

Postoffice Waits To be Inundated In Mailing Rush

With 21 days to go until Christmas, Torrance Postmaster Clara A. Conner is waiting for the deluge which comes each year at this time. No not rain packages and letters by the thousand.

"Our main problem right now," the Postmaster noted this week, "is that too many people are waiting to mail everything at once. We know what's coming. But we don't know when." Her place. You've just hired a group of temporary postal workers. You're expecting packages. Big packages. Little packages. Neatly wrapped and poorly wrapped packages. Some insured some registered.

There will be Christmas cards by the thousands. Yes, and the final count may total millions. From past experience, you know that the job gets bigger and bigger each year. What would you do?

Postmaster Conner has worked out her own answer. She asks the public to cooperate, by following a few time-saving suggestions:

Wrap in Bunches

"Wrap and mail your gifts, two or three at a time. Don't let them pile up on you now, or at the post office later. Begin with those to be addressed to distant states."

This year all parcel post going out-of-state should be mailed by Dec. 5, for local delivery by Dec. 10. Size and weight limitations now in effect vary according to destination. Ask about them when you visit the post office to buy stamps.

Weight Limits

In some zones, for example, parcel post may not exceed 72 inches in length and girth combined and 40 pounds in weight, while in others the combined length and girth may be 100 inches and the weight up to 70 pounds.

"The important thing to remember about Christmas cards," says Postmaster Conner, "is to send them by first-class mail, and place your return address on the envelope."

With a three-cent stamp, your Christmas cards will be forwarded if the addressee has moved, and a new address is on file, or returned if the addressee cannot be located. Christmas cards mailed first-class also may carry written messages, a popular Yuletide custom.

Special Sizes

What's more, Christmas card envelopes smaller than 2 1/4 by 4 inches or larger than 9 by 12 inches must carry three-cent stamps, because they require special treatment. Christmas cards addressed to other states should be posted by Dec. 15. Those addressed for delivery within the state should be mailed by at least a week before Christmas.

"Delivery of Christmas cards can be simplified for us and speeded up for you," the postmaster concluded. "Just tie them in two separate bundles, with the addresses facing one way."

"Then attach the special labels that indicate 'All For Local Delivery' and 'All For Out-Of-Town Delivery'. These helpful tags can be picked up at the post office merely for the asking, and will be available throughout the holiday season."

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WHO'S HOLDING THE BAG!

Six weeks ago today leaders of the three UAW-CIO locals at North American Aviation's plants called a strike. These local leaders made glowing promises to North American employees on the basis of fantastic demands and proclaimed the strike as an industry-wide drive which would be successively joined by the IAM-AFL locals just starting their own negotiations.

The handwriting was on the wall within a few weeks. The industry-wide drive never materialized. First the IAM at Douglas, El Segundo voted by secret ballot to accept an offer similar to the one the UAW-CIO turned down at North American. The IAM locals at Douglas Santa Monica and at Lockheed voted by secret ballot not to accept similar offers but to stay on the job as peaceful negotiations continued. The same pattern as that offered by North American has been put into effect at Northrop, Hughes Culver City and Tucson, and AirResearch, and accepted by union negotiators at Rohr Riverside. The workers in other airframe plants are still working and getting their pay checks.

The company has made a fair offer which has turned out to be as good or better as that paid, offered or accepted in other airframe companies in the areas where we operate. We will not offer a single point under strike pressure that we have not already offered in peaceful negotiations.

The UAW-CIO locals at North American are losing the strike. More than 13,000 people in the bargaining units represented by them have already returned to work. The company has received more than 5,000 letters from employees advising us that they have resigned from the union indicating their dissatisfaction with the leadership in this matter. This is an expensive strike to the North American UAW-CIO locals and our employees who have not yet returned to work. Those employees who have not returned to work have already lost over \$13,000,000 in wages.

Who is holding the bag? Is this sad situation due to irresponsible local leadership? The union members can answer that. This unhappy position is the result of glowing promises which cannot be fulfilled. There is no need to ask you who is holding the bag. It is the men and women of North American who are not on the job.

More than 13,000 of the employees in the bargaining units represented by the UAW-CIO are on the job now. More are returning to work on every shift. These are the men and women who have decided for themselves. The membership should realize that to return to work is not disloyalty to organized labor or the true spirit of unionism, but a rejection of poor leadership and refusal to hold the bag.

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