

Veteran of Two World Wars, Postman Stoy Still With U.S.

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The mail must go through and maintaining the tradition for 38 years has been Harold T. Stoy of Pocatello.

He served through the ranks, has been a "postmaster" in his own right as Army postal officer at three sites, including Yokohama, Japan.

Beginning service here in 1925, he was a carrier 16 years, served four years in the Marine Corps, seven years in the Army, 17 years with the National Guard. Now he is closing out a colorful career as a clerk in Pocatello post office with three years to serve before reaching retirement age.

Stoy, a retired Army captain, has visited many places around the world, has seen a lot of action.

He served in the Marine Corps 1917-21, trained at Paris Island and Indian Head, Md., and headed for France in the summer of 1918. He was assigned to the Sixth Marines, in time for the major drives of the war, St. Mihiel and the Argonne, and was at Meuse when the Armistice was signed.

He marched into Germany Dec. 1, 1918, and memorable was the New Year's Day party Jan. 1, 1919, its big feed and, for many the never-empty wine glasses. Stoy was stationed near Coblenz on the Rhine until July, 1919, returned to Pocatello and then was given opportunity to close out the hitch.

Real Eye-filler

Assigned to the USS New Mexico, he vividly remembers the rendezvous of 102 ships of the Pacific and Atlantic fleets west of Panama. Marines of the New Mexico's 1,600 men were assigned to three-inch anti-aircraft guns, long obsolete.

The ships took part in maneuvers while steaming south at the time of the Tacna-Arica dispute. Later the Marines paraded at Santiago, Chile.

Returning, the Pacific fleet tied up opposite LaPaz, and the men had a fishing party. Other relaxation included two weeks at Honolulu, a goat hunt on Catalina Island, then Puget Sound for ship repairs. Stoy was discharged July 8, 1921.

Returning to Pocatello, he enrolled at Idaho Technical Institute, taking a business course for two terms. His first job, little related to his schooling, was as a roddman with a crew running lines for the Fort Hall canal.

Catching on at the post office Jan. 22, 1925, Stoy carried mail until March 31, 1941, when enlisting in the Army. He was captain in the 183rd Field Artillery, and in December the entire outfit moved through Pocatello "to beat the Japanese to Seattle."

After serving as post officer at Fort Warren, Stoy moved to Camp Hale at Pando, Colo., then was postal officer at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and shipped out to the Seventh Base post office at Yokohama. Discharged at Camp Stoneman, Calif., in 1948 he returned home.

Instead of picking up the old mailbag he moved into the post office as a clerk and has remained there since.

He has given little thought to retirement but if and when he does it will be to see more of the West.

An Idahoan Since 1903

His first look at the mountain country came in 1903 when his father, an Episcopal minister and later archdeacon in the church, moved his family to Hailey.

Then a bustling mining town, Hailey was one of the fast-growing communities with the earliest telephones, a then-modern power plant, and the last of the major freighting outfits in Idaho.

Shortly after his arrival, the Rev. Stoy was called on by a delegation that offered him a considerable collection, and suggested that Hailey had no need of a minister. The Rev. Stoy accepted the collection, told the delegation, said to represent much of the night life of the community, "You didn't hire me, you can't fire me." He used the money to remodel the church building.

Those were days of big impressions for young Stoy who remembers seeing the last team of oxen pulling a huge boiler up Warm Creek to a mine location in the Big Smokey country. The boiler is still there.

Huge high-wheel freight wagons moved out of Hailey to Sawtooth City, Vienna and other camps now ghost towns, and over Trail Creek to Challis, Bayhorse, Clayton, and the long pull over the hills, Bonanza and Custer, then thriving mining towns, produced millions in metals and hosted thousands of miners and others.

Quite a sight for Harold was the first rotary snowplow that reached Hailey, the whirling blades throwing snow almost "into the next county."

Harold made a trip to the Smokeys once after promising to harness all the horses, feed them, gather camp wood, corral and harness the horses next day. It was a lot of work, but for a young boy, a thrill not forgotten. A tram carried ore in buckets to Hailey from the Independence



HAROLD T. STOY
Works in the Best Postal Traditions

mine, and the Minnie Moore mine, active again, was a point of great interest in 1905.

Family Enjoyed Fishing

Harold's father took the family fishing along Wood River in a borrowed sheepwagon and exciting was the visit by a mountain lion that came out of the brush, walked through the edge of the camp and away. Harold pointed out that the family had no gun with which to shoot the lion to which his father responded that he "didn't see why we would have to shoot it anyway."

Miners' contests in which men competed in single jack and double jack drilling was a part of Miners' day celebrations at Hailey.

At age 10, Harold came to Pocatello, entered the combined grade and high school on North Arthur. Among students he recalls were Helen Hayes, Irene Franklin, Arthur Petersen and Whit O'Malley. Abe Lillibridge, who proved to be a long-time friend, was a grade ahead.

Harold finished the last two years of high school at the Academy of Idaho which then had a mixed curriculum.

He went out for track, at Idaho Tech, running the low hurdles, once placed second in a mile run but tired to looking at competitors' backs.

Football success was no better. Harold says, "I got all mashed up, didn't have the speed or weight and usually was on the bottom of the pile." Harvey Holmes was coach.

Among local events were the visit of Pres. Howard Taft; the high school fire in 1914; collecting dimes for the Ezra Meeker Oregon Trail marker moved in recent years from Pocatello High School to the courthouse, and the citizen mob that moved on the city reservoir and threatened a lynching.

Hole-in-the-rocks on Trail Creek was a favorite place for youngsters and one time a troop of Boy Scouts from the YMCA made an overnight trip there. Among the scouts were Fred Quinn, Harold Rayle, James and Robert Kidd.

High waters are not new to Pocatello. Harold said that about 1911 the Portneuf River was running high, wide and handsome and the dam had to be pulled at the Wyeth Street power plant. Schools were dismissed for the day when the power went out.

Another point of interest was the rock outcropping near the Kraft plant where boys could trace the writings of an Indian race earlier than the Shoshone-Bannock tribe and it is said that today no one can read the writings. Arrowheads and spearheads were found in the area before it was fenced and young explorers barred.

Married Minister's Daughter

Harold T. Stoy was born Jan. 24, 1897, at Camden, N.J., a son of the Rev. Howard and Susan D. Stoy. He attended schools at Hailey and Pocatello, and Idaho State University when it was the Academy of Idaho, 1914-16, and Idaho Technical Institute, 1921-23.

His father, as archdeacon for the Episcopal Church, covered a territory from the Wyoming border to Twin Falls, Mackay, Salmon and Challis, giving of the many services of the church. The family resided at the archdeaconry, 755 North Arthur, now occupied by the Rev. James Trotter.

A member of Masonic lodges, Harold Stoy was initiated by Portneuf Lodge 18 in September, 1919. He is a member of York Rite lodges, was illustrious master of Bannock Council 2 Royal and Select Masters in 1961.

He married Edith Chandler April 27, 1925, at Pocatello, She

is a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. H. L. Chandler, her father being rector of Trinity-Episcopal Church from 1921 to 1925.

The Stoy's have a son, Charles Howard, San Diego, Calif., a former Marine Corps captain, helicopter and DC3 pilot with a degree in astronautical engineering and employed by General Dynamics Corp; a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Rosemary) Frantz Jr., Lockport, Ill., and seven grandchildren.

Stoy has two brothers, Maxwell, Madison, Wis., and Howard, Blackfoot; two sisters, Rebecca and Miriam, Blinghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. Stoy has two brothers, John, a former Pocatello Tribune writer and 25-year veteran of the Associated Press who resigned recently to become publicity director of Laurel Race Track at Baltimore, Md., and is now in Europe to arrange for entries in the international races Nov. 11 at Laurel; Alfred, a retired electrician and radar operator residing at Kelso, Wash., and a sister, Mrs. John Wells, Mill Valley, Calif.

The Stoy's reside at 641 Wayne where four lots grow a lot of grass and flowers to keep the Stoy's busy.

Small Business Of Year Will Stay Anonymous

DETROIT (AP) — A mailed press release from the Small Business Administration's Detroit regional office Thursday quoted Robert F. Phillips, regional director, as announcing selection of the "Michigan small business of the year" in connection with "Small Business Week."

The second paragraph said: "The business selected is in an Upper Peninsula town of 2,600 where 25 townspeople help the firm process building studs from hemlock and balsam logs."

The handout did not name the company nor the town. A reporter, suspecting a goof, telephoned.

"We're not allowed to tell you the name of the company or town," said Bob Layman, chief of the investment division. "That's policy given us by Washington. Sorry, I can't help you."

Mother Goose Under Attack

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)—A 1917 edition of the Mother Goose rhymes in the children's section of the New London Public Library will be withdrawn because it has objectionable references to Negroes.

Any similar copies of children's books also will be withdrawn, said Olive Prentis, acting librarian, when informed the New London chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is seeking the removal of the books.

She said no complaint has been made to her and that she and her staff were unaware of the rhymes.

"Now that I know, I will do something about it," she said. The copy in question has two rhymes which contain the word "Nigger."

The rhymes are "Eeny, Meeny, Miny, Mo" and "Ten Little Niggers." The latter rhyme is a version of one better known as "Ten Little Indians."

The NAACP terms them "insulting, degrading, offensive and just plain passe, and not in keeping with the times."

It was reported a 10-year-old Negro girl took the book out on loan and came across the rhymes. She showed them to her mother who relayed them to chapter president, Linwood W. Bland Jr.

ISU Summer 200 Courses

Nearly 200 courses in different areas of study offered during Idaho State University's 1964 Summer session. The summer school June 8 with registration 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the gymnasium and through final exam July 30 and 31.

The majority of the offerings will be reg graduate and graduate in the College of Letters, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Pharmacy and College of Medical Arts.

In addition, there number of special in workshops. These National Defense Education Guidance and Counseling, National Science Institute in Physics, an institute courses in mathematics workshops in education, aerospace English, curriculum for home economics processing.

This year the university offering for the first time advanced credit program for students still in school. Fifteen academic high schools to be seniors next which will include university courses and a seminar for students which will receive credit.

A varied extracurricular program has been planned for summer students. Summer Lecture speakers ranging from dancer to an Irish waltz; movies; dance, and a barbecue.

In addition, the recreational facilities the swimming pool, Union games area, for use of the students.

Classes will begin June 15 is the registering for the adding new courses or Education Test is scheduled for Graduate Record for July 1 and 2. Free candidates will written examination oral examinations 13 and 24.

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