

Jobholder Turnover Seen Extensive Under Kennedy Administration

Postal Department Gives Suggestions On Proper Wrapping of Packages

Washington — (UPI)—With the Christmas holidays just around the corner, the post office department has some suggestions to make sure that gift parcels arrive undamaged.

Poor packaging accounts for more breakage and spillage in shipment than any other factor. But the post office often gets blamed anyway. When a parcel arrives in battered condition, some persons jokingly accuse the department of "hiring a man to jump on all packages."

The Federal Register, published by the government, lists revised rules and regulations to assure the safe arrival of fragile and easily damaged items. Along with the suggestions, the post office warns that it reserves the right to exclude from the mail certain types of badly packaged merchandise.

Stronger Containers Needed

The department suggests that packages sent to more distant points need stronger containers. This is true because the parcel receives more handling on its way to a distant point than a package addressed to a nearby destination.

Size of the container also is an important factor. If the contents might shift in transit, if it is too small, there won't be room enough for protective inside cushioning. Overstuffed cartons frequently burst before arriving at their destination.

Adequate Cushioning Keeps the goods inside from bumping against the sides of the carton in which they are shipped. In addition to protecting against outside impact, cushioning also protects items inside from damaging one another, if two or more items are in the same box.

Cushioning Suggested

Among the materials which can be used for cushioning are excelsior, flexible corrugated cardboard, felt, cotton, clothing, tissue paper, shredded newspaper, and even popcorn.

The government conducted tests with popcorn as a cushioning agent and found it useful in certain cases, especially in packing delicate electronic gear. But shredded newspaper is still the handiest and most popular material for packing fragile items.

only when stiffening material is used to protect the contents. Words like "rush" or "do not delay" can be used only on special delivery shipments or on mail intended for special handling.

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— A sturdy fiberboard carton in good condition need not be wrapped.

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UPI Gives Correct Number To Kiddies Calling for Santa

Chicago — (UPI)—Dial Franklin 2-9300 in Chicago and Santa Claus, with a brogue, reminds the caller to "be a good child" and he'll be by sometime on Christmas Eve.

Dial Franklin 2-9000 by mistake, and many young Chicagoans did Monday night, and the conversation goes about like this:

"Good evening, United Press International."

"Hello, Santa Claus?"

"I'm sorry, Santa isn't here. Perhaps he's at Franklin 2-9300. That's FR two-nine-three-oh-oh."

"Oh."

"Click."

Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. A. J. — She's five-five and missing all the teenage fun.

Lucille J. — My only joy in life is eating.

Mrs. A. J. — I'm at my wit's end about Lucille. She's 15, a junior in high school, and on such an eating jag that I can hardly keep her in clothes. Nothing seems to help. Her physical education teacher spoke to her and gave her a diet. I clip articles and pictures out of the papers and hang them around the house to inspire her. I make non-fattening chocolate pudding for her as a treat. But she slips into the kitchen later and eats a whole jar of peanut butter or a full box of potato chips.

I took her to our doctor. He found her 80 pounds overweight! He tried to scare her into reducing, and gave her some medicine to help the fat burn up faster, and take away her appetite.

Now I find the medicine just standing around! She's not interested. She actually seems to want to look this way. Next year she'll be a senior. That's the time young girls have so much fun. But at this rate Lucille will just be looking on.

Lucille J. — My mother doesn't understand that I'm satisfied. Some girls get happiness from clothes and boys and dates. I get mine from food. I enjoy my friends, and my dog, and my job on the school paper and lots of other things. But I get my best lift from eating.

Why is a girl's figure so important? I'm not trying to be Miss America or a model. I don't see why I must look special just because the fashion people say so. In some parts of the world it's fine to be fat. If I lived in those lands, people would leave me alone.

Maybe I could reduce if I had a good reason. But I feel fine. And in a square dance I'm as light on my feet as the next one. Of course, when the call is "swing your partner," I don't want to be swung. I swing myself!

I'm not worried about sitting out the Senior Prom and the parties next year. I'm thinking of more serious things, like getting into a good college.

The Council: Lucille must be helped to see that she has many kinds of hunger, all requiring different kinds of food. Yet she makes the mistake of trying to quiet all the hungers with food intended to quiet only the physical. So far as her other needs go, she could eat every hour on the hour and they'd still be starved!

Lucille sounds like an unhappy child who has just given up. She finds it easier to retreat into a wall of fat, and then surround the wall with fine-sounding defenses. Perhaps Mrs. J., plus the physical education teacher, the guidance teacher in Lucille's school and the doctor, can probe more into what's eating Lucille rather than what Lucille's eating!

We assume that the doctor has ruled out any major physical cause for Lucille's obesity. Even when hereditary or glandular factors are present, restraint in eating is prescribed. But Lucille can't restrain her appetite because, as she indicates, she sees no good reason.

Here are a few. No matter what she says, Lucille looks on hungrily while her friends engage in normal boy-girl so-

Key Government Positions Under Intensive Study

Washington — (UPI)—The turnover in federal jobholders may be far more extensive under the administration of President-elect Kennedy than originally indicated by his personnel specialist, it has been learned.

Architects of the new administration are intensifying their study of key government positions. The first appointments of major Kennedy administration officials will be announced this week and next week.

The President-elect's press secretary, Pierre Salinger, called a news conference to announce what he termed "hard news." The news will not involve appointments. Salinger may disclose new studies ordered by Kennedy, not necessarily involving personnel matters.

1,800 Jobs Open

Kennedy and his chief advisers in planning the transition of government from Republican to Democratic control have given priority to filling about 1,800 top federal policy jobs, ranging from the cabinet down to "schedule C," a classification of approximately 1,200 federal positions which may be filled by presidential appointment.

United Press International learned from within the Kennedy planning staff, however, that the new administration is studying thousands of federal posts within the normal career classifications of the Civil Service system.

Job for Brother?

The possibility of a high government post for Kennedy's brother, Robert, remained an open question after the two men conferred Sunday for the first time since shortly after the election.

Bob Kennedy, the President-elect's campaign manager told reporters after talking with his brother that the question of a top federal job for him "still is a wide open matter and we have not reached a decision one way or another."

Bobby said he expected to discuss the subject extensively this week with the incoming chief executive. Bobby said several weeks ago he did not think it was proper for him to take a job in his brother's administration.

Kennedy also discussed appointments in his administration.

Kennedy Unworried By GOP Efforts

Washington — (UPI)—President-elect Kennedy says he is not worried by GOP efforts to get vote recounts in several states because he has information "that the count has been accurate."

If the ballots from the Nov. 8 election have been tabulated correctly, "you can count them any number of times" without changing the outcome, he told reporters Monday night.

Although voicing confidence that GOP-inspired recounts would not upset his narrow victory over Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Kennedy said he favored recounting ballots whenever "they ought to be counted" so the public would have full confidence in the results.

The latest UPI tabulation showed Kennedy leading Nixon by about 175,000 popular votes. Kennedy had 300 electoral votes and Nixon 223.

RED OFFICIALS ARRIVE

Havana — (UPI)—Charge D'Affaires Huang Wen-yu and four lesser officials from Peiping arrived here Monday night to establish Red China's first embassy in Latin America.

Instead of meeting this hunger by trying to become more gregarious and attractive, Lucille eats a dozen eclairs. This may bring her temporary solace, but it makes her even less attractive.

Also, she'll have trouble with college entrance. Obesity is now viewed as evidence of an illness. And, once admitted, she'll find it hard to keep up with the pace usually required.

Above all, Lucille must be led to self-knowledge so that she stops feeding loneliness, frustration and depression with triple-scoop banana splits.

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