

Postmaster Quinn Gives Tips On Handling Christmas Mail

To The Editor:
As the volume of mail to be handled by the postal employees will be so greatly augmented during the approaching Christmas season, they greatly need and desire the co-operation of every patron of the office and its various routes. By the careful observation of a few simple and fundamental principles, such as legible writing, correct and complete addressing, proper wrapping and tying, and attaching return addresses, all mail could be handled correctly and expeditiously. These points carefully observed, there would be few delays and losses in the mails.

Things To Remember.
Post and Christmas cards, mailed loose, require one cent postage; mailed in an unsealed envelope, they require one and a half cents; and if mailed in a sealed envelope, they require two cents.
City carriers are not required to stop at residences to pick up letters for dispatch but, if they have mail for a house, they will take up such letters. Drop boxes are provided on the streets for letters for dispatch. Please use these. Do not expect the city carriers to take up your mail unless they are delivering mail at your house. Always stamp your letters before dropping in street boxes. Do not drop money in street boxes for stamping letters.
If you expect city service, you must provide a receptacle for same or cut a slot in or near your door. This requirement must be complied with.
There are numerous streets in Shelby that need and desire city

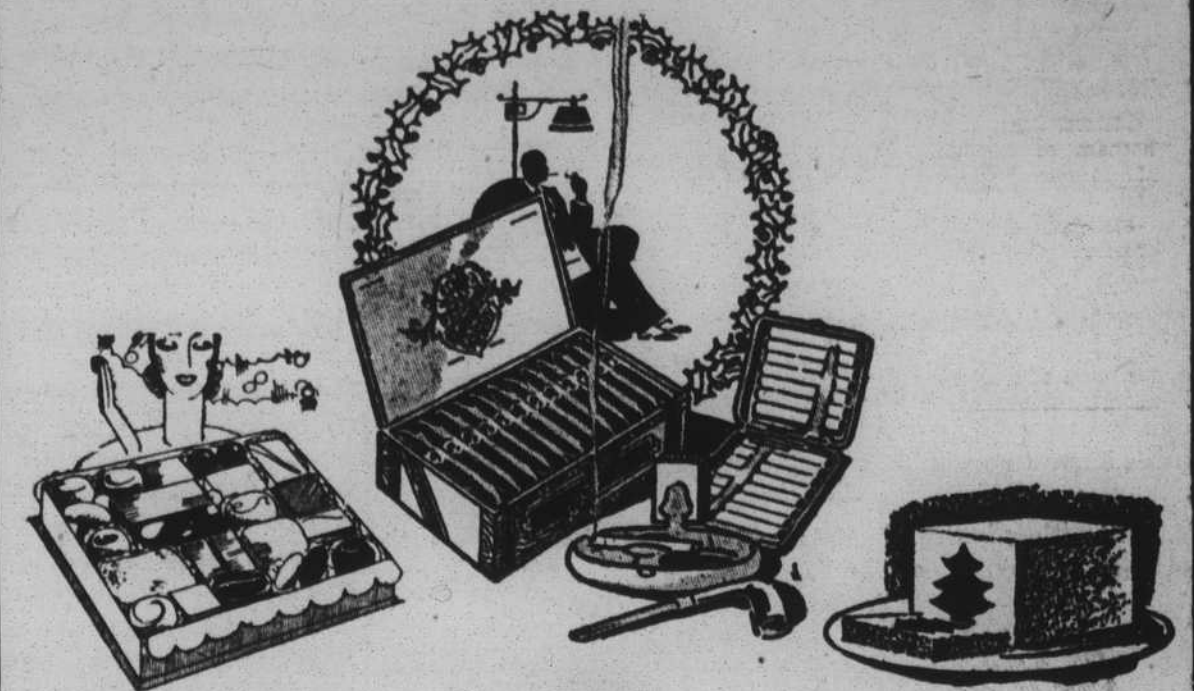
service but can not get it until they are qualified by having paved streets or improved sidewalks. When these improvements are extended the post office department will consider the extension of the city service.
All the rural carriers from the Shelby post office are supplied with stamped and printed envelopes for their respective routes. All patrons should keep a supply of these on hand. It is a material delay and annoyance to the carriers to stop to sell a stamp or envelope every time you have a letter to mail. The habit of putting pennies in mail boxes for stamps should be discontinued at once. It is a source of endless annoyance and delay.
It is no part of the duty of a rural carrier to stop to write a card or a letter for a patron. When he does so he is infringing upon the government's time. He is delaying the delivery of the mail of other patrons who are expecting him on schedule time.
A general delivery clerk is not required to open boxes for patrons who come without their keys or to hand out mail at window from lock boxes, but he is called upon scores of times every day to render this service, while patrons who are entitled to window service must stand in line and wait. This is unfair to the clerk, an injustice to the waiting patrons, and an imposition upon the government. It should be discontinued and no longer tolerated.
Some people buy a stamp every time they mail a letter thus subjecting themselves and the clerk, or rural carrier, as the case may be, to

the loss of time and energy in selling stamps and making change, instead of buying enough stamps, or better, stamped envelopes to last them a while. It costs no more in the end, to keep a supply on hand than to buy every time you need one.
Our city patrons should remember that city carriers are not required to handle and seal stamps or stamped envelopes and they should not be requested to furnish stamps or to stamp letters mailed without stamps.
Very often this office receives letters correctly and completely addressed to persons living on streets that are without city service. As we have no means of delivering these letters at the houses named, they must go to the general delivery to await a call from addressee and the addressee does not call because he has given his correct address, as he thinks. Consequently these letters must go to the dead letter office. If you are not served by a city carrier, then let your correspondents know where and how you get your mail.
If you mail cards or letters in quantities you can greatly assist your office and hasten the dispatch of your mail by tying in bundles or by handing them in at the general delivery window instead of dropping in box. In such cases letters and cards should all be faced the same way.
If you are doing a large quantity of mailing, please do not dump it all in the office at one time but distribute it throughout the day. You will greatly aid us and hasten the dispatch of your own mail. To handle the great volume of mail which must pass through this office before Christmas passes, we will greatly need the cooperation of our patrons at every turn.
If you failed or neglected to mail that letter or parcel that you as-

ured your friend or creditor that you would mail, it is a pretty slick way of shifting responsibilities and covering up one's own shortcomings by saying "I mailed it and the post office has lost it." The post office suffers often for the sins of others.
Remember there will be no carrier service, city or rural, on Sunday, December 22, nor on Christmas day, except special deliveries. Remember the mails will be greatly congested on 22nd and 24th. To insure delivery before Christmas, by all means mail early and often.
Hundreds of Christmas cards will be mailed by teachers to their pupils within a few days. The greater part of these children are unknown to the employees of this office and to insure prompt delivery they must be completely addressed and sent in care of parents. If every clerk in office could review every piece of mail passing through the office, possibly every addressee would be known by some one, but that is physically impossible and unthinkable. In the main they must be governed by the address given. Then let's be on the safe side by giving everything that tends to identify the child.
Some patrons think that letters which are incompletely or incorrectly addressed, many times giving the post office only, should be inspected by every man in the office to see if any one knows addressee before such letters are returned to the writers. But we receive hundreds or so addressed and to take this course in each instance would mean a great loss of time and a heavy expense to the government. The department expects every patron to so address his mail that any clerk in the office will know where it goes. This expedites delivery, saves expense to the govern-

ment, and saves a criticism of the office.
Despite our most careful attention and our most earnest desire to render efficient service, some letters will get in the wrong boxes. We would not be human were we to make no mistakes. When you find that we have made a mistake, just remember that we handle thousands correctly to every one that is incorrectly handled and ask yourself if you could have done as well. When anything is unsatisfactory at your office, tell the postmaster—not the other fellow—and give him a chance to correct it, if possible. We are anxious at all times to render efficient service. Please help us to do it.
J. H. QUINN, Postmaster.
Shelby, N. C.
If You Can't See Red, It's Too Bad
Optometrist Says Indirect Color Vision Test Reveals Bodily Ills.
Cincinnati.—The newest methods of diagnosing the ills to which the flesh is heir is by charting defects in the indirect color vision of the human eye," it was stated here by Dr. W. Jerome Heather, head of the Pennsylvania state school of optometry, in an address before Cincinnati optometrists.
"The indirect field of vision includes all colored objects seen at an angle," he explained. "White objects should be seen within a ninety-degree arc; blue should be clear at fifty-four degrees; red at forty-one, and green at twenty-four."
"Elaborate clinical tests have demonstrated that many individuals have narrowing of these fields of vision and this constriction always indicates some disorder of the body."
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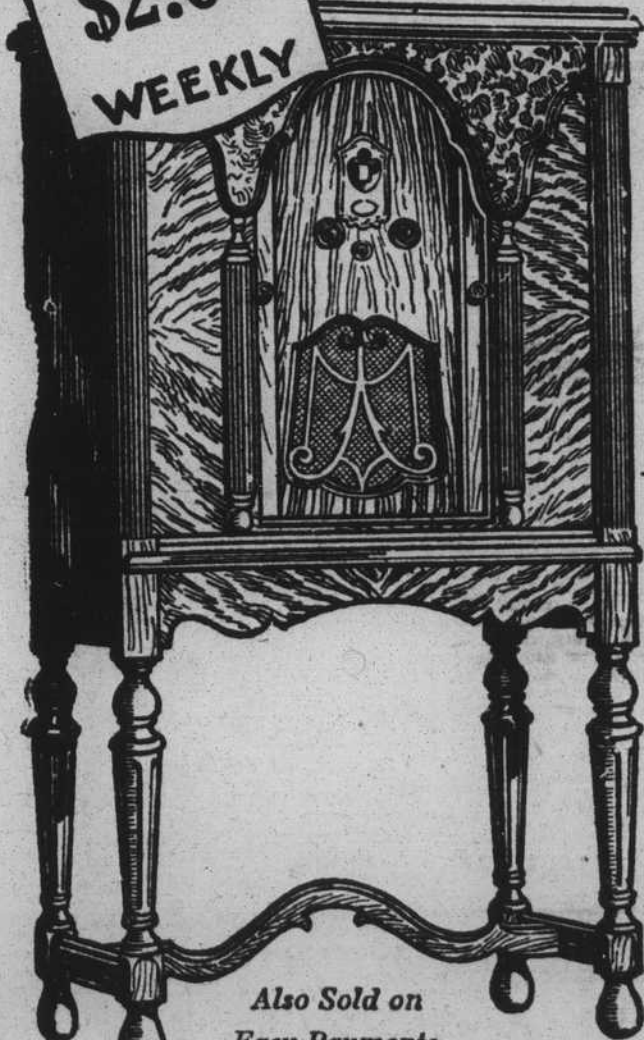
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