



SPEEDY HANDLING of packages avoids a traffic jam in the Klamath Falls Post Office. Pictured above are customers in the lobby of the building. Biggest Christmas mail load yet is the prediction of Postmaster Chet Langslet.

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Early Mailers Get Thanks

Postmaster Chester L. Langslet expressed his appreciation today for the fine response from individuals and business firms to his "Mail Early for Christmas" pleas. He went on to say that the period between now and December 25 is bound to be the heaviest of the year for all postal employees.

The terrific stream of out-going Christmas cards and gifts is now near full flood with a like torrent of incoming mail becoming greater every day. In the next few days the postmaster expects the Christmas mail load to hit its peak and break last year's December record.

He said "I know the time has passed to talk about mailing early. For the inevitable last-minute mailers, get them in the mail today! Even one day's delay at this critical time may mean disappointment for a loved one on Christmas."

There is still time for local deliveries but all Christmas cards should be sent first-class mail to insure prompt delivery.

To take care of the last-minute rush, which always begins when the incoming Christmas mail is greatest, the Post Office will remain open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., including Saturday, December 17. Regular delivery and

collection schedules have been replaced by stepped up service.

Postmaster Langslet said today, "Now that we are coming close to the end of the big rush, I want to express my thanks for the fine cooperation from everyone. The 1955 'Mail Early for Christmas' campaign will be a rousing success if everyone will just keep up the good work. This year, on Christmas Eve, I'd like to see every mail bag empty and every post office employee relaxing at home."

Ailing Tractor Wastes Power

"An ailing, sluggish tractor can waste a lot of power," says Wink Ralston, service manager at J. W. Kerns, International Harvester dealer.

"It's poor economy to put off a tractor check-up this time of year. The longer an owner waits, the more expensive the tractor's operation becomes. Power falls off, fuel costs go up, and work takes longer. The tractor may also miss, start hard and build up carbon deposits around the valves. Most tractors, the way they are used around here, need a check-up every season.

"It's the best way of finding and fixing up little things that stand in the way of top performance."

The toughest part, according to Mr. Ralston, is getting owners to schedule check-ups during slack times so that they can be sure of top tractor performance when there's lots of work to be done. Mr. Ralston has found by experience that the part of the engine where regular check-up is most important is the ignition system. Breaker point and spark plugs should be cleaned and the timing checked, too.

A complete check-up also includes the fuel system, Mr. Ralston adds. Another important point, of course, is the carburetor. It should be cleaned, inspected and adjusted. And the fuel lines should be thoroughly cleaned.

The biggest value in a check-up today, according to Mr. Ralston, is the way it puts a tractor in shape to help the owner do the most possible work. "It's just good common sense to take a little time ahead of the work season to make sure the tractor can run at full capacity, doing more work faster."

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