

# George S. Chapman Retires After 33 Years At Post Office



- November 5, 1958 -

Photo by John D. Bell

George S. Chapman, former assistant postmaster at the Provincetown Post Office, was honored Sunday night at a banquet at Peters Hill Restaurant in North Truro by members of the Post Office staff and their families. Mr. Chapman retired November 1 after 33 years of postal service. Sunday night he was presented with a certificate from the Post Office Department honoring his years of service by Postmaster William H. Cabral. The certificate was signed by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield and by Regional Director John B. DeMott. Shown above, are left to right in front, Postmaster Cabral, Mr. Chapman and Frank J. Lewis, who retired in 1944 from the post office after 37 years of service. In the second row are Joseph L. Thomas, Albion E. Kelley, Francis E. Valentine and Bernard A. Days. Back row, Fred W. Rogers, George C. DaRoza, Francis E. Rogers, Willis W. Carlos and Raymond J. Roderick. Three members of the staff who were not present were Joseph G. Taves, John Gaspie and Anthony S. Roda.

February 10, 1960

After a respite of 35 years, 33 of which were spent at the Post Office, George Chapman is back at the First National Bank, where we discovered him working as a teller as of this past Monday morning. Things were a little different at the Bank 35 years ago, said George, no machines then! Dick Berrio, former teller at the First National, is now with the Seamen's Savings Bank.

- February 22, 1962 -

THIS MORNING the Provincetown Post Office received a consignment of the special commemorative stamps in honor of Col. John Glenn's historic orbiting of the earth three times yesterday. The stamp shows, in yellow, the space vehicle against a blue, star-studded sky with an arc of the earth in the lower, left hand corner. It bears the wording "U. S. Man In Space Project Mercury". It is issued in the four-cent denomination only.

\* November 25, 1965 \*

ALBION E. KELLEY, assistant postmaster of the Provincetown Post Office, with 46 years of service in the Post Office, and Fred W. Rogers, clerk, with 40 years, are retiring from their posts — Mr. Kelley on Tuesday, November 30, and Mr. Rogers a month later, on December 30. Mr. Kelley began his work with the local Post Office in May 1919, as a substitute carrier, then became a regular carrier, then clerk, and in January, 1961, was appointed assistant postmaster. Mr. Rogers at first handled parcel post, later special deliveries, became carrier-clerk and then clerk. Both men have witnessed the phenomenal Summer growth of the town, with a corresponding volume of mail putting the Post Office in the first class category — and as such, ranking with Metropolitan Post Offices. Actually, Provincetown changed from second- to first-class status about 20 years ago, when Summer business began to shoot up. Mr. Kelley says, "I'm going to take it easy. . . ." (But his wife adds, "I'll keep him busy!"). Mr. Rogers vowed, "I'm going to sit in my rocking chair!" (Then he, too, remembered his wife: "She'll find enough for me to do!").

- November 8, 1962 -

NOW ON SALE at the Provincetown Post Office is a new red and green Christmas stamp showing traditional holiday symbols of candles and holly wreath. This four cent stamp, sure to be a philatelist's treasure, is the first Christmas stamp ever to be issued by the U. S. Post Office.

## Post Office Smart With New Outfits

November 22, 1962

- Jan. 23, 1970 -

### Albion E. Kelley.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Nickerson Funeral Home for Albion Edward Kelley, 69, of 584 Commercial St. The Rev. Stephen Smith officiated. Burial was in the Town Cemetery, Provincetown. Mr. Kelley died Friday Jan. 23 at Cape Cod Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Provincetown, the son of Levi and Leonora Kelley, he graduated from Provincetown High School. He attended Burdett College in Boston and worked in the town Post Office for 46 years.

Mr. Kelley was a member of King Hiram Lodge, A.F. and A.M. and an incorporator for the Seamen's Savings Band. He also served as treasurer of Anchor and Ark Club and was past patron of Chequocket O.E.S., now Wellfleet O.E.S. He attended the Methodist Church here.

He is survived by his widow, Eileen (Aldrich) Kelley of Provincetown.

They are dressing up the Post Office! That was the thought this week among patrons who saw Fred Rogers behind the counter, the first of the local post office employees to sport the new outfit which is now regulation for the United States Post Office employees.

The Peking blue coat with maroon and white Post Office insignia is supplied by the department and is worn with a white shirt and maroon tie in either four-in-hand or bow style. Other Post Office employees expect to receive their uniforms soon.

Another recent innovation supplied to mail carriers all over the country by the U. S. Post Office is the mail bag "perambulator". This wheeled metal frame for transporting the leather mailbag would seem to be a back-saving device for the carrier, who after years in the service must have toted tons of mail on their backs in their leather sacks. However, Postmaster William H. Cabral says the new carriage is not being used here to its full extent inasmuch as some carriers like it and some do not.

The Postmaster expects to put on two additional employees as he did last year for the Christmas rush season, which generally starts, he said, about the 14th or 15th of December.