

# Postage On Christmas Cards Will Be More

## New Rates Set Out By Post Office

Its going to be slightly more expensive this year for the citizens to express their Christmas sentiments.

Postmaster John Finley explained today that new postal regulations say you can't say "Merry Christmas" through the mail under anything smaller than a two-cent stamp.

In brief, the postal people have lowered the boom on the odd 1 1/2 cent sentiment. It takes a two-cent stamp for unsealed envelopes.

That also goes for the off-size postcards.

The only kind of card you can send through the mail under a one-cent stamp is the regulation size like those sold at the post offices.

And if you want to send your greetings in those itty-bitty unsealed envelopes, it'll cost you three cents postage.

Specifically that's what it takes for an envelope less than four inches long and three inches wide.

Not that the post office folks don't like small fry as such.

It's simply that the tiny envelope won't pass through the sand-ramp stamping machines.

They have to be stamped by hand.

As for Christmas parcels, don't try to send your friends any tasty little dish that's liable to spoil before the postman can deliver it.

The post office won't accept it for mailing, anyway. Postmaster Finley says:

If your gift is perishable but won't spoil before it reaches its destination it must be endorsed by postmasters, or postal employees with the word "Perishable" right over the name of the person to whom it is addressed.

If you forgot Aunt Sally on Christmas Eve, you can, of course, rush her gift off by air mail.

But don't try to send her an ice-

box or something that way.

The postmaster reminds us that air-mail packages sent fourth-class cannot be any bigger than 100 inches long and wide combined.

And, if they're first class or fourth-class mail, they can't weigh more than 70 pounds.

As for what else you can mark on your packages besides your friend's name and address and your own address, you may write: "Please do not open until Christmas."

You can send simple greetings inside packages going third or fourth-class mail (parcel post, that is).

You can slip in a card saying "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," or "With Best Wishes," for instance.

You can also write an inscription in a book going by third or fourth-class mail—"Merry Christmas, 1949," "To Mary from John," or something in that order.

But if you slip in even a very short letter or personal message in your parcel, be prepared to pay the same postage you'd pay if the parcel were one big letter.

That perfect gift that you finally found after tramping miles through dozens of stores may never reach your friend, if you just slap the wrapping around it, or use weak cord and flimsy paper that won't stand the gaff of the Christmas rush.

If you want to seal them, be sure you put the printed parcel post sticker reading:

"Contents: Merchandise — Postmaster: This parcel may be opened for postal inspection, if necessary." On the outside wrapping with your name and address. Without the printed sticker, the package must be tied and left unsealed.

To save time in the usual Christmas rush at the post office, buy your stamps far in advance.

Besides air mail there are the special delivery and special handling to get your gifts delivered in the fastest possible time.

To get special handling service for your fourth-class package—and only fourth-class—will cost an

extra fee beyond the usual postal rate.

For instance, for packages weighing up to two pounds, you pay 13 cents extra.

The Post Office closes these reminders by sending you this message:

"Merry Christmas." Prepaid of course.

## Pless And Clontz Named Chairmen Of Davidson Program

Judge J. Will Pless and the Rev. J. Ralph Clontz have been appointed chairmen of this area for the Davidson College Development Program. The Western North Carolina program opens with a dinner in Asheville Thursday night, December 1.

All alumni, parents and friends of the college in this section are invited to attend. With President John R. Cunningham as principal speaker, there will be no charge for the dinner and no obligation during the meeting.

Also on the program will be a showing of a sound-color movie on life at Davidson and musical selections recorded by the Davidson Male Chorus and Concert Band.

## Home Demonstration Club Schedule

The program theme of Home Demonstration clubs during the month of December will be "Recreation," Miss Elsie Garrett, county agent, said in announcing the schedule.

Meetings arranged to date are as follows:

Old Fort, two o'clock, December 1, home of Mrs. Cody Porter.

Pleasant Gardens, 7:30 p. m., December 1, home of Mrs. J. H. L. Miller.

North Marion, two o'clock, December 6, office.

Cherry Springs, two o'clock, December 7, community building.

Nebo, 7:30, December 8, home Mrs. James Parks.

Dysartsville, two o'clock, December 9, home of Mrs. Bruce Cowan.

Glenwood, 7 p. m., December 13, Methodist church.

Providence, 7:30, December 14, office.

White Pine, 7:00, December 15, home Mrs. Fred Searcy.

Bethlehem, two o'clock, December 15, lodge hall.

Turkey Cove, two o'clock, December 19, home Mrs. H. G. Washburn.

## Frady Rites Held Tuesday At Montford Cove

James Columbus Frady, 63, resident of the Montford Cove section, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Paul Marlowe, Rutherfordton, route 1, Sunday at 9:25 p. m.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in Montford Cove Baptist church with the Rev. Millard Hall in charge.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mattie Parker Frady; one son, W. Harold Frady of Forest City; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Bradley of Forest City, Mrs. Joe McAfee and Mrs. Marlowe of Rutherfordton, route 1; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, George Frady of Rutherfordton, route 3, and one sister, Mrs. A. J. Wilkerson of Marion, route 2.

## Pvt. Roy Poteat Transferred

Fort Benning, Ga.—Pvt. Roy D. Poteat, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Poteat, Marion, has been transferred to the 703rd Ordinance Co., Third Infantry Division.

Pvt. Poteat, a graduate of Glenwood High School, enlisted in the army in July 1949.

## New License Plates To Go On Sale Today

Raleigh, Nov. 24—North Carolina's motor vehicle license plates for 1950 will go on sale December 1.

Motor Vehicle Department officials said today the tags will be sold here and at 70 branch offices.

The deadline for displaying the new black plates with yellow letters will be January 31.

Tuberculosis can be found early, before there are outward symptoms, by means of chest X-rays. Tuberculosis associations, whose work is supported by Christmas Seal funds, urge every adult to have a chest X-ray at least once a year.

Try a Progress want ad.

## Henry Speaker At Rotary Meet

S. T. Henry, editor of the Tri-County News at Spruce Pine, described the growth and development of mica and feldspar mines in Spruce Pine at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rotary club last Friday.

N. B. McDivitt, Jr. of Asheville was a visiting Rotarian and F. R. Blaisdell, of Asheville, was the guest of Reese Snyder. Andrew Tainter, III was the guest of D. W. Tainter.

## Old Maid's Convention

The Glenwood Parent-Teacher association will sponsor an "Old Maid's Convention" on Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p. m.

Bulbs of daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, bulbous iris and crocus should be in the ground by mid-November.

**DOCTORS REPORT**

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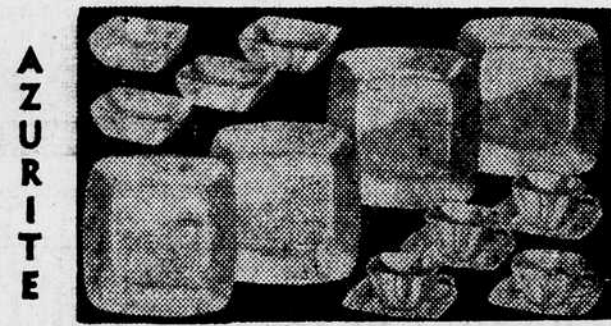
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