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Post Office Department Issues New Money Order

Patrons of more than 42,000 post offices found the new and more convenient money order available Monday morning, July 2, 1951, Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced.

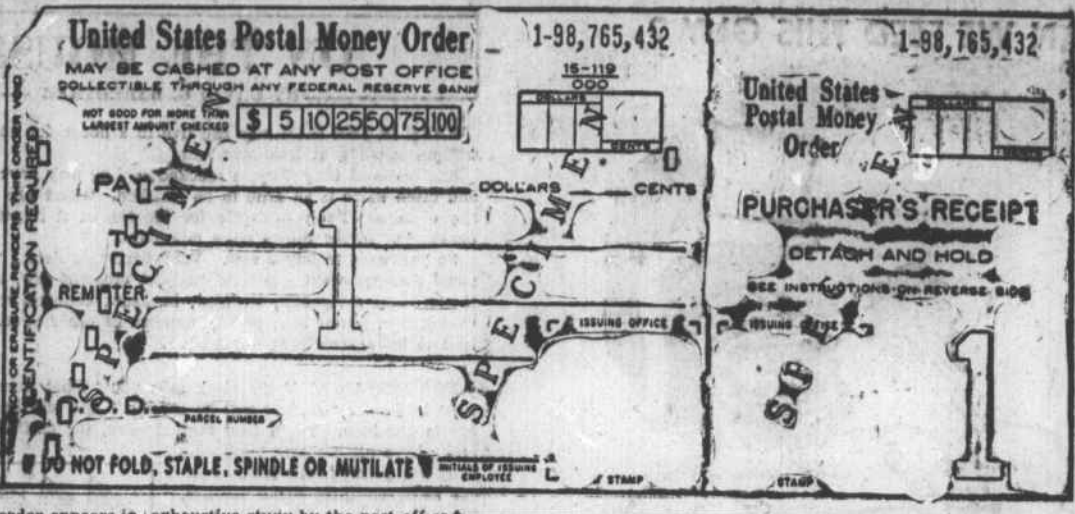
Principal changes in the new money order system make it possible to have a money order cashed at any of the nation's post offices or it may be collected through any bank in the same manner as the depositing or cashing of a check.

The new money order appears in the form of a punched card instead of the customary paper slip and purchasers will fill out the same form and pay the same fees as has been required in the past.

The regulation that money orders must be cashed at specific post offices has been eliminated. Under the old system, it will be recalled, a money order had to be cashed in the office to which it was issued. If it were cashed at a post office in another city an additional fee was charged.

Uses New Machines
The new system makes available to the post office department the most advanced electronic business machines. One machine has been especially developed for the new money order purposes and it combines all the advantages of the modern proof machine in widespread use by banks and large department stores throughout the country. Another of the principal machines to be used with the new system is the electronic statistical machine, workhorse of the 1950 census tabulation.

The postmaster general described the inauguration of the new money order system as the largest single accounting change ever made in postal history and said, that the development comes after



exhaustive study by the post office department, the general accounting office, the treasury department and the federal reserve board.

Don't Fold
The department urges users to remember that the new money orders must not be folded, stapled, spindled or mutilated in any way since they are to be issued on punch cards and processed by machinery.

Last year more than 300,000,000 money orders, totaling upward to five billion dollars were issued and paid by the post office department. The new money order system will be under the management and supervision of Assistant Postmaster General Osborne A. Pearson, who directs the department's bureau of finance.

All new money orders will clear federal reserve banks in the same manner as treasury checks or other cash items. The federal reserve banks will then turn over the paid money orders to the proper regional post offices.

The new money order system is in keeping with the program to modernize and improve the operation of the postal service, as well as to effect economy and the better to serve the general public, declared Postmaster General Donaldson.

State Raises \$1,125,000 In 1951 March of Dimes

Chapel Hill — North Carolina raised \$1,125,000 in the 1951 March of Dimes drive, \$125,000 more than its goal, Mrs. Phillips Russell, state campaign director, announced here today.

The final reports are not in yet, she said, and she expects that the complete figure will be substantially more than \$1,125,000.

Mrs. Russell also announced that the March of Dimes for the nation this year yielded \$33,263,000, according to figures just received from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in New York.

This is an all-time record in contributions to fight polio, Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, said. The 1951 results topped 1950 by eight per cent, he said.

He explained that \$5,000,000 of the amount raised was owed for patient care given in 1950 for which National Foundation funds were insufficient. "Thus," he pointed out, "the National Foundation started 1951 with less money for its services than the successful results would indicate."

This year, before the advent of the traditional polio season, O'Connor disclosed that the National Foundation already has extended \$2,494,073 to 326 chapters, reflecting the continuing need left by the epidemic of 1950 and those of the two preceding years. Half of this amount—\$1,244,257 was required during the month of May.

The \$30,783,000 contributed during the 1950 March of Dimes a year ago was quickly exhausted by the belated epidemic of 1950, the second worse in history, he explained. During the past three years, he added, the nation has suffered its three worst polio outbreaks which struck more than 103,000 children and adults, of whom four out of five needed and received help from their National

Foundation chapters.

Half of all funds raised in the March of Dimes are retained by the chapters for local patient-care or in emergencies to supplement national epidemic aid. The remainder is used by the national headquarters for emergency help to chapters that have exhausted their funds, for direct epidemic aid to affected areas, for the training of professional personnel and for the financing of a nationwide scientific research program.

Recruit, Radio Training Featured in USNR Platoon

The program of the United States Naval Reserve Volunteer Electronic platoon was outlined at last Monday night's meeting at the Naval Reserve Electronic station, Camp Glenn.

Recruit training and radio training are the major phases of the schedule and the two will run concurrently. This will enable a man joining the unit to have completed basic radio training simultaneously with completion of recruit training.

Drills will be held each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the electronic station. The next drill will take place Monday night.

Retirement points are earned by recruits and men are also entitled to active duty cruises with pay. A recruiting officer will attend Monday night's meeting.

Ant Syrup Yummy

Arcadia, Calif.—(AP)—"Yum, Yum," said little Carmen, age four. But her mother, Mrs. Anna A. Ayala, suspected something was wrong. Carmen had made a fuss the last time she had to take cough syrup. She took another look at the bottle. It was ant syrup. At the emergency hospital they said Carmen would suffer no ill effects.

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Eastern Carolina Lumber Sells Below Ceiling Price

Raleigh — Eastern Carolina lumber prices are from \$5 to \$15 per 1,000 feet below ceiling, the Raleigh OPS has announced.

A survey of 35 representative firms showed a high rate of compliance with the record-keeping requirements of the General Ceiling Price Regulation. There were a few firms whose records were not complete, but an effort had been made to have the proper information available.

The survey also revealed an overall surplus of lumber. The only scarcities noted were of certain grades only, and these were confined to small local areas. The below-ceiling prices were attributed to the slackening of private building. It was the consensus of the interviewed builders that unless an extensive government building program is inaugurated sufficient scarcities will not develop to channel lumber into black market operations or ceiling price violations.

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