

SEASIDE POST OFFICE

The town of East Monterey was founded by Dr. J. L. D. Roberts in 1887, plotted, mapped and officially recorded the same year. About a year later the town had a summer population of about 50 families. Established as a "summer" recreation spot came the demand for a post office. In 1888 application was made for establishment of a fourth class office, name of East Monterey.

This application was rejected by the post office department in Washington, principally on the ground that the proposed name of EAST Monterey would bring confusion with the already established name of Monterey and that a name without the prefix "East" would have to be selected before consideration would be given. Following this a second application was prepared and filed, using the name of "Seaside." This second application apparently got into the "dead letter" file in Washington and nothing was heard of it for many months.

WANAMAKER VISITS

In 1889, John Wanamaker, wealthy New York city merchant and at the time postmaster general, visited the west coast and spent some time at the old original Hotel Del Monte. Mr. Wanamaker never missed teaching a Sunday school class wherever he might be.

Years before, while a student at New York university, Dr. Roberts had attended many Sunday school classes conducted by Wanamaker at the old Coopers institute in New York. While at Del Monte Wanamaker accepted an invitation from the pastor, of the Congregational church at Pacific Grove to attend a small Sunday school meet at Seaside.

This Sunday school class was, at the time, conducted at the home of Dr. Roberts. Wanamaker attended and after Sunday school surveyed the new town of Seaside, remarking that a post office was needed and was essential to the development of the community. Wanamaker was informed that application had been made, the first one rejected and the second one apparently lost in the shuffle in Washington. Nothing further was said on the subject, but shortly after the return of Mr. Wanamaker to Washington, Dr. Roberts received appointment as postmaster of Seaside post office, said appointment dated November 12, 1890.

For more than 40 years Dr. Roberts served as postmaster, and part of this time as mail messenger, carrying the mail from train to office. After about 20 years as mail messenger as well as postmaster, it became the duty of the railroad company to pay for the delivery of mail within a certain distance, of any post office. With this new ruling came the appointment of our

first mail messenger, a man by the name of Robert Bauman, one of the early residents of Seaside.

43 YEARS' SERVICE
After nearly 43 years of postal service and with the resignation of Dr. Roberts, the growth of the country seemed to warrant some changes. The first office was in the corner of the basement of the home of D. J. Houghton, now the residence of Dr. Szody. Later it was moved into a small building in the center of the town on the north side of the railroad tracks and from there to a larger building across the street now occupied by the Seaside Gospel church.

Following this it was moved to a smaller building in the Vista Del Rey tract on the south side of the railroad. During its location on the north side the office was twice burglarized. The first time the culprits were apprehended and sentenced to prison, but the second time the thieves were not apprehended. The office has always had such facilities as registry, money order and special delivery.

Mildred Dilling, harpist, who appeared as a Community Concert artist in Salinas several seasons ago, comes at the request of many members who heard her

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DEMAND AGAINST SUPPLY

LOS ANGELES. — Bidders set their own ceilings with no thought of the office of price administration (OPA) when the collector of customs auctioned several cases of Scotch whisky for non-payment of taxes or duty. The first case went for \$79.50. An army captain paid \$97 for each of the next two, and \$107 for the third.

PIECE WORK

OMAHA. — A stick of gum, a corn cob and bailing wire helped the Rev. W. C. Birmingham of Alkinson, Nebr., into Omaha. Shortly after starting on an emergency 600-mile trip, he discovered his gasoline tank had a hole. He plugged it with a stick of gum. Later he bought more gasoline, but fearing the extra weight might force out the gum, he rigged up a corn cob against the gum with two pieces of wire for added support. It held all the way.

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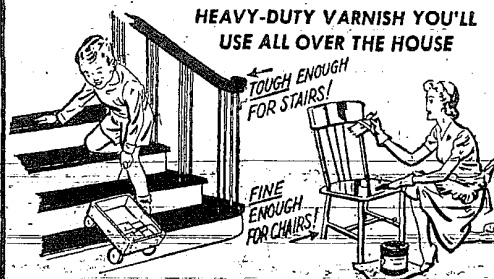
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