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The second paragraph of section 567, Postal Laws and Regulations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2. At all post offices every piece of mail of any class that is subject to general-delivery service shall be stamped, by machine or hand, or otherwise indorsed, to show the date of its receipt in the general-delivery section. Letter mail shall be so stamped or indorsed on the back; cards, parcels, and papers on the face."

The section is further amended by the addition of paragraph 3, reading as follows:

"3. All mail held in general-delivery sections shall be examined daily for the prompt return to senders, or other proper disposition, of that for which the retention periods have expired."

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BABY DAY-OLD CHICKS TO CANADA

SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, May 3, 1927.

This office is in receipt of a complaint from the postal administration of Canada concerning shipments of baby chicks from this service destined for places in Canada which receive baggage-car service only, and also for places for which the transit time is more than 36 hours.

The attention of postmasters is drawn to the announcement concerning baby day-old chicks in the mails to Canada appearing on pages 9 and 10 of the February supplement to the annual Postal Guide for 1926, and shipments of baby chicks for Canada should not be accepted unless they comply strictly with the provisions outlined therein.

W. IRVING GLOVER,
Second Assistant Postmaster General.

IRREGULARITIES IN RETURNING UNDELIVERABLE SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH CLASS MATTER BEARING A PLEDGE TO PAY RETURN POSTAGE

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, May 3, 1927.

It is regretted that it is again necessary to call attention to the continued carelessness of some postmasters in failing to comply with the specific requirements of sections 614 and 615, Postal Laws and Regulations, when returning to the sender undeliverable mail of the second, third, and fourth classes. In some instances matter returned to the senders rated with the return postage in accordance with the provisions of section 614, Postal Laws and Regulations, has the address labels torn off or mutilated. This prevents the mailers from ascertaining to whom the matter was addressed or why it was returned, and, of course, makes it impossible for the senders to correct their mailing lists, which is the principal reason for having it returned charged with the return postage to be collected on delivery of the matter.

Some postmasters tie up in one bundle a number of individually addressed pieces of undeliverable matter and return it to the mailing offices as one piece of mail rated at the third or fourth class rates of postage and indorse only the top piece in the bundle to show the reason for nondelivery, instead of properly rating and indorsing each piece. After being so rated and indorsed the individual pieces may be put up in suitable packages labeled to the post office to which they are returned.

Cases of carelessness like those above indicated are constantly being brought to attention and much embarrassment is caused. Postmasters are therefore requested to give these matters their personal attention and make special efforts to have undeliverable matter properly indorsed without mutilating the wrapper or defacing the address thereon to such extent as to make it impossible for the sender to read the address and correct his mailing list.

Let all concerned cooperate to eliminate these causes for criticism and put a stop to the annoying practices mentioned.

R. S. REGAR,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

ANNUAL CONVENTIONS OF RURAL CARRIER ORGANIZATIONS

FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, May 3, 1927.

Notice is hereby given of the dates and places of conventions of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association and State rural letter carrier associations, as follows:

National Rural Letter Carrier Convention

Oklahoma City, Okla., August 16, 17, 18, and 19.

State Rural Letter Carrier Conventions

Alabama, Montgomery, July 4-5.
Florida, Ocala, May 30-31.
Georgia, Atlanta, July 7, 8, 9.
Indiana, Martinsville, July 2, 3, 4.
Iowa, Red Oak, August 11-12.
Missouri, Cameron, July 15-16.
North Carolina, Raleigh, July 4-5.
Pennsylvania, Somerset, July 28, 29, 30.
Tennessee, Nashville, July 4-5.

Postmasters are authorized to grant to rural carriers who are members of these organizations leave of absence, upon application in the usual manner, for as many days as may be necessary, not exceeding 15 days in the case of the national convention and not exceeding 6 days in the case of State conventions, to attend these meetings.

Such leave of absence will be charged to the annual leave of the carriers, if they have sufficient annual leave to their credit; otherwise leave without pay will be granted.

The services of the bonded substitute will be utilized in the performance of service over a route in the absence of the regular carrier. In cases where there is no bonded substitute, or the bonded substitute is not available, the postmaster will secure some suitable person to act as temporary carrier, administering to him the required oath of office.

H. H. BILLANY,
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

FRAUD ORDER

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR,
Washington, May 3, 1927.

On May 3, 1927, a fraud order was issued against The E. Chamberlain Co. and P. O. Box 1067, at Danbury, Conn., and the E. Chamberlain Co., at Goldenbridge, N. Y. All mail addressed to this concern should be returned to senders stamped: "Fraudulent. Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General"; and no money orders in favor of said concern should be issued or paid.

HORACE J. DONNELLY,
Solicitor.

ACTING POSTMASTERS APPOINTED

Presidential

Batesville, Ind., Neil D. McCallum. April 28, 1927.
Carney, Mich., Hilda M. Hammer. May 1, 1927.
Blue Ridge, N. C., Charles E. Boone. April 30, 1927.
Colerain, N. C., Ruth F. White. May 1, 1927.
Blair, W. Va., C. Earl Mullins. May 1, 1927.

Fourth Class

Tugalo, Ga., Ona Harbin. April 14, 1927.
Cardinal, Ky., Homer D. Nicholson. April 14, 1927.
Pennsville, N. J., Ella E. Dilks. April 23, 1927.
Lanesboro, Vt., Rupert Goslant. January 15, 1927.
Brief, Wash., John H. Mott. April 2, 1927.

POST OFFICE CHANGES

Established—Fourth Class

ALABAMA
(Rescind)
Simmsville, Shelby County, 104768. The order appearing in BULLETIN No. 14363, discontinuing this office, effective May 14, 1927, is hereby rescinded.

Discontinued—Fourth Class

ALABAMA
Wateroak, Hale County, route No. 1, Moundville. Effective May 14, 1927. Mail to Moundville.

OREGON

Denmark, Curry County, 73363. Effective May 14, 1927. Mail to Langlois.

Sites Changed

ARIZONA

Zeniff, Navajo County, 2½ miles northeast on route 68119. Effective April 28, 1927.

FLORIDA

Osprey, Sarasota County, 800 feet east on routes 104907 and 223106 (2½ miles from depot). Effective April 28, 1927.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

East Hebron, Grafton County, 53 rods north on route 2122. Effective April 29, 1927.

OHIO

North Ridgeville, Lorain County, 100 feet east on route 309112. Effective April 29, 1927.

WASHINGTON

Boys, Ferry County, 660 feet southwest on routes 113732 and 271260 (130 feet from depot). Effective April 28, 1927.

WEST VIRGINIA

Ragland, Mingo County, 1,000 feet west on route 16492. Effective as of February 16, 1927.

Postmaster's Name Changed by Marriage
Tobar, Nev. Mrs. Frances Merrill changed to Mrs. Frances Wolverton on October 28, 1926.

STATIONS AND BRANCHES

Established

NORTH CAROLINA
75130. Asheville, station No. 3 (contract). Effective June 1, 1927.
WISCONSIN
37353. Wauwatosa, station No. 3 (contract). Effective June 1, 1927.

ELECTRIC CAR SERVICE

304120. From May 1, 1927, service by the Mount Pleasant Railroad Co. is extended from Moultrieville to Atlanticville, S. C., distance 0.58 mile.

MAIL MESSENGER SERVICE

Established

ARIZONA
268092. Picacho to 108760, 1 mile to station and 0.05 mile to crane, as often as required. From May 1, 1927.
FLORIDA
223148. Olympia to 104779, 0.26 mile, as often as required. From May 1, 1927.
NEW YORK
207455. Endwell to 102786, 0.08 mile, as often as required. From May 6, 1927.

Discontinued

KENTUCKY
229037. South Irvine to Irvine, 1.25 miles, three times a week. From April 30, 1927.

Changed

COLORADO
265005. Morley to 107717, 0.12 mile, to crane. Distance is restated as 0.5 mile.
265174. Aspen to 114726, 0.22 mile. Distance is restated as 0.35 mile.

FLORIDA

223252. Fort Myers to 104802, 0.59 mile; 104807, 1.5 miles. Service is restated to include direct transfer service between depots, when necessary, one-fourth mile. From May 10, 1927.

KENTUCKY

229103. Irvine to 105757, 0.59 mile. Service is restated to include exchanges of mail between the post office at South Irvine and Irvine, three times a week, 1.25 miles. From May 1, 1927.
229426. Elsicool to 105757, 0.89 mile. Distance is restated as 0.01 mile.

LOUISIANA

249068. Shreveport between Cedar Grove branch and 112759, 0.1 mile. Distance is restated as 0.16 mile.

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MAIL MESSENGER SERVICE

Changed

MASSACHUSETTS
204244. Brookville to 101728, 1 mile. Distance is restated as 1.25 miles.

MISSISSIPPI
226082. Columbus to 104805, 0.39 mile; 112766, 0.95 mile. Service is restated to include direct transfer service between depots when necessary, 0.95 mile.
226278. Roundlake to 112755, 0.1 mile. Distance is restated as 0.2 mile.

NEW MEXICO

267160. Anthony to 111786, 0.16 mile, at La Tuna, Texas railroad depot. Distance is restated as 0.29 mile.

NEW YORK

207379. Richfield Springs to 102837, 0.26 mile; 302164, 0.16 mile. Service is restated to omit 102837, 0.26 mile. From April 23, 1927.
207603. Spring Brook to 102789, 1.37 miles. Distance is restated as 1.04 miles. From April 1, 1927.
207880. Bridgewater to 102837, 0.32 mile; 102744, 0.32 mile (U. D.). Service is restated to omit 102837. From April 23, 1927.

PENNSYLVANIA

210084. Clark to 115735, 1 mile (twelve times a week). Service is restated to be as often as required. From May 5, 1927.

STAR ROUTE SERVICE

Established—Corrected

MISSISSIPPI
26999. Vicksburg to Eldorado. Correct brief of order of April 28 (Bul. 14371), so as to show the number as 26999 instead of 26323.

Established

PENNSYLVANIA

10671. Westfield, by Cowanesque, Knoxville, Osceola, Elkland, and Addison, N. Y., to Addison railroad station (n. o.), N. Y., 25 miles and back, six times a week. Contractor not required to transport other than first-class and newspaper mail. From May 16, 1927, to June 30, 1929, N. C. Davy, of Westfield, contractor, at \$798 per annum.
10672. Jeannette, by Harrison City, to Claridge, 5.4 miles and back, twelve times a week. From July 1, 1927, to June 30, 1929, Frank S. Bonazza, of Claridge, contractor, at \$950 per annum.
10673. Baltimore & Ohio Railroad station at Connellsville to Uniontown, 13 miles, six times a week, one way only. Contractor not required to transport other than first-class and newspaper mail. John Jacob Patrick, jr., of Connellsville, contractor, at \$500 per annum, from July 1, 1927, to June 30, 1929.
10975. Rural Valley, by Yatesboro, to Pennsylvania railroad station at Kittanning, 13 miles and back, six times a week. Contractor not required to transport other than first-class and newspaper mail. Contract with Berton R. Rearick, of Rural Valley, under section 1396, Postal Laws and Regulations, for temporary star route service from July 1, 1927, to June 30, 1928, at the rate of \$360 per annum.

Discontinued—Corrected

ARKANSAS

47472. Jeannette to Earl. Order of April 14, 1927 (Bul. 14359), is corrected to read "Superseded by extension of rural route No. 1, Earl, Arkansas," instead of "Superseded by rural route No. 1, Parkin, Arkansas."

Discontinued

PENNSYLVANIA

10979. Westfield to Addison railroad station (n. o.), N. Y. Authority for employment of temporary service on this route is terminated from May 14, 1927. (Superseded by route No. 10671.)
10982. Baltimore & Ohio Railroad station at Connellsville to Uniontown. Authority for employment of temporary service on this route is terminated from June 30, 1927. (Superseded by route No. 10673.)

VIRGINIA

14260. Knopf to Milford. From May 14, 1927. (Post office at Knopf discontinued May 14, 1927.)

Changed

ARKANSAS

47621. Port Smith terminal R. P. O. to Hartford. From May 10, 1927, change service so as to supply Bonanza between Fort Smith terminal R. P. O. and Hackett, no change in distance, with the understanding that first-class mail only will be exchanged at that office.

KENTUCKY

29560. Williamsburg to Duckrun. From May 3, 1927, embrace and supply Bouty between Duckrun and Parkers, on trip from Duckrun only, increasing distance 0.06 mile, equal to 0.03 mile and back.

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10640. Ansonia railroad station (n. o.) to Galeton. From May 4, 1927, increase service so as to require six trips a week additional, one way only.

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"SEC. 525. All mail matter deposited in any post office for mailing to domestic destinations (except that of the second class mailed by publishers and news agents without stamps affixed, matter mailed without postage stamps affixed under the provisions of section 452, matter bearing precanceled stamps, and registered letters and other sealed registered articles which section 874, paragraph 3, stipulates shall be postmarked only on the back) shall be postmarked on the address side, the postmark to show the post-office name in full and the State name in full or abbreviated. All first-class mail, all insured, all C. O. D., and all special-delivery mail of whatever class, and all mail addressed to foreign countries (except second-class matter mailed by publishers and news agents, without stamps affixed, for dispatch to those countries to which domestic conditions apply) shall show, in addition to the post office and State names, the date of mailing. All mail of the first class when dispatched from a post office having an hour-dating stamp shall show the names of post office and State and the date and (unless mailed under the provisions of section 452 or 452½), the hour of mailing. All 'special handling' parcels and all parcels of motion-picture films accepted for mailing at any post office shall be postmarked or otherwise indorsed to show the post office and State and the date and hour of mailing."

HARRY S. NEW,
Postmaster General.

OFFICE OF POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, May 3, 1927.

ORDER No. 5397.

The second paragraph of section 567, Postal Laws and Regulations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2. At all post offices every piece of mail of any class that is subject to general-delivery service shall be stamped, by machine or hand, or otherwise indorsed, to show the date of its receipt in the general-delivery section. Letter mail shall be so stamped or indorsed on the back; cards, parcels, and papers on the face."

The section is further amended by the addition of paragraph 3, reading as follows:

"3. All mail held in general-delivery sections shall be examined daily for the prompt return to senders, or other proper disposition, of that for which the retention periods have expired."

HARRY S. NEW,
Postmaster General.