

Public Protected From Mail Fraud By Wary Post Office Inspectors

By FRANK L. WELLS AP Newsfeatures Writer

WASHINGTON—"This outfit's a phony," said the money order clerk in a small eastern postoffice. The ex-WAC, trying to send \$25 to a "school" which promised a sure-fire job when she had finished its course, took back her money.

Now a money order clerk is not usually supposed to butt into this business, but the one who did happened to be a close friend of the girl's family, and he had just heard from a visiting U. S. postal inspector that this particular racket was about to be busted under federal mail-fraud laws.

Roscoe E. Mague, general superintendent of the Post Office Inspection Service, tells the story to illustrate what he considers one of the most vicious "gyps" practiced against ex-service men and women.

He hastens to add there are plenty of reliable, honest and au-

thentic correspondence schools extending themselves to aid veterans. He's after the frauds patterned after the old "diploma mills." They promise to find a veteran a high-pay job at the end of a course calculated to take just about all his separation and mustering-out pay, and then tell him he flunked the examinations.

Large-Scale Fakery
Full figures are not available, but in just 89 of the 3,455 mail-fraud cases handled last year more than \$31,800,000 was filched from the public in all types of rip practices.

Mague says there has been a gradual—but so far not alarming—increase in mail-track and mail-train holdups, another responsibility of his service. A registered mail sack is snatched here and there.

The incidents are growing in number, Mague says, as unemployment grows and prices rise. He has alerted the inspectors against

Rod and Gun

By TOM WALKER

The License Is The Thing—A receipt for money spent for a license is not a license, warns C. D. Kirkpatrick, chief of law enforcement of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the possession of just this receipt makes both the hunter holding it and the license agent liable for prosecution. The license is the thing, he points out, regarding sportsmen that hunting without a license topped the list of convictions for violations of the game laws for the previous month.

Watch That Pocketbook . . . especially if it contains your hunting license, warns a Randolph county resident who recently wrote the division office requesting a duplicate of his state hunting license. You never can tell when a cow might select it for a choice morsel. This man lamented, "A cow ate my pocketbook and got my hunting license."

The chief clerk of the division received requests for a duplicate of a license coupled with many different reasons, but to date, this is the first request for a duplicate that was provoked by a cow.

DUCK AND GEESE . . . The waterfowl shooting season which opens in North Carolina on Saturday (Nov. 23) is the most drastically restricted season in history. And reports from Tar Heel waterfowl

repetition of the bold forays which followed World War I, such as General Chapman's stupor for an mail truck for a million dollars in New York.

Mague says post office burglaries are starting up again but that so far most of them are by small fry hoodlums . . . nothing like in the early '20s, when burglars got the biggest haul in all postal history, \$250,000 in stamps from the Pawtucket, R. I. post office. They were captured and sentenced to 10 years in jail.

Check Thefts
"Sniping" of government checks from mailboxes is giving postal inspectors their biggest headache. Thefts have risen from 969 in 1944 and 1,546 in 1945 to what looks like something near 2,000 in 1946.

At first it was carried on principally by blacksheep boys and girls who seemed satisfied with just enough to finance a night in a jive dive. Now, Meague says, there is evidence that older and wiser heads are directing organized deceptions.

Germans Get Jobs Of Teaching G.I.'s

FRANKFURT, AM MAIN—Because of the high rate of illiteracy in the American Army of Occupation, a number of foreign teachers have had to be hired in Berlin. Egbert Hunter, advisor to the military government's information and education branch, disclosed today at a conference here with officers of the branch.

Since only one American officer is available for the Berlin educational program, Hunter said, seventeen German teachers have been hired to give illiterate G.I.'s a basic education.

It was also disclosed that 83 per cent of the Occupation Army members are twenty-five or younger and 55 per cent are under twenty.

Eleven per cent have had only seven years of primary schooling, while 78 per cent have had some high-school education. Five per cent have had some degree of college education and 6 per cent gave no answer about their educational background.

areas that duck and geese have not been arriving on schedule—nor in their usual numbers—bear out fears of a short crop expressed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service before and at the time of its August announcement of 1946-47 regulations on migratory birds.

This year's regulations contain three changes: a cut of nearly 50 per cent in the season and reductions in the bag limits for duck and in shooting hours. These changes were necessary, the Fish and Wildlife Service said in its announcement, because of a decrease in duck and geese and an anticipated increase in shooting pressure.

It appears that both forecasts of the Service are right: the hunters certainly will be there, and from the looks of things now, the birds won't be big numbers, that is.

The 1946-47 season will be 45 days through Jan. 6, as against last year's 89; the daily bag limit for duck will be seven, as against last year's 14; and the daily shooting period will be from a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour before sunset, instead of until sunset.

The bag limit for geese will be two a day, and the possession limit will be two. Brant which are taken are to be counted with geese in these limits. The possession limit for duck will be two days' bag—14—and one woodcock may be included in the daily limit. The regulations provide an open season in this State for one other species—coot—in the Nov. 23-Jan. 6 period. The daily bag and possession limits for coot will be 25.

Playing cards made of plastics date back to the early 1900's.

Training Children in Safety

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

THE most common traffic danger to the young child is his running into the street at play—chasing a ball, dashing into the street to escape a pursuing child, coasting on a tricycle and the like from the drive into the street, or playing in the street (not roped off) as if it were a regular playground. Yet, until the youngster enters school, he rarely or never should have occasion to cross or enter the street unsupervised.

Training in street safety can best be effected as soon as the child begins to toddle. No matter what his playmates do, he should know from experience that every time he steps into the street, alone, he will receive instant physical pain. This means that his parents, or a substitute, must be on hand constantly until this learning is made effective—which should require no more than a week. My bulletin, "How to Teach Tot Meaning of NO," explains how it may be done. The booklet may be had in a stamped envelope.

A Useful Habit
Once the tot has really learned the meaning of "No," he will honor the command that he shall not coast into the street. Best of all, he will learn always to come to a dead stop as he arrives at the curb. This habit, well established at two or three, should still prove useful to him at sixteen or sixty.

Several years ago, it was agreed at a convention of the National Safety Council that the one single most important safety habit at any age is to stop always at the curb. Obviously the child or adult who has acquired this habit has a far better chance to live till he does of a natural death than if he has not acquired the habit.

Another useful rule to learn early is to get out of a car on the side next to the curb, to make a beeline for the curb, and to wait till the car you have left has moved on. This rule needs to be observed always, whether another car is coming or not.

Some tots are run down by their own parents on the home driveway to the garage. Make it a rule before starting the car on the drive to know first where the youngster is.

May Be Injured
Many parents will leave their keys in the car at home, even leave the engine running. At a very early age the child can set the car going. A good rule, of course, is never to allow your child to be in the car when older persons are not there.

To hospitals are brought many young children, injured—some fatally—after falling from a moving car because the youngster tampered with the door opener. Manifestly, the rear seat of a two-door car is safer than that of a four-door car. The surest safety measure is to train the child early never to touch the handles of the car door, using punishment, if necessary, to effect this teaching.

Many accidents occur because the mother or father, while driving, is distracted by the quarreling of two youngsters in a car. Having one child sit in the front seat and the other in the rear may help, though they may still fight. Wise is the parent who settles such chronic quarrels decisively by pulling out to the side and padding both the youngsters soundly with his belt. Wouldn't that be more humane than having the whole family killed or badly injured?

Plane Drops Dry Ice And Starts Snowfall

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Scientists, after producing a man-made snowstorm over a Massachusetts mountain, said recently that the experiment proved that an artificial snow-storm blanketing a large area could be created from a plane flying in an overcast sky.

Dr. Irving Langmuir, associate director of the General Electric Laboratory, said the first artificial outdoor snowfall was produced by sprinkling pellets of dry ice from

an airplane into a three-mile-long cloud.

He said the experiment indicated that the method could be used effectively to produce several inches of snow at mountain winter-sports resorts. He added that the method might be applied as an aid to storing up a supply of ground moisture in winter.

Soybeans, disced or turned under on coarse sandy soils, have proven a good source of nitrogen, says the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

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The young people have recently been reorganized into four groups. The younger one led by Mrs. Virginia Daffler and the Edith Summerrow will meet Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the other ones will meet with Mr. Crockett at 6:00 P. M.

Dairy herd replacements may be wintered successfully on a ration consisting largely of corn silage, says Dr. C. D. Grinnels of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

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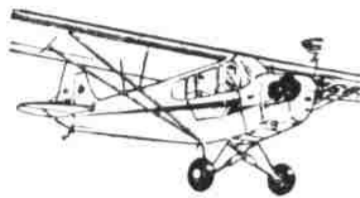
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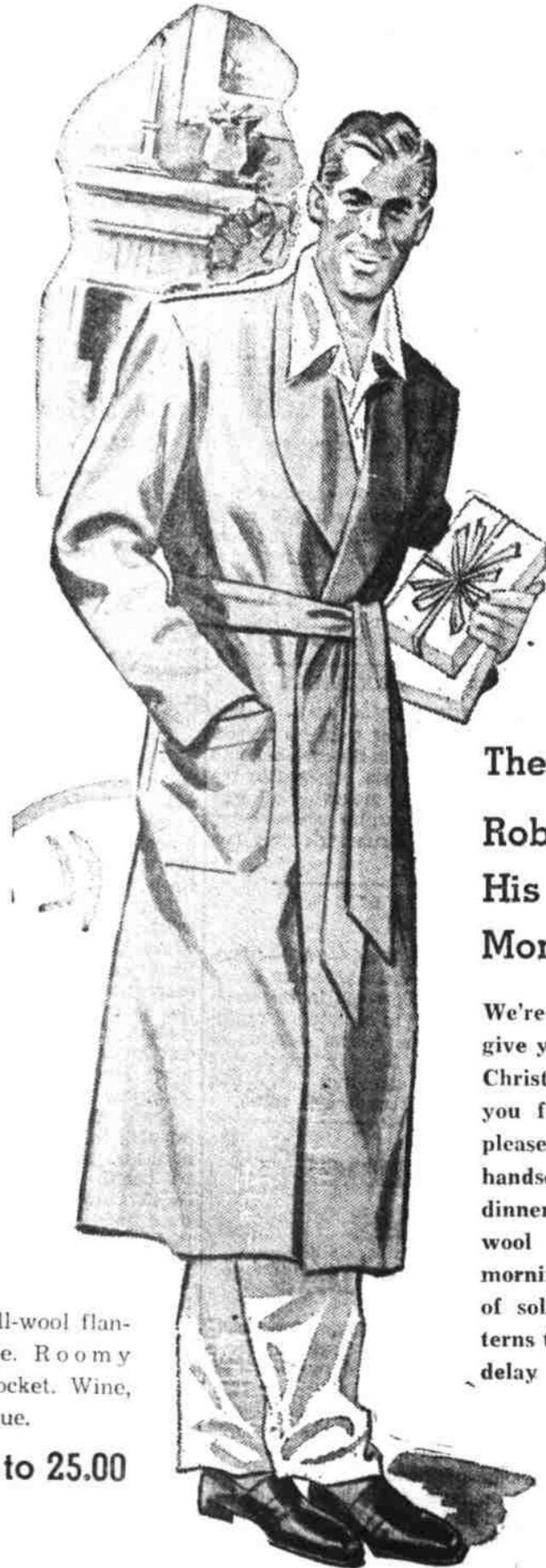
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