

# ***Postmasters Attend Confab***

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Among Alaskan postmasters attending their state convention in Seattle last week — and that of the National Association of Postmasters following — were four village postmasters making their first trip to the South 48.

And among these four was Alaska's youngest postmaster. He is Harry Lincoln, 22, who has served at Tununak for more than a year. His postoffice is in one of the newer structures for this purpose in the bush — a modular building shipped in as an equipped unit.

Other first time visitors Outside included Clara Tall, postmistress for 19 years in Chevak; Lucy Kasayulic, postmistress for 8 years in Goodnews Bay and Mary Valka who became postmistress at Lower Kalskag 12½ years ago.

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Mrs. Valka was featured in a story in the Seattle Times which reported that she was the first postmistress for her village.

Mrs. Valka, a grandmother who reared her own children, one adopted child and the three children of her late brother, and has 16 grandchildren, was the village midwife prior to her post-office appointment. She serves her village of 200 from the postal window of her home. It's in a wooden annex at her Quonset house.