ontario.

Women of St. Paul's Episcopal church have volunteered to take care of any apples which may be received. Auxiliary members state that the hospital is in need of apples and asks the Journal to announce that residents having any to donate to please contact Mrs. Jake Fischer at FR 2-3393.

Job's Daughters Install Council At Thursday Meet

International order of Job's Daughters, Bethel 33, held its regular meeting Thursday night with Honored Queen Mary Lou Lancaster presiding.

During the meeting, Mrs. L. A. Maulding, substituting for grand guardian, and Dr. Maulding installed the guardian council for the coming year as follows:

Betty House, guardian; Gerald Mackey, associate grand guardian; Louise Wernick, secretary; Bob Smith and Myrtle Alexander, music; Vera Olsen, sociability; Joy McPartland and Loretta Cundall, hospitality; Pauline Mackey, publicity; Clarence Wernick, Masonic relations; L. A. Maulding, Paul House and Joe Cundall, finance; Helen Gonyer, director of epic; Thelma White, paraphernalia; Marie Wilson, scrapbook; Beth Ellis, Betty Rinehart and Mildred Lancaster, philanthropic.

Mrs. L. A. Maulding, deputy grand guardian and grand guide; Dr. Maulding, past associate grand guardian of the state of Oregon; Jan Rinehart, grand senior princess; Louise Wernick, Betty House and Helen Maulding, past guardians; Paul House, Clarence Wernick and L. A. Maulding, past associate guardians, were introduced.

Other guests included members of Ontario Bethel 25, and were Honored Queen Vicki Coffey, who is a grand representative of Virginia; Betty Hall, guardian; two council members and nine girls from the Bethel.

The Ontario Bethel requested and received the traveling gavel which was won by Bethel 33 at grand session in July. To request the gavel, a Bethel must have three girls and two adults present at a visitation of a Bethel which holds the gavel.

Betty House was presented a guardian's pin and Gerald Mackey was given an associate guardian's pin by Junior Past Guardian Vera Olsen. Mary Kay Olsen presented Mrs. Olsen with a past guardian pin.

A dinner was planned in honor of Mrs. Maulding and will be held Oct. 15. Hunters' breakfasts will be served Saturday and Sunday mornings, Oct. 22 and 23. A candy sale was to be conducted down town Saturday afternoon with proceeds going to leukemia research, asthma foundation in Arizona and European orphans.

A style revue was given by girls modeling their fall school clothes, narrated by Mary Lou Lancaster and music by Pamela Alexander. The meeting was concluded with presentation of a bouquet of red roses to Mrs. Maulding. Refreshments of cake, coffee and punch were served.

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4-H Junior Leaders Install New Officers

Officers of Malheur county 4-H Junior Leaders were installed Oct. 10 at Sally Griffin's home at Willowcreek.

Installed were Miss Griffin, president; Billie Fifer, vice president; and Judi Hunt, treasurer. Frances Cleaver of Nyssa is secretary and Joe McKenna of Ontario, recreation chairman. MinNette Woodard of Ontario installed officers.

Members also discussed revisions of the junior leader project. Miss Janet Lohrenz, county extension agent, told members that the junior leader project was for 4-H members in high school who wanted to assist with leadership of a club.

The junior leader organization is for those older 4-H members to meet for fun, fellowship and further practice and instruction in leadership.

Stunz Is Coordinator Of Bumper Strip Day

Emil A. Stunz of Nyssa was named last week Malheur county coordinator for "Democratic Bumper Strip Day." Saturday, Oct. 15, has been set aside as the official day, according to a bulletin received from Robert W. Straub, Democratic state chairman.

The county coordinator will be responsible for organizing crews to work supermarkets and other public places in all sections of the county, Straub said. Hours of the drive are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Coming Events . . .

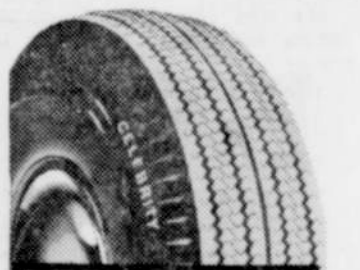
- Today, 1:30 p.m.—Home extension unit meeting at Methodist social hall.
- Tonight, 8 p.m.—PTA general meeting at high school cafeteria.
- Oct. 14, 8 p.m.—Amity club meeting at Mark Mconcur home.
- Oct. 15, 8:30 p.m.—Oregon Trail card party at grange hall.
- Oct. 15 — St. Paul's Episcopal church progressive card party.
- Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m.—Parent group sessions at W. A. Barton home.
- Oct. 20 — Knife and Fork club meeting at East Side cafe.
- Nov. 3 — Annual dinner at St. Bridget's Catholic church.
- Nov. 5-6—Annual rock show at community hall.

Nyssa Births . . .

- Oct. 9—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Short of Ironside, a boy.
- Oct. 12—To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marlow of Ontario, a boy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Towne and family of Eagle visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Towne.

GUERNSEY MAKES RECORD
A registered Guernsey cow, Sugar City Norman's Skylark, owned by Ray Cothorn and Sons, Buhl, Idaho, has completed an official HIR production record, according to American Guernsey Cattle club.

This cow was sold to the Cothorns a year ago by H. E. Hight of Nyssa. The record was for 11,597 pounds of milk and 535 pounds of butterfat, 2x, in 365 days. "Skylark" is a senior two-year-old.

Mrs. Bill Schoen entered Malheur Memorial hospital Thursday evening and underwent surgery Friday evening.



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