

EDITORIAL

Time to Mail Overseas Parcels

Publicity regarding the mailing of Christmas packages to service people overseas may be a little tardy, since opening date for receiving such parcels at the post office is September 15. Tardy or not, it is time to say something on the subject, for there is but one month—September 15 to October 15—in which to get gift packages in the mail.

The great demand for shipping and the need for giving preference to arms, munitions, medicine and food is the prime reason for the early mailing date. Moreover, gift parcels must travel great distances to reach army and navy personnel who are located at remote points, and frequently the transfer of large numbers to new stations necessitates forwarding of the packages and additional time is required.

Post office officials are urging the saving of strong string and box material. More care must be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely and addressing them correctly. And don't use a shoe box. Experience has proved that type of package unworthy of your consideration. Too many packages have failed to arrive at their destination in times past. The postal department recommends boxes made of metal, wood, solid fiberboard, reinforced with strong gummed paper tape or tied with strong twine. If both tape and strong twine are used, so much the better. If the outer wrapper is crushed—and this is likely to happen—the loss of contents may be prevented if fiberboard boxes are wrapped in heavy paper with the address on both the inner and outer wrapping.

Remember: The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas parcel" so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before December 25.

Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer.

When combination packages are made up of such items as miscellaneous toilet articles, hard candies, soaps, etc., the contents should be tightly packed so that they will not become loosened in transit and damage contents or the cover. Hard candies, nuts, caramels (including those covered with chocolates), cookies and fruit cake, and chocolate bars individually wrapped in waxed paper should be enclosed in inner boxes of wood, metal or card board.

Perishable goods, such as fruits and vegetables that may spoil, are prohibited. Intoxicants, inflammable materials such as matches or lighter fluids, poisons and anything that may damage other mail also are prohibited. Gifts enclosed in glass should be substantially packed to avoid breakage. Sharp instruments, such as razors and knives, must have their edges and points protected so that they cannot cut through the coverings and injure postal personnel or damage other packages.

Bear these facts in mind and—MAIL EARLY!

A 61 Per Cent Judiciary

Any doubts entertained regarding the necessity and demand for a hospital have been removed during the past week with the circulation of petitions to authorize the county court to pro-

ceed with steps to place the measure before the people of the county at the November election. While not all petitions were placed before the court Wednesday, some of them not arriving in time, sufficient names were presented to assure action as soon as the court is apprised of the legal procedure.

It cannot be said that sentiment was unanimous, although not far from that status, for there is seldom any proposal carrying a tax consideration that appeals to each individual in the same light. In the case of the hospital, the need is so universally felt that even those normally opposed to additional taxes are inclined to lend their support. This was found to be the rule by those who circulated the petitions. Some of them encountered a little opposition, mostly from an aversion to signing petitions, and all of them expressed surprise at the willingness of taxpayers to assume a little added burden.

Enthusiasm for the project is expressed by a substantial citizen whose letter appears elsewhere in this issue. There are others who take the same viewpoint, although are more inclined to postpone actual construction until materials and labor conditions are more favorable. Whatever course is followed it is quite certain that Morrow county will have a hospital that will meet the requirements of its people.

A Favorable Response

A freedom-loving American people whose minds and hands have been busy winning a war are becoming more and more conscious of what has been taking place in New Deal administration while they were so occupied. It is a rude awakening to many of them to find that President Roosevelt has had the opportunity to appoint 61 percent of the entire life tenure Federal Judicial personnel in the United States since he took office March 4, 1933.

The American judicial system exerts a profound influence on American life. It decides economic, political and social problems of the highest importance. It reflects and often carries forward the philosophy of government prevailing during any particular period of time.

It thus becomes a fact of considerable significance to learn that President Roosevelt has appointed—

88 percent of the Judicial personnel of the Supreme Court.

100 percent of the Judicial Personnel of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

67 percent of the Judicial personnel of the Circuit Court of Appeals.

60 percent of the Judicial personnel of the Customs and Patents Appeals court.

80 percent of the Judicial personnel of the Claims Court.

66 percent of the Judicial personnel of the Customs court.

56 percent of the Judicial personnel of the District Courts.

When the Founding Fathers gave to America its Constitution with its system of "checks and balances" they could not know that the balance would be placed again and again and again by a sprawling giant of central government against the states and every individual within their boundaries.

News From The Boys at The Front

BOYS IN FRANCE LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS AT HOME—MAYBE

Writing from "Somewhere in France" 15 August, 1944, Dan Dinges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges of Lexington, tells David Wilson that he and many others of the boys over there are looking forward to spending Christmas at home. But to begin at the first: Dear Dave:

I was overjoyed to receive your swell letter today and will lose no time in getting an answer in the mail. I hope you find time for a repeat performance now and then because mail is about the most valuable connection we have with home life.

Just noticed I had this letter dated 15 July. You can see by that how little time means to us. The weeks just roll by and Sunday is the same as any other day—except that occasionally I am able to attend church, surprising as that may sound. It gets to be sort of a grind, but the only way we'll start counting time again is from that day when "Jerry" yells Uncle—a day incidentally, we all hope will be fairly soon. I think there are possibilities that Christmas may see some of us home. We are also very elated over today's invasion of southern France. I hope they go like a house on fire, and also hope they don't experience many of the extremely rough weeks we had at first. Believe me, I've seen enough to suit me although I am still very much alive and in A-1 shape.

From what reports I have, Morrow county must be about out of eligible man-power. I can't think of very many who haven't been caught. It's going to be a big day when we all get back. I'm certainly looking forward to it with great expectations. Just to be home again will be a big enough event in itself.

Well, it's sort of late so will call it "thirty." Please try to find time to write again. I assure you it will be greatly appreciated. My best to everyone and a big hello.

Sincerely
DAN

IN AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

Richard Robinson F 1c has written his mother, Mrs. Maud Robinson of Heppner, that he is in what is known as the amphibious force of the navy. "It's a separate branch from the regular navy, as we have our own insignia," he writes. "We operate only at the time of invasion, landing troops, supplies and equipment in various types of smaller craft. I am first engineer on a 50-foot LCM (Landing Craft Mechanized) used to land tanks and heavy equipment on beaches where large ships are unable to come in close."

CLAIR COX RAISED TO RANK OF SERGEANT

TAMPA, Fla.—Clair H. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Claude Cox, of Heppner, Ore. has been promoted to the grade of sergeant, it has been announced at the Third Air Force Replacement depot here.

Sergeant Cox, a graduate of Heppner High school and a former student at Oregon State college, has been promoted rapidly at the replacement depot. His most recent promotion was the third he has received in five months. He was made private first class March 17 and was advanced to corporal April 15.

He was called from the enlisted reserve Aug. 14, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Kerns, Utah. He was then assigned to the depot here and is now a section chief of the motor pool. He has been awarded the Good Conduct ribbon and has qualified as a sharpshooter with the carbine.

FLIGHT OFFICER BATTY READY FOR COMBAT DUTY

Flight Officer Raymond Floyd Batty, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Batty of Kimberley, recently com-

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