

## Post Office Dept. Advises Public On Christmas Mail

In anticipation of the largest holiday mail volume in the history of the Post Office Department, the nation's chief "mailman", Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield outlined today 10 basic pointers for users of the mails to follow in order to assure prompt and safe delivery of their Christmas cards and gifts.

1. Address mail fully and clearly. Write legibly or print plainly. Where applicable, use zone numbers on the address and return address. Avoid using abbreviations which might confuse mail handlers.

2. Be certain that a return address is printed on the upper left hand corner of both Christmas cards and parcels. This will prevent any undelivered mail ending up in a "letter" office.

3. Do not enclose coins or hard objects of any kind in letters, without marking the envelope for hand stamping. High speed cancelling machines cannot process such letters, often jam and damage letters.

4. Do not mail cash in any Christmas gift. For safety's sake, use Postal Money Orders or checks.

5. Make sure parcels are well packed and securely wrapped in strong containers. Cushioning material, such as excelsior, shredded newspapers or tissue paper should be evenly and firmly placed on all sides of the Christmas gift. The carton should be wrapped in heavy paper and securely tied with strong twine.

6. Gifts of a delicate nature, such as glass, china, electrical appliances, radios and musical instruments, must be marked "Fragile" by the mailer. Food stuffs should be marked "Perishable" if subject to spoilage.

7. Insure parcels. Register letters of real value. Where only proof of delivery is required for letters of no intrinsic value use Certified Mail. Use Combination Mail where a letter or message—

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## Balsam Citizens Concerned About Sharp Curves

By LOUIS ENSLEY  
Community Reporter

There was another serious accident last week below the entrance to Balsam in which one young boy was seriously injured. There has been many accidents at this one spot in the past few years amounting to thousands of dollars. We have heard many people talking about the fact that something should be done about this so that there will be less chance of someone else losing their cars and possibly their lives.

The Balsam football team played Hazelwood last Sunday, losing to them by a score of 31 to 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Parrish of Daytona Beach, Fla., are still at their summer home in Balsam.

other than a gift tag—is to be enclosed inside a Christmas package.

8. Ask at any post office for the free pamphlet, "Post Office Department Publication No. 3" which contains rates of postage and limits of size and weight for domestic mail. Another free pamphlet at post offices entitled "Packaging and Wrapping Parcels For Mailing".

9. Mail Christmas cards and parcels early to avoid the last minute rush and waiting in-line at the post office. The best times to avoid the last minute rush, waiting in line to avoid crowds at stamp windows in most post offices are before 10 a.m. and between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

10. Every postal employee is happy to answer questions on postal rules and regulations. Anyone with problems about mailing his Christmas parcels should avail himself of the opportunity of discussing the problems with postal employees, and take advantage of their experience.

Mr. Summerfield further emphasized how important it is to start planning now to shop early and mail early for Christmas.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS at Clyde High School this term are (from left) Elaine Curtis, president; Ned Lindsey, secretary; Linda Limbo, treasurer,

and Edna Mae Fugate, reporter. Not present when this picture was made was Barbara Jolley, vice president. (Mountaineer Photo).

They were visited through the Thanksgiving holidays by their son and daughter who are attending college in Ohio.

Mrs. Mabel Perry and her son Charles visited in Balsam last week. They are former residents but are now making their home in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mehaffey of Hendersonville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ensley Sunday.

Kenneth Ashe, husband of the former Miss Norma Bryson of Balsam, has been inducted into the Army and is undergoing his basic training at Fort Chaffee, Ark. He is expected to stay at Fort Chaffee for approximately 16 weeks.

Sam Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Barnett of Balsam, is employed at the shipyard in Newport News, Va. He visited his parents over the week end.

The U. S. Capitol forecourt in Washington, D. C. has been the setting for the inauguration of every president since Andrew Jackson. Architectural changes will change that for the next inauguration.

## Mass Meeting For Baptist B.T.U. Set Monday Night

The Haywood Baptist Training Union will hold a mass meeting at the First Baptist church here, Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:30, it was announced today by Robert L. Clark, associational training union director.

Rev. Rommie Pierce, of the Plaza Baptist church, Charlotte, will be the speaker.

Director Clark said he expected all pastors of the Association to attend, and to bring a large percentage of their members.

## Town Will Buy 2 Trucks Soon

The Town of Waynesville plans to purchase two new trucks, according to an advertisement placed in today's issue calling for bids.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said one truck would have to have a 12-foot bed and hoist, and the other a 156-inch wheel base. The trade-in of a 1946 1-1/2-ton GMC and a 1947 GMC will be part of the bidding. The bids will be opened December 6, at 4 p.m.



DR. PAUL A. REID will be the speaker at the annual awarding of the community prizes for Western North Carolina in Asheville Saturday.

## On Schedule

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Eight fire trucks raced to a downtown fire alarm box. The firemen saw a startled woman standing beside it. She told them: "Someone said if I pulled the lever I would get a schedule of city buses."

## Lunchroom Meet Set Dec. 5th At Crabtree-Iron Duff

The fifth in a series of meetings in Haywood schools on the importance of lunchrooms, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the Crabtree-Iron Duff school at 6:30.

Mrs. Rufus Siler, lunchroom supervisor for Haywood, said about 50 people, including teachers, and board members will attend. Those to make talks on the lunchroom program will include Mrs. Siler, Mrs. Grace Stamey, Mrs. Belle Ratcliff both supervisors of teachers, Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education, and Mrs. Rubye Bryson, public health nurse.

Fred Safford, school principal, will be master of ceremonies.

Similar meetings have been held at Hazelwood, WTHS, Fines Creek and Bethel.

## School Recess

GREENWOOD, Ark. (AP)—Justice of the Peace Lon Dunn recessed a trial in his court recently at 2:50 p.m. Reason: Dunn and two jurors were school bus drivers and had to go to work.

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