

Post Offices May Bar Poorly Wrapped Gifts

U. S. Post offices have received instructions to reject overseas Christmas packages that are improperly wrapped or incompletely addressed, as well as packages that contain prohibited articles or perishable materials, Army and Navy postal officials said today. The deadline for sending Christmas gifts overseas is October 15.

About five per cent of the 7,480,000 Christmas packages that were mailed to Naval personnel last year were lost as a result of faulty packaging and incorrect addressing, it was pointed out. Of the 20,000,000 packages that were mailed to Army personnel, about five per cent also were lost for the same reasons, the Army said.

Damaged parcels, the contents of which are unmailable, are returned to the sender. If the address of the sender has been omitted, obliterated or has become so defaced in transit that it cannot be read, the parcel is treated as dead parcel post. Such packages go to the Dead Letter Office.

Addresses should be legible, preferably in typewriting or ink. The complete address should also be shown on a sheet of paper inside the parcel in case the outer wrapper becomes torn, mutilated or destroyed in transit, postal officials said.

Parcels addressed to Army personnel should show the name, rank, Army serial number, branch of service, organization, APO number, as well as the post office through which the parcel is to be routed.

Parcels addressed to Naval personnel (including the Marine Corps and Coast Guard) should show the name, rank or rating, the naval unit or ship to which the addressee is assigned with the Navy number assigned thereto, or name of the ship or fleet post office through which the parcel is to be routed.

REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 6th

NEW TAX FORMS BEING PRINTED

Joseph D. Nunan, Jr. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, announced this week that a revised and simplified income tax return, Form 1040, is now being prepared for use next March.

Most employed Negroes are expected to use their Withholding Receipts for their returns, but a large number of taxpayers will need or prefer to use Form 1040.

Simplification of Form 1040, Commissioner Nunan said, has made possible the elimination of two previous forms—Form 1040A, which was a special income tax form for incomes under \$3,000, and the estimating worksheets for a Declaration of Estimated Tax.

The new Form 1040 is of four pages, as in former years. However, it not contains both a tax table for ready determination of the tax of persons with incomes of less than \$5,000 and a computation method for other taxpayers. Those who use the tax table will be able to convert the form into a "short form return" by tearing off half of the form.

The tax table automatically allows its users about 10 per cent of their income in lieu of deductions for charitable contributions, interests, taxes, medical expenses, etc. This is the same table that will be used by collectors of internal revenue to figure the tax of persons who use their Withholding Receipts instead of Form 1040 for their 1944 returns.

Persons whose income was less than \$5,000 but who are entitled to deductions of more than 10 per cent will disregard the table, itemize their deductions and compute their tax. Persons whose income was \$5,000 or more will have a choice of taking a standard deduction of \$500 or itemizing their deductions in detail but will have to compute their tax in either case.

Form 1040A, which in past years was called the "short form", became unnecessary when the tax table was incorporated in Form 1040 and when most employed persons became eligible to use their Withholding Receipts for their returns.

The worksheets for persons filing Declarations of Estimated Tax, originally intended as simplified



AVON LONG
Avon is one of the featured dancers of "Porgy and Bess," due here next week.

versions of the regular income tax form, became unnecessary for the reason that in its new style Form 1040 will be usable both as a return form and as a guide for estimating tax.

Printing of the new Form 1040 has begun, but it will not be ready for general distribution until late this year.

NEW YORK — Blame for the mistreatment of Negro men and women in the armed services has been placed squarely on the doorstep of the White House in a statement made this week by Arthur B. McCaw, Omaha, Nebraska, business man, and a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

"Since we all know that the Democrats are in power, that Roosevelt is Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, that he has extraordinary powers, that discrimination in the Army and Navy is vile, and that a simple order from the President could end it all, just like that," Mr. McCaw said, "it is not enough to argue that the influence of southern officers prevents the Army from providing better treatment for Negroes.

"If the Army can order a man to leap from a parachute behind enemy lines, and if an officer can order men to pour out of landing craft and onto beaches bristling with enemy guns, surely it can or-

New Gasoline Coupons Hard to Counterfeit

Counterfeiters are going to have a tough job duplicating the new "A" basic gasoline ration coupons that motorists will soon receive from their local boards, Roth Keller, acting mileage enforcement representative, emphasized today.

The "A" 13 coupons are printed on a new type of yellow government safety paper and every coupon bears a serial number, he revealed. In addition, the same serial number appears on the cover of the book and a record of it is made by the issuing board.

New "A" books come into use at 12:01 a. m. September 22 when the current "A-12's", the last coupons in the old book, expire.

Regardless of the new safety features, the "A13's" must be properly endorsed as soon as they are received, Keller declared, as the endorsement makes it possible to trace an illegal coupon to the person who puts it in circulation.

The serial number is primarily useful in spotting stolen coupons, he pointed out. It can be traced by its number from the plant that printed it to the board that received it or the person to whom it was issued. All regional OPA verification centers are given lists of the numbers of coupons reported stolen, and incoming 'bingo shoots' are watched for those numbers.

Other features: The new coupons are numbered A-13 through A-17, six of each, and will be valid for three months from September 22 through December 21. As each coupon will be worth four gallons of gasoline, this will provide the same three-months driving allowance as the present ration which consists of eight 3-gallon coupons for a three-months period.

der its own personnel to treat all U. S. soldiers equally," he added.

The treatment that has been accorded men in uniform here and abroad is one of the disgraces of the present conflict, rivalling in its brutality, in some instances, the inhuman conduct of the barbaric Nazis.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt, propounder of the Four Freedoms, has remained mute in the face of the terrorism that has been visited upon Negro troops.

Mr. McCaw said his tour of the Middle West has proved to him beyond question that Negroes will roll up a heavy vote for the Republican Party in November. Particularly in Nebraska, he said, where the Negro vote will be almost solid for the GOP despite the activity of the CIO's Political Action Committee in and around Omaha.

KINGS OF SWING, JAZZ IN "ATLANTIC CITY"

Armstrong, Whiteman in Republic Musical

Two musical kings are featured in "Atlantic City," the musical in which Republic Studios have captured the romance, glamour, and excitement of this popular resort city. This gay musical has the unique distinction of presenting Louis Armstrong, King Of Swing, and Paul Whiteman, King Of Jazz.



Louis Armstrong

Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong goes to town on "Ain't Misbehavin'," the number he has featured since he took New York by storm in "Hot Chocolates." He adds new laurels to his long and colorful career in his "Atlantic City" stint, and does a swell vocal on this grand tune. "The Trumpet King Of Swing" is joined by the luscious Dorothy Dandridge and that popular piano and tap-dance duo, Buck and Bubbles.



Paul Whiteman

Paul Whiteman, now musical director of the Blue network, launched a new era in American music, and "Atlantic City" shows him at the beginning of his career, when he first put long pants on the romper-clad jazz. Incidentally, the film marks his debut as a singer, when he joins Constance Moore, who co-stars with Brad Taylor, in "On A Sunday Afternoon."

There are many grand tunes in this elaborate musical. "By The Sea" and "On A Sunday Afternoon" are combined in an eye-filling song-and-dance sequence. "After You've Gone," by Creamer and Layton, is a song which was first introduced years ago by the popular James Reese Europe. "I Ain't Got Nobody," popularized by Bert Williams, "Nobody's Sweetheart," "Gallagher and Shean," and "The Bird On Nellie's Hat" are a few of the others which contribute to the fun and entertainment in "Atlantic City."

CHORAL SOCIETY TO PRESENT PROGRAM

By Fred Mims

Vanport Negro Choral Society, under the direction of Mr. Charles P. Blakeney of Vanport City, is presenting their first unique program on Sunday afternoon, October 8th, at 4 p. m. sharp at Recreation Center No. 2.

The feature number of this program will be "Going Home" by Anton Svorak, "The Heaven Are Declining", Beethoven. There will also be solos by mixed quartettes and an octette. Admission is FREE.

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