

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE POSTOFFICE

How to Help in the Dispatch of Heavy Mails During the Christmas Holidays

Postmaster W. J. Roberts of Shelby has received the following Christmas message from Will H. Hays, postmaster general, which message will be read in the public school in the hope that all patrons of the postoffice will follow the instructions and facilitate the handling of Christmas mails as much as possible. This message is addressed to the boys and girls and reads as follows:

Christmas is almost here. Your great Post Office Department has a big job ahead and needs your help.

Think what it means to be Santa Claus to our 100,000,000 people and to deliver Christmas parcels to every family in this great country within the short space of a few days and without disappointment.

It can be done, and we're going to do it if we may have your help. I want to enlist the active assistance of every boy and girl in the schools of our country in getting parcels mailed THIS WEEK to relieve the rush that comes directly before Christmas.

Will you go home today and take this message to your parents and friends:

"Our postmaster has asked us to mail our Christmas parcels THIS WEEK, for, unless we do, Uncle Sam's load may be so heavy the last few days before Christmas that he won't be able to deliver all the presents by Christmas eve."

The parcels must be well wrapped and tied and addressed plainly in order that they may arrive in good condition with their Christmas appearance unspooled. You can put on your packages, "Do not open until Christmas."

And, there must be a number on your house and a mail receptacle, too, for, if there isn't, Santa Claus's messenger, your letter carrier, may not be able to find the house where the present belongs.

There are some other things, too, in which you can all assist in improving the mail service and in saving our great Government millions of dollars a year that is now wasted because of our carelessness—yours and mine.

Every day that you drop a letter in the mail box 40,000,000 other letters are already pushing and jamming through the postal machinery. One letter a day for each family of five persons in the United States is given to Uncle Sam to deliver.

When you send a parcel to the post office for mailing any day there are about 8,000,000 other parcels ahead of yours passing through the postal hopper. This is in ordinary days; at Christmas time it is multiplied many times.

One family in about every ten puts a badly addressed letter in the mail every day. This mixes up over 2,000,000 half addressed letters with the 20,000,000 fully addressed letters. This means that the fully addressed letters must wait on the slow moving poorly addressed letters just like the larger boys and girls are delayed by a bunch of "bad kids" tagging along.

You boys and girls can help the Postal Service and save your father some money, because he has to help pay the cost of searching addresses on letters and parcels sent out by this one careless and thoughtless family in every ten.

First find out if your family is the careless one, then bear in mind that your letters must be handled by skilled mail distributors standing in post offices and on swaying postal cars of a mile-a-minute mail trains, often under poor light.

The addresses on every letter, card, or package must be correct, complete, and legible, including the house number and name of street, and the "From" address should be in the upper left-hand corner so that the mail will be returned to you in case it is not delivered. Do not abbreviate names of States, because so many look alike when abbreviated.

Put the proper amount of postage on your letters and wrap the parcels carefully. Avoid fancy writing, which causes post-office clerks and letter carriers to stop and study, and thus lose time. Make the address plain and easily read, and always use pen and ink or typewriter and light-colored envelopes, so as to save the eyes of the post-office clerk. Do not use envelopes of unusual size. The little ones that are so frequently used for cards and notes at Christmas and other holiday times cause an untold amount of trouble and labor, as they will not fit our canceling machines and must therefore be canceled by hand. Because of their size and tendency to slip out of a package, these small envelopes are more likely to be overlooked or lost.

Mail your letters and packages early in the day, because this avoids overloading and delaying mail at the end of the day.

Your local postmaster and your teachers will tell you more about the Postal Service.

Do these things, and you will win the grateful appreciation of the people in your post office and especially of your Postmaster General.

WILL H. HAYS.

ALL PERSONS are hereby forbidden to hunt on any lands for any game whatever. J. R. Peckard, R-4, Lawrence.

SOUTHERN METAL WORKS IS NOW INCORPORATED

Will Continue Manufacture of Rubber and Metal Parts for Automobiles

The Southern Metal Works has been incorporated with an authorized capital of \$50,000 and \$5,000 paid in by about six Shelby gentlemen who will continue the manufacture of babbit metal, solder, Brewster and Universal intertube patches and parts for automobiles. The concern was started about three years ago by Mr. J. S. Willard and has enjoyed splendid success. The newly chartered company

hopes to cover all the states of the union with their output. Already there are several men on the road and others will be added as the output is increased. The plant located near the Southern depot employs four to five men and this force will be gradually enlarged.

At a meeting of the stockholders Thursday night the following officers were elected: J. S. Willard, president, J. C. McNeely, vice president, Peyton McSwain, secretary and treasurer, John W. Norman, assistant secretary.

WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF hay and oats all the time and sell in any quantity. Eagle Roller Mills 1717c

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the will of P. D. Wilson, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, at Shelby, N. C., Route No. 7, on or before the 25th day of November, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 23rd day of November, 1921.

R. L. WILSON, Executor of the will of P. D. Wilson, deceased.

Palace Barber Shop

Under New Management
Every effort to please our customers
Your patronage will be appreciated.

L. W. Jones, Prop.

Under Shelby National Bank

BRING BACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF COUNTIES

Newspaper Contends There is Too Much Power Over Schools Vested at Raleigh

From News-Enterprise, Newton. Recently we saw a man in Newton trying to find out what they were paying a certain school teacher in his district. He was told that her pay would be the amount named by the Raleigh folks.

No matter whether a teacher is worth fifty cents or fifty or a hundred dollars—the folks at home and the local school committee have no more to say as to what they shall pay their teachers than the man in the moon.

Does any one believe that the people of North Carolina are always going to stand for this sort of autocracy in the management of their schools? This is the very sort of thing that our boys gave their lives to destroy in Germany. Autocracy in North Carolina is as abominable as it is in Germany or anywhere else.

It is all right to have State supervision and State help for public school work, but for a few so-called educators to sit up in Raleigh and say what every teacher in North Carolina is worth or what they shall receive for teaching is simply one of the absurdest absurdities.

We need State certificates for the high school teachers, we need State certificates for the first grade teachers—but beyond this the State should keep it hands off of the school work in the counties—should be left to the county what they shall

teacher employed in this county. We have heard of some people receiving doubt the money in this county that is not theirs. They have forgotten in their eagerness to teach—and yet they are paid eight, by people who are not of the ability of the teachers to teach what they see on paper.

If the county superintendent does not have the ability to know what the respective district should be, he should give up his job. One have it who does know.

The Farmers' Union did well in going on record for a six months school term to be administered by the counties without interference from the State.

This one plank that the Farmers' Union adopted at Raleigh in convention assembled will prove to be a very popular one.

If left to the popular vote in Catawba county to bring the schools back to the county to be managed by our own people—there would not be votes enough against it to make a baker's dozen.

Some of the alleged educators want to know just how popular these methods are—all they will have to do is to give the folks one chance to express themselves—their plans would look like thirty cents after such an election.

WANTS NATIONS TO CONFER IN FUTURE

President Harding Wants Envoys to Discuss World Problems Often

Adoption of a definite agreement for future meetings to discuss world problems is hoped for by President Harding before the arms conference ends.

It was revealed that, although the President does not propose to introduce formally the subject into the negotiations here until the naval and far eastern discussions have reached a decision, he does expect that before the delegates separate they will agree on a plan by which similar discussions will take place in the future.

At the same time it was made known that in drafting the framework of his plan the President was endeavoring to avoid the impression that any resulting "association of nations" might become a rival of the league of nations organized at Versailles. In highest administration quarters it was declared that Mr. Harding had no desire to interfere with the league, and hoped only to find a way by which the nations could be brought together for consultation in the common interest.

To what detail the President's proposal had been reduced was not revealed, nor was it made known by what method the subject would be brought formally before the arms conference. On the other hand, there were indications that even the informal discussions now proceeding with regard to the project would be subordinated as much as possible at the present stage of the conference, and that further information regarding it would be withheld until the time is considered ripe for its formal submission.

Until that time, too, administration officials expect to refrain from comment on the widespread speculation that the President's suggestions has aroused. It is said to be the feeling of these officials that to keep the question in prominence now might interfere with the plan to keep the attention of the conference centered wholly on the naval and far eastern problems until they are solved.

NOTICE OF SALE The undersigned will sell to the highest bidder on Thursday December 8, 1921 my household and kitchen furniture and farming tools, half interest in tractor, mowing machine, wheat drill and a lot of other things. Interested persons, J. H. McSwain, Shelby R-1 11

Another New Record for the Monarch of Motors—Willys-Knight

PERFORMANCE records convince the prospect. They have the candor of a child's blue eyes.

The Willys-Knight dealer should have no difficulty in showing his heels to competition.

You know a hundred reasons—all of them good. Here's another! The Dixon Motor Car Company of Elizabeth, N. J., reports under date of October 15th.

"Our model 20 demonstrator, 30,620 miles old, just in from record run, New York to Montreal and return.

"Covered 863 miles in 19 hours 43 minutes. Driver, Roy A. Gussman.

"Average speed, 43 miles an hour."

Miracles for an ordinary car are an every day performance with Willys-Knight.

Roberts-Laughridge Motor Company

Shelby, N. C.

Prices on all U. S. Tires and Tubes Reduced November 10th Ask your Dealer

THE makers of United States Tires made available November 10th prices lower than any pre-war prices on their full line of tires and tubes, including Royal Cords and Fabric Tires for passenger cars and solid and pneumatic tires for trucks.

The new prices are ready for the public all over the country through the established dealers who handle United States Tires.

	USCO	CHAIN	NOBBY	ROYAL CORD	GREY TUBE
30x3 1/2	\$10.90	\$14.90	\$17.90	\$18.30	\$2.25
32x3 1/2	17.75	19.15	23.15	25.75	2.55
32x4	23.60	25.40	27.60	32.50	3.20
33x4	24.85	26.75	28.95	33.50	3.35

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DRUMMERS who make dozens of calls a day, who drive further every week than most of us do in a month, know a lot about the efficiency and economy of different motor fuels. They nearly always ask for "Standard" Motor Gasoline.

This balanced gasoline gives quick starts, even when the motor has become chilled. It burns up completely, doesn't quickly choke the motor with carbon or ruin the lubricating oil with carbon and unburned gasoline. It runs the motor on a lean mixture and gives big mileage per gallon.

"Standard" Motor Gasoline leads the procession in all these essential qualities. It is the most perfectly balanced motor fuel we know of—the result of innumerable tests for economy and efficiency, perfected refining processes and the choice of the most suitable crudes.

In cold weather or hot, when it's dry and frosty, wet and muddy or hot and sunny, you'll travel the road more smoothly and get further on a gallon. And with less carbon trouble. You won't have to constantly adjust your carburetor. That's why city and country salesmen use balanced "Standard" Motor Gasoline.

You, too, want the best for your money. The best is "Standard" Motor Gasoline. Try it on your next filling. See how lively and powerful your car is, how promptly it starts, how easily it takes hard hills, how far you go on a gallon. One quality wherever you buy it, and for sale everywhere.

Protect the moving parts of your car. Polarine is the great friction remover.

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