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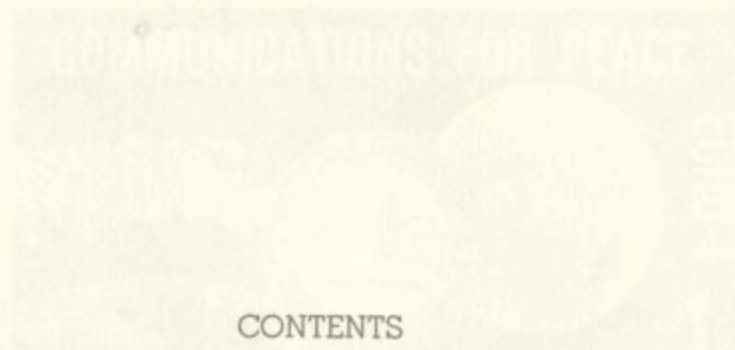
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DEDICATION

To all Florida Postmasters:

Those who charted the path and led the way yesterday;

**Those who carry on the business of communication as
ambassadors of good will today;**

**And to those who shall follow in that golden and magic
new world of tomorrow.**

HISTORY OF FLORIDA CHAPTER NO. 10
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTMASTERS



JUANITA S. TUCKER
Christmas, Florida
Chapter Historian

INTRODUCTION:

For the past several months, I have been studying Chapter Records and the files of the 'Gator Postmaster in an endeavor to compile a history of the Florida Chapter from its beginning to the present time for our President, Ted Booth.

Thanks to the capable and efficient historians who preceded me, Charles Ashbrook, our first, and Lee Rutledge, our second, a wealth of material is at hand from which to choose. My only regret is that I cannot share with all of you these

wonderful and magic moments of the past and the acquaintance of dear postmasters and inspectors now gone, who helped to build the sturdy bridge on which our present strong association rests. Space allows only the briefest digest of past accomplishments.

Here in the Space Capitol of the World, Florida Postmasters find themselves in the center of the stage where history is being made. Even as we can watch from our post office steps the first of our countrymen to orbit the earth in their search for the secrets of outer space, postmasters are ever seeking and striving for the betterment of the service and to meet the challenge of one of the fastest growing and most strategic areas in the country.

This little history is just the beginning. I hope you will find it interesting and informative. It has been a great joy and privilege to compile it.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita S. Tucker
Historian

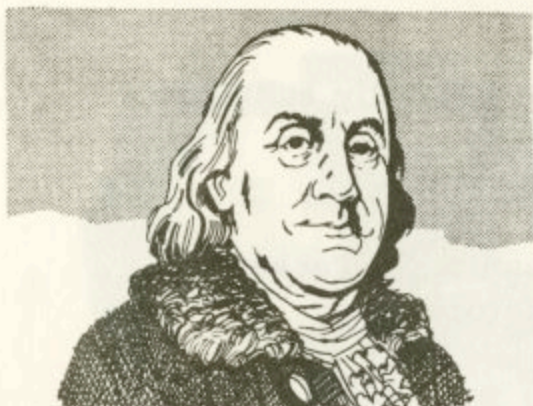


CHAS. ASHBROOK
Brooksville, Florida
First Chapter Historian



LEE RUTLEDGE
Polk City, Florida
Second Chapter Historian

FIRSTS IN POSTAL HISTORY



1775 Benjamin Franklin appointed head of the American Postal System by the Continental Congress on July 26. Salary: \$1000 a year. Benjamin Franklin is credited with establishing a sound Postal Service.

1789 President George Washington appointed Samuel Osgood of Massachusetts to serve as Postmaster General. Postal Service was a part of the Treasury Department.

1847 Before 1847, postage was paid to the Postmaster and he noted it on the letter, either in writing or with a rubber stamp. On March 3, 1847, legislation was enacted authorizing the Postmaster General to issue stamps. First adhesive postage stamp went on sale in New York City on July 1, 1847.

1855 Registry system established.

1858 Use of first street letter box authorized.

1860 Pony Express between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. First mail took ten and a half days and 75 ponies.

1863 First city mail delivery inaugurated in 49 cities with 440 carriers.

1864 Money order system authorized in 139 post offices.

1865 Printed stamped envelopes authorized.

- 1869 International money order system established.
- 1873 First postal cards offered to public.
- 1875 Special Delivery service authorized.
- 1896 Rural Free Delivery, October 1, with five routes placed in operation in West Virginia.
- 1911 Postal Saving system established.
- 1913 Parcel post, insurance and collect on delivery services instituted.
- 1918 First flight air mail from Washington, D.C., to New York City, May 15.
- 1927 Regular foreign air mail service in operation.
- 1935 Trans-Pacific air mail inaugurated between San Francisco and the Phillipine Islands.
- 1941 First highway post office route established between Washington, D.C., and Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- 1943 Postal zoning system placed in operation in 124 larger post offices.
- 1947 Introduction of air letter sheet.
- 1948 Foreign and domestic air parcel post service instituted.



EARLY HISTORY

The Florida Chapter was chartered on December 19, 1935, as Chapter No. 10 of the National Association of Postmasters. The application for the Chapter was made by O. B. Carr, West Palm Beach, as President, and Ernest L. Abel (office unknown) as Secretary-Treasurer. This application was in accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting of Postmasters in Tampa on May 28, 1935. Charter members listed were:

O. B. Carr	West Palm Beach
William D. Jones	Jacksonville
J. Edgar Wall	Tampa
Fred S. Stump	Starke
M. O. Brawner,	Pensacola
E. L. Power	Deland
R. J. Holley	Sanford
Margaret C. Young	Boca Raton
William C. Hill	Miami
W. H. Owens	Goulds
W. B. Brophy	Crystal Springs
Ruby A. Edwards	Thonotosassa
C. M. Larrick	Lake Harbor
H. L. Godwin	St. Cloud
Leslie D. Reagin	Sarasota
William P. Wilkinson	New Smyrna
Walter B. Walters	Fort Myers
Owen L. Godwin	Sebring
Lynn B. Bloom	Lakeland
Nancy Mims	Deerfield

As early as 1934 there must have been some interest in the National Association among Florida postmasters as there was in attendance at the National Convention held in French

Lick, Indiana, September 25-28, Postmaster Fred E. Hall and his wife of Winter Haven, Florida.

In 1935, J. Edgar Wall is listed as a State Director by the National Association, though the Charter was not granted until near the end of the year. And the National Convention in 1935, September 24-27, at Chicago was attended by Wm. C. Hill of Miami and John H. Shuman of Vero Beach.

During the year 1936-1937, William D. Jones of Jacksonville served as President and Floyd Brooker of Jacksonville as Secretary. At the National Convention the Chapter was represented by O. B. Carr. This convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio. At this Convention, Carr was elected Third National Vice President of the National Association. James D. Beggs of Orlando and Nancy Mims of Deerfield were appointed on the National Board of Directors in 1937.

The Chapter was represented at the National Convention in San Francisco in 1937 by O. B. Carr and he was elected Second Vice President of the National Association at that Convention.



O. B. CARR



WILLIAM D. JONES

COMMUNICATION



It has been said that "Lines of Communication are Liberty's first creation and tyranny's first victim."

These are the annals of those entrusted with the business of communication, banded together in the Florida Chapter and National Association "to promote the interest of the postal service and the happiness and welfare of its members."

The Convention held at French Lick, Indiana, in 1934 was the first at which postmasters of all classes were given the right to vote and to hold office, the very first of its kind. The 1962 convention held in Pittsburgh numbered over 3100.

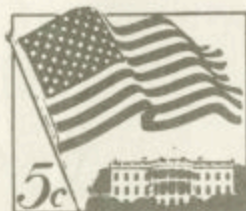


The oldest record we have on the Florida Chapter is dated May 29-30, 1934. The Florida Association Convention was held in Jacksonville with W. D. Jones as host postmaster and Herbert E. Ross as retiring President. James A. Farley was Postmaster General and Franklin D. Roosevelt was President of the United States.

An article in a 1947 issue of the Star Weekly of Toronto featured Postmaster Jimmie Beggs, Orlando, who invented an aerostatic device which keeps letters and postcards stamp uppermost, a time and money saver in cancellation, a plan for public education in postal procedure and a streamlined rural mailbox for touch-and-go collections and deliveries.

Postmaster Mansell Orchard, remembered by hundreds of GI's as the "Mom Orchard" who organized the Sunshine Club that functioned throughout the war for the benefit of men in service, was named first lady of the year of Auburn-dale in 1947.

The Florida Chapter has furnished three Vice-Presidents for the National Association, O. B. Carr, our first President, Mrs. Mansell Orchard, Auburndale, our own first lady Chapter President, and Herman Wattwood, Titusville, the present Southeastern Area Vice President of the National Association.



NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS FROM FLORIDA



O. B. CARR, West Palm Beach
Elected 1937



MRS. MANSELL ORCHARD
Auburndale, Elected 1950



HERMAN E. WATTWOOD, Titusville

Elected 1962, confers with Postmaster General J. Edward Day on Association matters.

RECOGNITION



Many postmasters have been honored by their townspeople for faithful years of service. Otis Padgett, Marianna, 20 years; Lee Rutledge, Polk City, 30 years; Eva Vaughn, Century, honored on completion of 50 years (a half-century) as postmaster of her office on March 10, 1953.

Most postmasters have been honored by civic positions of trust and responsibility in their communities. Also honored was Neil Durrance of Sebring who, among many other accomplishments, helped start the lovely Highland Hammock State Park. Captain Billie Marier, Postmaster of Destin for 43 years, was honored on his 90th birthday with greetings from Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower. He was featured as My Most Unforgettable Character in Reader's Digest and the article was read into the Congressional Record. Postmaster George Hopkins of St. Augustine served over 40 years in the Postal Service before his retirement.

Postmaster Juanita Tucker of Christmas, Chapter Historian, received a Superior Accomplishment Award from the Post Office Department and has been featured in newspaper and magazine articles here and abroad due to the popular appeal of the Christmas post office.

Postmaster Frances Wartigg of Anna Maria was the second woman ever elected mayor of a southern town.

There are many historic towns in Florida: St. Marks is one of them. It was the capitol of the Creek Indians. The first boat was built and launched there in the Wakulla River in 1527. Ft. San Marco was built there in 1718. The first post office was established March 28, 1827. The railroad, which is the third oldest in the U. S., began operation in 1837 with mule-drawn cars and in 1839 a steam locomotive was added. The railroad is still in use.

WEDDING BELLS

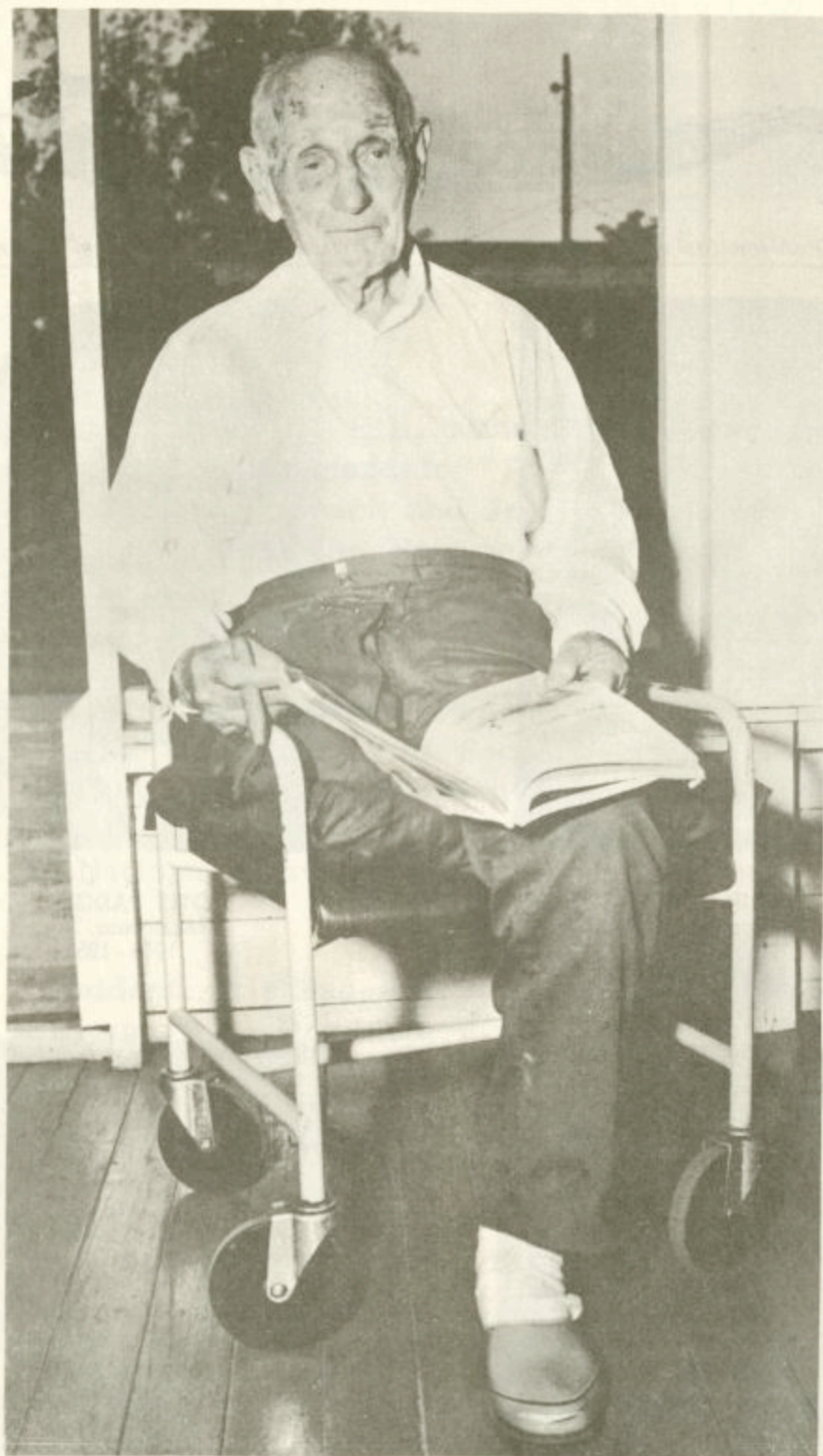
HOWARD AND MANSSELL



Chapter and National Conventions have been known to foster at least two romances which culminated in marriage; that of our first lady President, Mansell Orchard, Postmaster of Auburn-dale, who married Howard Warner, Orange City, the first third class Postmaster to be elected Chapter President, and Rowena McDaniel, Postmaster of Ocoee, to Oliver Haistens, Postmaster of Cocoa Beach.



ROWENA AND OLIVER



W. H. HOFFMAN, BELIEVED TO BE FLORIDA'S OLDEST LIVING POSTMASTER,
95 YEARS OLD ON APRIL 27TH, 1963

Mr. Hoffman was made Postmaster at Dunnellon in 1913 when President Woodrow Wilson took office, served until 1920, resigned and was relieved by F. H. Titcomb who acted until Glenna J. Pedrick was appointed in 1920. She served until 1932 and was followed by Chalmers J. Young, 1932 - 1935; Mrs. R. H. McDaniels, Acting 1935 - 1937; G. W. Shuman, Feb. 17, 1937 - retired April 30, 1960. William B. Dowling is present Postmaster. All regular appointed postmasters at Dunnellon for the past 50 years are still living in Dunnellon.



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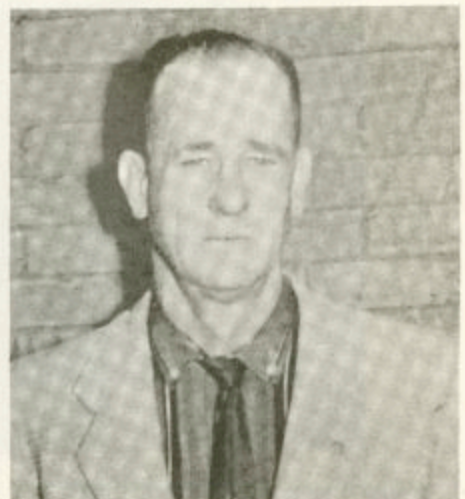
CHAS. S. ASHBROOK
Brooksville, Fla.
First Editor
1945 - 1948



OTIS PADGETT
Marianna, Fla.
1948 - 1955



HERMAN E. WATTWOOD
Titusville, Fla.
1955 - 1962



TOM BRASWELL
Monticello, Fla.
1962 -

Chas. W. Ten Eick, then Postmaster at Hollywood, Florida (now retired) was the father of "The Gator Postmaster" which was authorized during his administration.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1938-1939

Pres: William.C. Hill, Miami; Secy-Treas: A. G. Shands, Fort Lauderdale. PM O. B. Carr and wife of West Palm Beach and Jefferson Gaines of Boca Grande attended the National Convention which was held in St. Paul.

1939-1940

Pres: M. O. Brawner, Pensacola; Vice Pres: C. H. Talton, Daytona Beach; Secy-Treas: Otis Padgett, Marianna. The Chapter Convention was held in Tallahassee. Twenty-nine Florida postmasters attended the National Convention held in Washington.

1940-1941

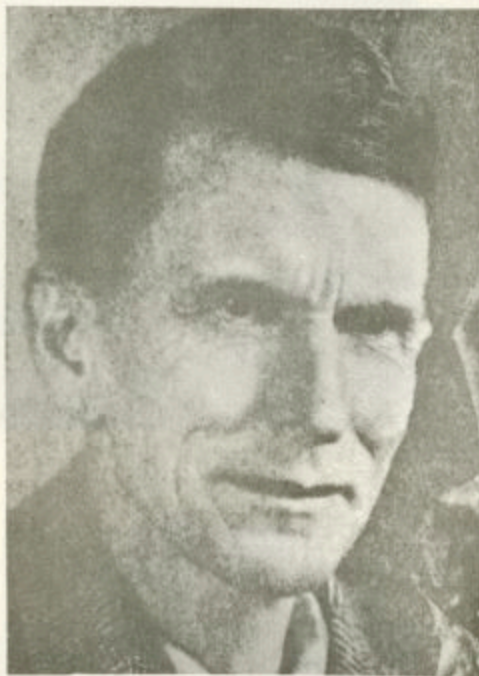
President: Otis Padgett, Marianna; Vice President: Sam Wooten, Bradenton, Secy - Treas: Jimmie Cox, Quincy. The Chapter Convention, a joint affair with other postal groups, was held June 6-8 in Miami. The Dept. was represented by Hon. Ambrose O'Connel, First Asst. PMG, and William J. Dixon, Division of Postmasters of the First Assistant's office. The National Association was represented by Phil Gallagher, member of the Natl. Legislative Committee. The National Convention was held in Boston.



OTIS PADGETT

1941-1942

Pres: L. D. Reagin, Sarasota; Secy-Treas: Sam Wooten, Bradenton. A joint convention of postmasters and supervisors was held in Jacksonville with about 200 attending. There was no National Convention that year due to the War. The Postal Education Plan was adopted by the Chapter at the Chapter Convention, this being sponsored by Jimmie Beggs of Orlando.



JIMMIE BEGGS

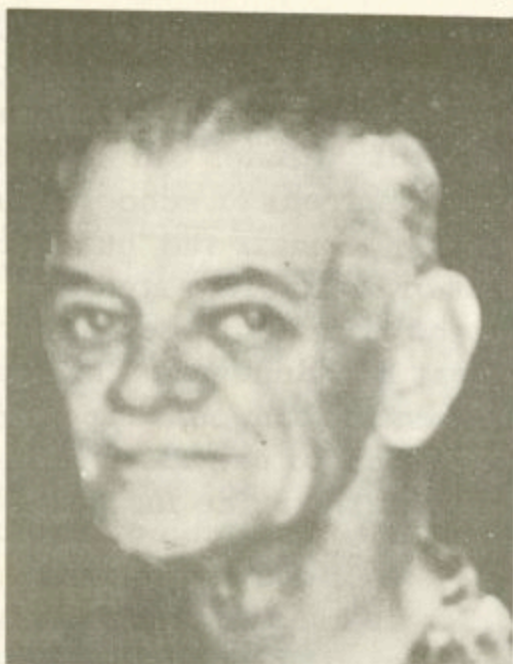
1942-1943

Pres: Jimmie Beggs, Orlando; Vice President: Chas. Powell, Panama City; Secy-Treas: G. N. Denning, Winter Park. A joint convention with other postal groups was held in Orlando June 5, 1943, with around 1000 present. Speaker at the banquet was Hon. Claude Pepper, U. S. Senator.

1943-1944

President: W. T. Gary, Ocala; Secy-Treas: Tillie Pasteur, Silver Springs. During the year, the Secy-Treas. died and by direction of the executive committee President Gary took over the work of the Secretary. This was during the War. Restrictions were of the tightest and activities curtailed. The Chapter Convention was held in Ocala on June 13. No representative from the Department was present but Hon. Dan Gibson of Albany, Georgia, National Director of the National Association, attended. High tribute was paid to Otis Padgett of Marianna for his work during the year as Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

1944-1945-1946



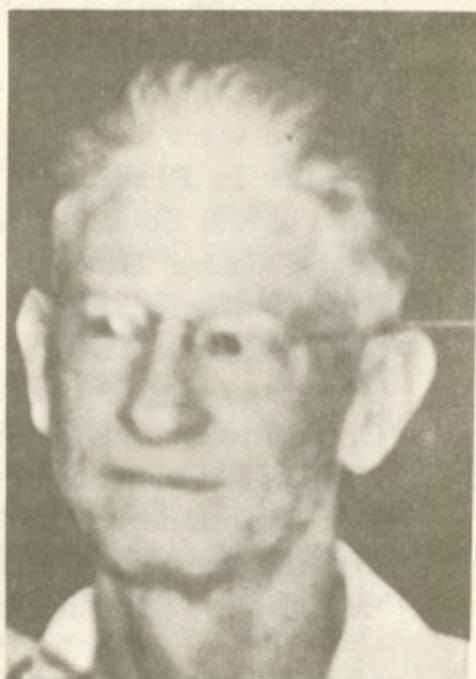
CHAS. W. TEN EICK

President: Chas. W. Ten Eick, Hollywood; Vice - Pres: Chas. S. Ashbrook, Brooksville; Secy-Treas: Lee Rutledge, Polk City. Chapter Convention held at Zephyrhills on August 4, 1945. At this meeting, the By-Laws were changed to make membership payable by the fiscal year. The Chapter authorized the publication of the 'Gator Postmaster as the official organ of the Chapter. Charles Ashbrook was the first editor.

1946-1947

The ODT order curtailing travel kept the foregoing officers in office until the next convention held on June 7-8, 1946, in Marianna. This was the Victory Convention. Jimmie Cox of Quincy was co-host. Elected were Charles Ashbrook, President; James Cox, Vice President; and Lee Rutledge, Secy - Treas. The Postal Education Plan Week developed by PM Jimmie Beggs was

inaugurated with a number of dignitaries on hand for the launching. They included the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Hon. Walter Myers, Sen. Pepper,



CHARLES ASHBROOK

Congressman Joe Hendricks, Dr. Colin English, State Dept. of Education, Hon. Philip J. Gallagher, President of the National Association, and others. The high school band played. Planes did skywriting advertising the event with hundreds of school children marching to the mail drops to mail the hundreds of letters as an assignment of their civic studies. The National Convention was held in Miami September 11-14, 1946, with Hon. Robert E. Hannegan, PMG, principal speaker at the Convention banquet, appealing to the Postmasters of the Nation to use their influence and the facilities of the postal service for peace.

1947-1948

President: Jimmie Cox, Quincy; Vice-Pres: Joel Field, Sanford; Secy-Treas: Cora Williams Cottondale. The Chapter Convention was held in Sanford April 25-26, '47. As of January 1, 1947, there were 673 post offices in Florida: First Class, 49; Second Class, 84; Third Class, 371; Fourth Class, 302. Sixteen Florida Postmasters attended the National Convention in Los Angeles.



JIMMIE COX

PM Beggs was commended by resolution at the Los Angeles meeting for his far-sighted program of postal education. Chapter membership was higher than any previous year.

1948-1949

Pres: Joel Field, Sanford; Vice-Pres: Arthur Newett, Leesburg; Secy-Treas: Herman Wattwood, Titusville. The Florida Chapter and the Florida Branch National League held a joint meeting in Orlando June 13-16, 1948. After discussion pro and con, it was decided to continue with the name of our publication as 'Gator Postmaster' instead of changing it to Florida Postmaster. Membership was 601, over the 90% mark and awarded the gold certificate at the National Convention in New York.



JOEL FIELD

1949-1950



ARTHUR W. NEWETT

President: Arthur W. Newett, Leesburg; Vice-President: Mansell A. Orchard, Auburndale; Secy-Treas: Herman Wattwood, Titusville. The Chapter Convention was held in Tampa and the National Convention in Chicago. The first post office on wheels in Florida began operation in November on a run between Leesburg and Orlando, serving communities along the way.

1950-1951

Pres: Mansell Orchard, Auburndale; Vice-Pres: Oakley Seaver, Clermont; Secy - Treas: Herman Wattwood, Titusville. The Chapter Convention was held in St. Augustine and the National Convention in St. Louis where the Florida Room was an outstanding attraction. Mansell Orchard was elected Vice-President and the 60-40 dues division plan urged by 'Gator Editor Otis Padgett was unanimously adopted there.



MANSSELL ORCHARD



OAKLEY SEAVER

1951-1952

Pres: Oakley Seaver, Clermont; Vice-Pres: Herman Wattwood, Titusville; Secy-Treas: Howard Warner, Orange City. The Chapter Convention was held at Panama City. The State Road Dept. provided funds for building turnouts at rural boxes located on paved highways throughout the State, a safety measure long advocated by the late Jimmie Beggs.

The Donaldson Post Office Building was dedicated at Boys Estate, Georgia, on May 6. Florida postmasters furnished the library room. The National Convention was held in Washington, D. C.

1952-1953



HERMAN E. WATTWOOD

President: Herman E. Wattwood, Titusville, Vice-Pres: George C. Woods, Ocala; Secy-Treas: Howard Warner, Orange City; Editor: Otis E. Padgett, Marianna. New post office numbers were assigned all post offices. Prefix 11 appears before the number for each post office in Florida. Pres. Herman was appointed a member of the NAPUS Constitution and By-Law Committee. PM Gen. Summer field honored

Florida by dedicating the new Biscayne Annex in the post office in Miami, his first postal dedication since becoming PMG. Kate McDaniel of Milton was appointed Vice President to succeed Hon. George C. Woods of Ocala, retired.

1953-1954

President: Howard S. Warner, Orange City; Vice-Pres: Kate T. McDaniel, Milton; Secy-Treas: Frank H. Clyatt, Micanopy; Editor: Otis E. Padgett, Marianna. The Chapter Convention was held in Ft. Lauderdale and Howard Warner was the first postmaster from a third class office to be elected Chapter President. The National Convention was held in



HOWARD S. WARNER

San Francisco with the Florida Chapter having a headquarters at the hotel with Florida cigars and various other souvenirs and items available for visitors. President Howard married former President Mansell Orchard on this trip.

1954-1955

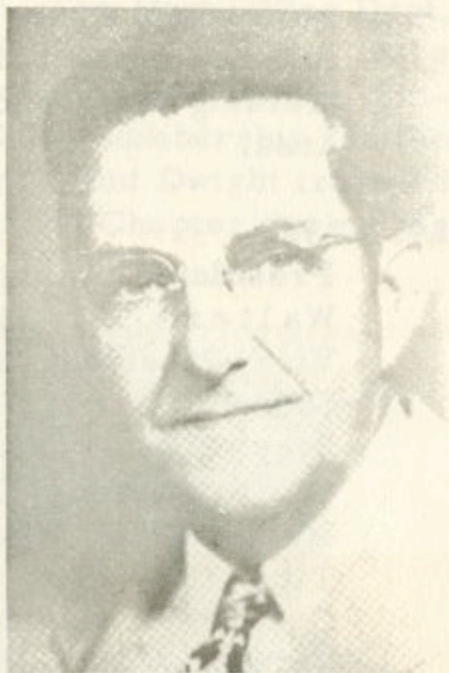


KATE T. McDANIEL

President: Kate T. McDaniel, Milton; Vice-President: William E. Dewar, Largo; Secy-Treas: Frank H. Clyatt, Micanopy; Editor: Otis E. Padgett, Marianna. At the Chapter Convention in St. Petersburg, our second lady President was elected. The National Convention was held in Philadelphia where orange juice, cigars, novelties, souvenirs and other Florida products were dispensed to thousands of visitors. Florida led the Nation in the membership campaign.

1955-1956

President: William E. DeWar, Largo; Vice-Pres: Henry Thompson, Perry; Secy-Treas: Frank Clyatt, Micanopy; Editor: Herman E. Wattwood, Titusville. Otis Padgett, Editor of the 'Gator Postmaster for the past seven years, turned the publication over to a new editor, PM Herman Wattwood. The Association-inspired bond bill was passed. The National Convention was held in Detroit. There was 100% membership by the time of the State Convention held in Miami in May.



WILLIAM E. DeWAR

1956-1957



HENRY S. THOMPSON

President: Henry S. Thompson, Perry; Vice-Pres: Walter B. Walters, Ft. Myers; Secy-Treas: Frank H. Clyatt, Micanopy; Editor: Herman E. Wattwood, Titusville. The Chapter Convention was held in Jacksonville and the National Convention in New York City. PMG Summerfield held dedication and ground-breaking ceremonies in Ft. Lauderdale, St. Petersburg, and Dade City. An on-

the-job training seminar was held in Miami for new postmasters, the first program conducted in the Atlanta region. PM Discus, Clearwater, arranged training conference for 71 postal employees in this area.

1957-1958

President: Walter B. Walters, Ft. Myers; Vice-President: Dwight Shower, Safety Harbor; Secy - Treas: Frank H. Clyatt, Micanopy; Editor: Herman E. Wattwood, Titusville. The State Convention was held in Tampa and the National Convention was held in Los Angeles. Florida Chapter had 100% membership for the third consecutive year. For ten successive years, Florida has been in the group receiving gold or silver membership certificates at National Conventions - for the past three years AT THE TOP.



WALTER B. WALTERS



DWIGHT SHOWER

1958-1959

Pres: Dwight Shower, Safety Harbor; Vice-Pres: Tom Braswell, Monticello; Secy-Treas: Frank Clyatt, Micanopy; Editor: Herman Wattwood, Titusville. The Chapter Convention was held in Panama City. Dunedin was the first city in Florida and the South to have lady mail

carriers; two were appointed. The Post Office Dept. was reorganized and field service officers were appointed. The National Convention was held in Cincinnati with Florida having 100% membership for the fourth consecutive year. President Dwight traveled 9000 miles in interest of Florida Chapter during his term.

1959-1960

Pres: Tom Braswell, Monticello; Vice - Pres: Joe Porcher, Melbourne, Secy - Treas: Oakley Seaver, Clermont. We became the first state 100% membership. The Editor of the 'Gator and Chairman of the Past Presidents served on executive committee for the first time. The by-laws were revised and presented in booklet form to all members of the Chapter. A new post office and federal building was dedicated at Monticello, the first federally financed post office constructed in Florida since 1936. Outstanding Florida Room at Washington Convention under direction of Jimmie Cox. More than 40 Florida postmasters attended. Miss Special Delivery contest held for the first time.



TOM BRASWELL

1960-1961



JOE PORCHER

Pres: Joe Porcher, Melbourne; Vice-Pres: Chauncey Costin, Port St. Joe; Secy - Treas: Oakley Seaver, Clermont; Editor: Herman Wattwood, Titusville. The National officers were instrumental in getting clerical allowance for Fourth Class postmasters attending Chapter and National Conventions. The national Convention was held in Miami Beach and the Chapter Convention in Sarasota. A year when many post offices were dedicated.

1961-1962

Pres: Chauncey Costin, Port St. Joe; Vice-Pres: A. E. Booth, Cocoa; Secy - Treas: Oakley Seaver, Clermont; Editor: Herman E. Wattwood, Titusville. The Chapter Convention was held in Ft. Walton and the National Convention in Denver. Seventy-seven Florida postmasters were chosen to serve as instructors for new postmasters in the Atlanta region. Sarasota and Ft. Pierce received national recog-



CHAUNCEY COSTIN

nition for their continued outstanding performance in the Incentive Awards program. There was 105% membership at the State Convention.

1962-1963

President: A. E. Booth, Cocoa; Vice-Pres: W. H. Harris, Williston; Secy-Treasurer: Oakley Seaver, Clermont; Editor: Tom Braswell, Monticello. The Chapter Convention was held in Daytona Beach. This is the year of the first successfully manned orbital flight into space. First Day of issue of Project Mercury stamp was processed at Cocoa, the office of our State President. 3,000,000 covers were handled, the big event of his 41-year postal career. Chapter history published. Public relations commission appointed by President Booth under chairmanship of PM L. A. Bryant of Orlando. PM Herman Wattwood, Titusville, past editor of the 'Gator Postmaster, past president and secretary of Florida Chapter, elected Southeastern area Vice President at the National Convention in Pittsburgh.



A. E. (TED) BOOTH



Postmaster General J. Edward Day autographs album of Christmas stamps he presented to Juanita S. Tucker, Christmas, Florida at the dedication ceremony for the Christmas Stamp National Association of Postmasters Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 1, 1962.



THE PROJECT MERCURY STAMP commemorating the first orbital flight of a U. S. Astronaut was processed at Cocoa, Fla., the office of our State President. The Official first day cancellation was Cape Canaveral, Florida, a temporary station of the Cocoa, Fla. post office being established for the one day.



The very first Christmas stamp ever issued by the U. S. Post Office Dept.



This 6¢ precanceled Air Mail Postal Card had its first day of issue Feb. 15, 1963 at Maitland, Florida.

1962 GOLD CERTIFICATE FOR 100% MEMBERSHIP

For the past 15 years Florida has been in the group receiving silver or gold membership certificates at National Conventions.

National Association of Postmasters
of the United States



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Awarded to

FLORIDA CHAPTER



In recognition of MERITORIOUS EFFORT in completing
its 1962 Membership to 100%.

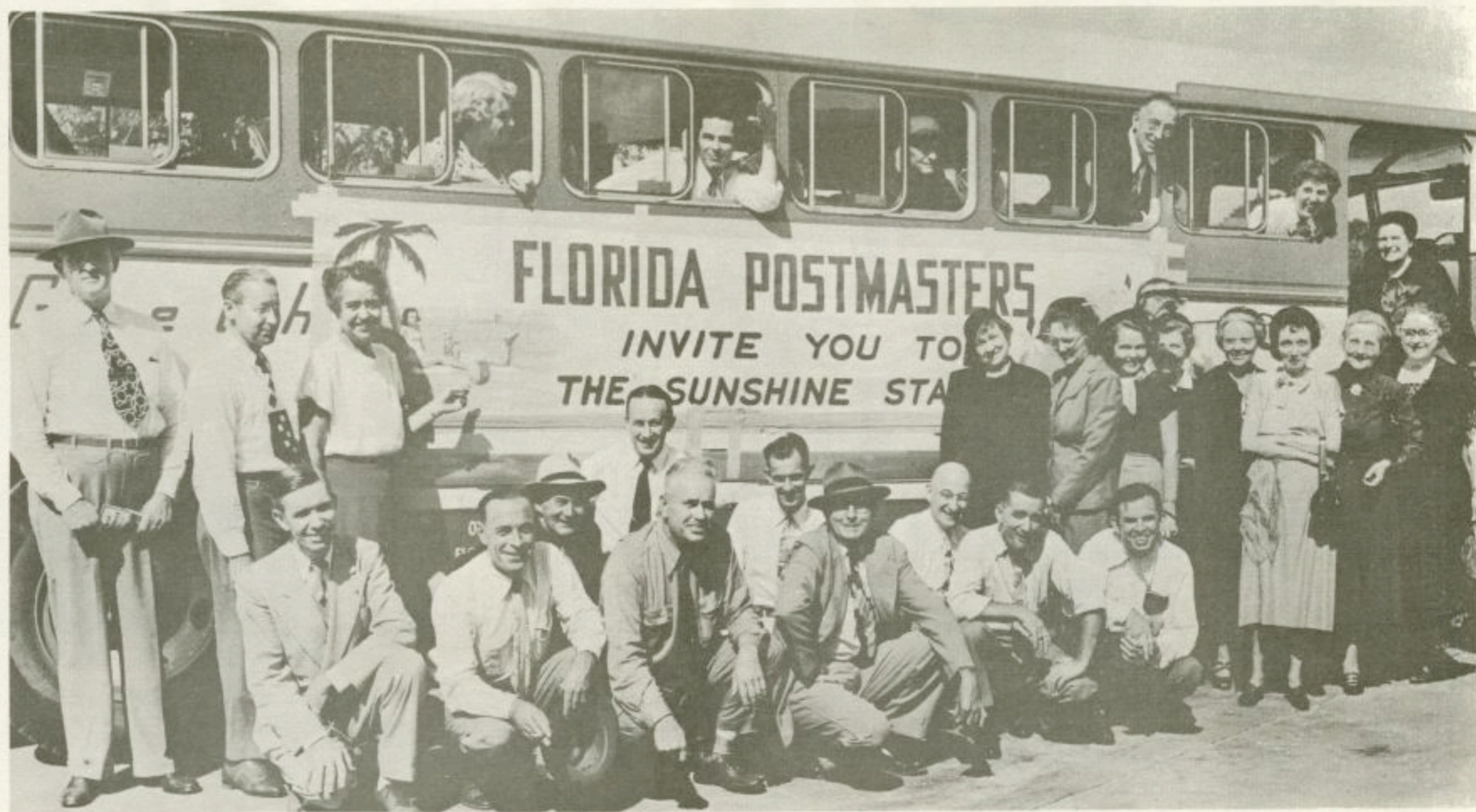
This award is made at the National Convention held at
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania October 28 - November 1, 1962.

Charles E. Rustker
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

John P. Snyder
National President



The Florida Chapter Quincy — Marianna Convention June 7-8, 1946



Florida Postal Officials — Bound for St. Louis, Mo. to attend the National Assn. Convention. The Florida delegation hopes to land the '52 Convention for the Sunshine State.

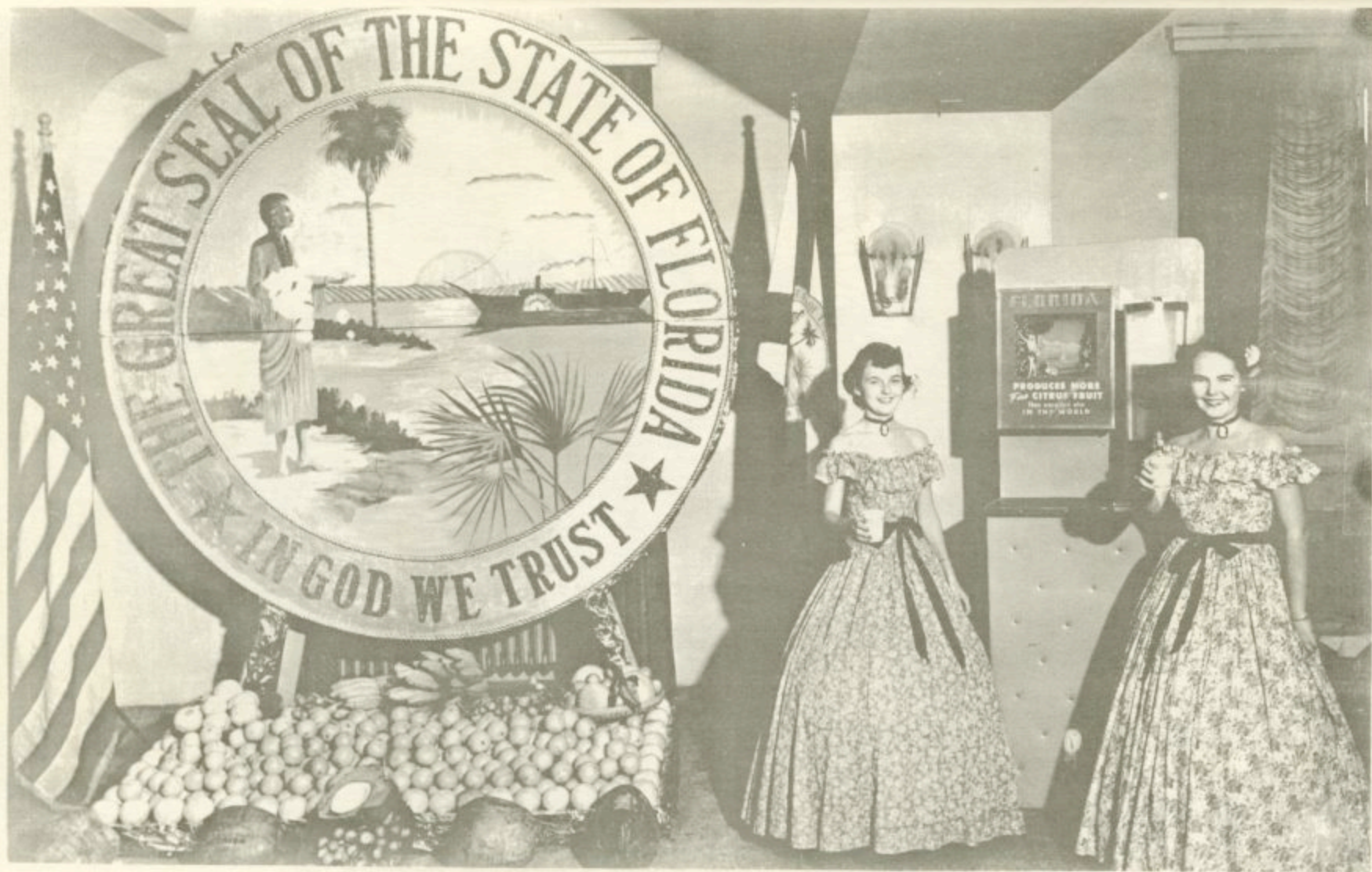


Florida Postmasters at the St. Louis Convention.



State and National Postal Officials at Florida Exhibit National Convention
St. Louis, Oct. 1950

Left to right: Herman Wattwood, Titusville; Lee Rutledge, Polk City; Otis Padgett, Marianna; Chas. Ashbrook, Brooksville; Joel Field, Sanford; Jos. J. Lawler, Asst. Postmaster General; Mansell Orchard, Auburndale; Jesse M. Donaldson, Postmaster General; Oakley Seaver, Clermont; San Harrison; Tampa; George Woods, Ocala; Frank Clyatt, Micanopy;



Dispensing that wonderful Florida Orange Juice



Convention Picture Ocala, 1952

Seated, left to right: Mansell Orchard, Auburndale, NAP; Vice Pres. George C. Woods, Ocala; Oakley Seaver, Clermont; Herman Wattwood, Tisusville; Howard Warner, Orange City. Standing: Henry S. Thompson, Perry; Grady Warren, Lake City; Otis Padgett, Marianna; Nell Baker, Destin; Grace Parker, Paisley; James H. Cox, Quincy; Marie Zimmerman, Ozone; Sam Valliere, Miami; Paul Mahan, Hobe Sound.



Chapter Convention Banquet, Ocala, Fla.



Ft. Lauderdale, 1953: Chapter President Herman Wattwood announces engagement of Rowena McDaniel, Ocoee Postmaster and PM Oliver Haisten of Cocoa Beach, by presenting Rowena to the blindfolded Oliver at the banquet.



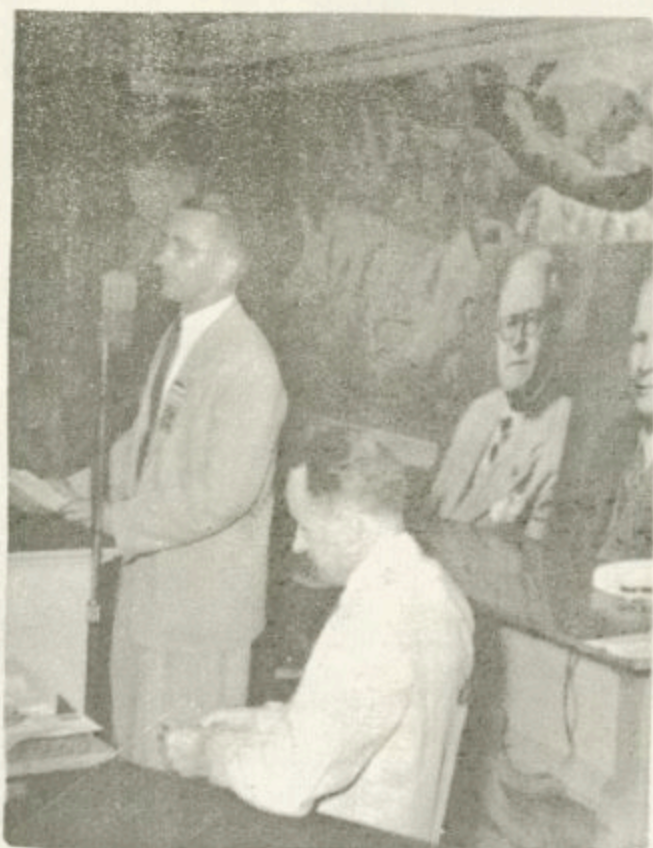
Gator Editor Otis Padgett reports to 1953 Convention at Ft. Lauderdale as President Herman Wattwood makes notes.



Tampa, 1949: Secretary Herman Wattwood, Vice President Mansell Orchard and President Arthur Newett.



Ft. Lauderdale, 1953: Secretary Howard Warner, President Herman Wattwood, Vice President Kate McDaniel.



Chapter President Howard Warner, Orange City, presiding. Howard was first third class postmaster elected President of the Florida Chapter.



Ft. Myers — 1959: Left to right: Gator Editor Herman Wattwood, Bob Sweatt, Mulberry; Catherine Brash, Secretary to Gazette Editor; Lee Rutledge, Polk City; Kappy Kirk, Goodland. (Photo made by Bart O'Hara, Rockledge)



Chapter Loyalty — 9 Chapter Past Presidents attend Ft. Lauderdale Convention: Otis Padgett, Marianna; Chas. Ten Eick, Hollywood; Chase Ashbrook, Brooksville; Jimmie Cox, Quincy; Joel Field, Sanford; Arthur Newett, Leesburg; Mansell Orchard, Auburndale; Oakley Seaver, Clermont; Herman Wattwood, Titusville.



Chapter Officers and Postal Officials, Ft Lauderdale Convention, May 1953

Seated left to right: Gladys Stalls, Moore Haven; Juanita Tucker, Christmas; Asst. Postmaster General N. R. Abrams, Washington; Kate McDaniel, Milton; Mansell Orchard, Auburndale; A. L. Riden, St Petersburg. Standing: Lee Rutledge, Polk City; Wm. E. Dewar, Largo; Herman Wattwood, Titusville; Howard Warner, Orange City; Hartley B Dean, Regional Operations Manager, Atlanta; Frank Clyatt, Micanopy; David L. Williams, Long Beach; and Mark Benson, Gulf Breeze.



Chapter Officers Elected at Tampa Convention May '57

Seated left to right: Carrie Flowers, Crescent City; Dwight Shower, Safety Harbor; Walter B. Walters, Ft. Myers; Frank Clyatt, Micanopy. Standing: John Hoy, Lake Placid; Emmett Doak, Neptune Beach; Tom Braswell, Monticello; Bart O'Hara, Rockledge; Frank B. Reams, Dania.



Florida Instructor Postmaster Group in Atlanta Regional Office
for training, August 1961.

Seated: James H Cox, Quincy; Regional Director Wm. Askew; Tom Braswell, Monticello; Herman Wattwood, Titusville. Standing: Alonzo Sias, Clewiston; Frank Reames, Diana; Dwight Shower, Safety Harbor; Don McDermott, Boca Raton.





1960 — Secretary Oakley Seaver, President Joe Porcher, VP Chauncey Costin and Gator Editor Herman Wattwood.



Miss Special Delivery of 1960, Miss Kitty Lyon, selected by Fla. Chapter NAPUS at Sarasota Convention, and John Howard, Regional Dist. and Traffic Manager.