

STOMACHE-ACHE MAY BE SERIOUS MATTER

Got a stomach-ache? Here is the story.

Dr. William Rottschaefer, U-M senior clinical instructor in surgery, says that it's no laughing matter.

"A child's tummy-ache, especially, is a very real problem," said Dr. Rottschaefer.

Dr. Rottschaefer covers a pretty broad area of abdominal organs, such as the stomach, small intestines, large intestines, liver, gall bladder, bile ducts, spleen, pancreas and appendix, etc.

POSTMASTER AT PONTIAC DISCUSSES RATES

(This article specially prepared for the Oakland Citizens League by Leslie H. Dean, Sr., acting postmaster, Pontiac, Michigan.)

Efforts to increase service, and bring postal rates in line with costs has increased interest in operating costs. Benjamin Franklin first formulated postal policies in the Continental Congress in 1775 the postal service in the U. S. has developed into the largest and perhaps most vital service provided by the federal government.

You will note that I refer to it as Postal SERVICE. That is exactly what it is — and what it will continue to be until the charge for the service is equivalent to the cost of the service.

The only year that the Post Office Department ever worked on a balanced budget was 1944 when they incurred the demands of our soldiers worked on napless overtime in order to keep mail moving to and from our armed forces. In addition to handling 4,732,495 tons of mail comprising more than 38 billion pieces, the Postal Service also processed more than 703 million other transactions, registry, money orders, postal notes, insured mail, collects, on-delivery, special delivery, and so on.

Congress has voted slight increases in pay to the approximately 350,000 postal employees from the budget, but not increases to do so because each increase puts the Department more in the red. Only slight increases in the cost of service have been charged.

Because starting wages are low, in comparison to local industry, there is a large turnover in personnel. A clerk or carrier starts at \$3,270 annually and receives an annual increase of \$100 for nine years. In industry, a worker would receive top salary long before nine years had passed. The worker requires extensive knowledge of administration, transportation, and distribution. Because of the constant labor turnover, the major part of the work falls on the regular employees. Many man hours are lost because of a lack of public knowledge of postal rules and regulations by patrons.

Your Postal Service is here for one reason. Service. We want to be sure that letters and packages get where they are going and in good condition. By knowing the rules, you save time and inconvenience for yourself and your employer. Your Postal Service has come to be an absolute necessity.

Congress will undoubtedly raise postal rates in all classifications in 1954. The Carlson Committee, under Sen. Frank Carlson (R., Kan.) has been studying the Post Office and its costs and is due to report soon. The Post Office bookkeeping system is said to be outdated and confusing, with little information available on cost ascertainment.

Arguments are raised over whether the rates should be based on business mail or not. The question is asked whether the government should lose money on butter or wheat, either. Merely raising the rates may not solve the problems. It has been found that by raising rates and getting less business (some magazines are now being distributed by truck, outside the mail, for example) the Post Office "loses" less on each piece, theoretically, but it loses more over all because of less income.

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- Obituaries -

Eleanor Marie Thurston

Eleanor Marie Thurston, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hurley M. Thurston of 19761 Sennone Avenue, Redford Township, died suddenly Saturday morning, December 13, 1953. The baby was born November 24, 1953.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Russell L. Lincoln of the First Universalist Church of Farmington officiating and burial took place in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving besides her parents are three brothers, Norman, Sherman and Douglas; and her paternal grandfather, Mr. Phillip Thurston of Lucas, Kansas.

Mrs. Gladys M. Gravener

Mrs. Gladys M. Gravener of 22823 Lakewood Avenue, Farmington, died unexpectedly Wednesday evening, December 16, at her residence.

Mrs. Gravener was born November 19, 1895, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Edward and Nettie Estabrook Stilson. She attended school in Ann Arbor and Detroit. On September 15, 1915, she was united in marriage to Earl B. Grossenbacher. Mr. and Mrs. Grossenbacher had lived in Farmington for the past sixteen years, coming here from Northville.

Funeral services were held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Carl H. Schulz officiating. Burial took place in Acalie Park Cemetery.

Surviving besides her husband are three daughters, Mrs. Eleanor M. Catherman and Mrs. Jane Holton of Farmington and Mrs. Virgil G. Allen of Pontiac. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Margaret Sharkey of Largo, Florida, and six grandchildren.

Neal Hardy, of Garden City, was the Saturday afternoon guest of his mother, Mrs. Christene Rehahn, on Mayfield Avenue.

Knowing rate adjustments are required, hopes that Congress next session will move toward a sensible permanent rate structure and delay action until they have all facts to act on, including a thorough study of costs.

DONDERO CITES NEW TAX SAVINGS SLATED FOR JANUARY 1 CUT-BACK

Congressman George A. Dondero this week pointed out that it was the \$14 billion cut in the federal budget voted earlier this year by Congress which made possible the 10 per cent reduction in federal income tax rates scheduled for January 1.

"It is now estimated," Congressman Dondero said, "that approximately 7,000,000 Americans, who paid federal income taxes in the present calendar year, will not have to do so at all next year.

"In addition to these percent-

age cuts in federal income tax rates," said Congressman Dondero, "there is some talk about an increase in exemptions for those with dependents. It seems probable though, that exemption increases may be put on a stand-by basis, to be applied by order of the President, should it seem desirable to boost the purchasing power of the public."

Trees Enter Winter Under Dry Conditions

Michigan rainfall has been about three inches below normal for past three months, warns William B. Lovell, municipal forestry and parks extension specialist at Michigan State College. Trees are going into winter under drought conditions.

GREETINGS

We cannot help but think of our many friends who have made the past year so worthwhile. To all of them, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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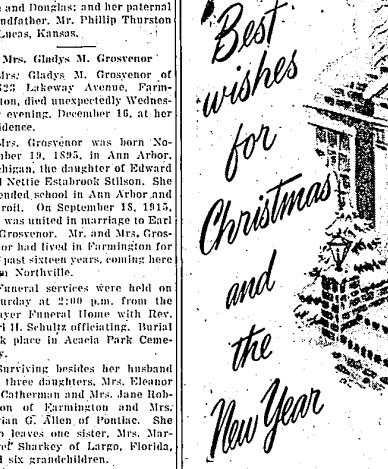


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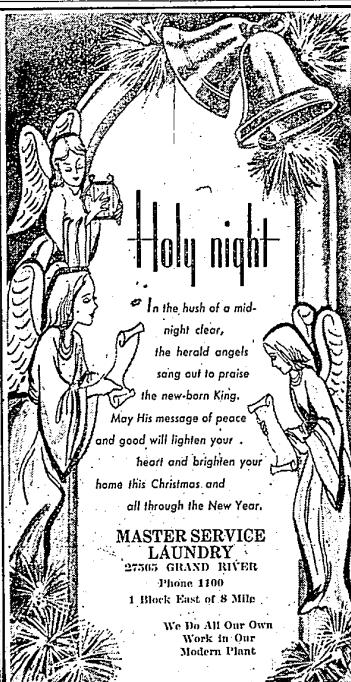


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