



"And now the fragile summer flower waits upon the autumn hour, spreading frankincense upon the still warm, waxing sod; thence to the quickly fading day, it folds at last its bloom away returning in another dawn, the majesty of God." (Anonymous)

Mrs. Tugman Gets Newspaper Post In Gastonia

Mrs. Edith H. Tugman has been named an editor in the woman's department of the Gastonia Daily Gazette, succeeding Miss Pat Borden who became editor of the Gazette's Weekender.

Mrs. Tugman is a native of Milwaukee, Wis., and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caldwell Howell, who still reside there.

A graduate of Milwaukee Downer Seminary she also attended the University of Wisconsin and Hood College in Frederick, Md.

In school, she was active in the Drama Club, the State Ski Patrol, and the junior Service League.

She made her debut in 1963 in Milwaukee and New York City.

Married to Stuart B. Tugman of Boone, she is the mother of two children, Kurt Duncan, age 2 1/2 years, and Christiana, age seven months.

After coming to Gastonia, she was employed by Matthews-Belk Co. as a designer of synthetic hair pieces in 1965 and a teller with First Union National Bank since 1966.

A member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, she is also active in the work of the Gaston Memorial Hospital Woman's Auxiliary.

"Paul Says..." 50th Year



Walking along a dark street a man was startled by a voice from the shadows that said:

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Railroad Mail Sorting Car Is Losing Out To Mr. ZIP

The railroad mail sorting car, once a key to America's postal system, is losing ground to Mr. Zip despite efforts of congressmen and postal workers to preserve it.

Once, railway mail cars were in use on 10,000 trains in all parts of the nation. Clerks sorted mail as the trains rolled along. Now, the number of cars is down to 800—a drop of about 2,500 in less than 15 years.

Soon, partly in conjunction with the Post Office Department's zone improvement plan,

called Zip for short, even more of the cars are to be abandoned. Twenty-four mail-sorting cars are to be taken off runs between Chicago and Portland, Ore., alone in September.

Under the zone improvement plan, mail is shipped in bulk by air, rail or highway—among 552 sectional sorting centers around the country.

Beginning Sept. 16, most first class mail moving east or west among a number of major cities will travel in bulk shipments by air instead of by rail. Officials

say they hope to get letters to their destinations 24 hours sooner.

Among the cities to be included in the first class mail airlift are New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles.

All other classes of mail, including parcel post, will continue to move on trains. And, the Post Office says the sorting cars are being eliminated only on runs on which studies have shown that the mail can be moved and delivered faster in bulk.

Removal of the sorting cars without more study is opposed by some congressmen who say they still are the most efficient method for distributing mail to sparsely populated areas.

Elimination of the cars has been opposed for two years by the United Federation of Postal Clerks, which says they still are the most efficient sorting method for cities as well as rural areas.

Social Security Checks To Be On Time In Future

Social Security beneficiaries who normally find their monthly checks in their mailbox on the 3rd of the month will no longer have to wait until the next day when the 3rd falls on a national holiday on a Sunday.

Don W. Marsh, District Manager of Social Security in Hickory, said today that starting with the upcoming Labor Day weekend, Social Security checks will bear an earlier date and will be delivered on the previous mail-service day whenever the 3rd falls on a Saturday or a holiday. In September of this year the 3rd is on a Sunday.

"Most beneficiaries," he said, "will receive their social security checks on Saturday, September 2, instead of on Tuesday, September 5, as would have

been the case under the old procedure."

Social Security checks are normally released on the 3rd of the month under an agreement to stagger the receipt of monthly checks going out from various Federal agencies, so that post offices, the Treasury Department, and local banks will not be overburdened at any one time of the month.

Explaining the reason for the change, Marsh said, "Since these monthly checks are the main source of income for many beneficiaries, even a few day's delay could be serious, and this new procedure will eliminate any possible delay."

The new procedure will be used for the second time in December when the 3rd again falls on a Sunday.

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