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Gasoline is highly inflammable and explosive, and care should be exercised to see that it is not admitted to the mails. Gasoline lamps, lanterns, blow torches, etc., must be dry, odorless, and properly packed before being accepted.

AIR PARCEL POST

All materials prohibited in the domestic surface mails are also prohibited in air-mail service.

Nonhazardous materials and materials not subject to damage by low temperature may be accepted for air parcel post if properly packed. In view of surface handling accorded air parcel post to and from airports, packing similar to that for regular parcel post is indicated. Fragile matter must be adequately cushioned in a strong outer container. Matter susceptible to damage by changes in temperature or atmospheric pressures must be adequately protected by proper packing and any other necessary measures. Cut flowers and other similar matter may be protected by insulating material.

Day-old fowl, honey bees, alligators, and other matter subject to damage by low temperatures are not acceptable for air parcel post, but queen bees and their attendant bees may be accepted.

Photo-flash lamps securely packed and cushioned in a strong outside container are acceptable if no other matter is contained in the same parcel.

Inflammable liquids or substances with flash point of 80° F. (Tag. open tester) or lower, or inflammable solids or other materials requiring a yellow caution label, except motion picture film in ICC metal containers and manufactured articles of pyroxylin plastics properly packed, are not acceptable for air parcel post.

Magnetic materials containing permanent magnets with unconfined fields are not acceptable.

LOCKING PARCEL-POST MAILS

All sacks containing parcel post must be locked so far as possible, but in view of the existing shortage of LA locks a sufficient quantity of locks must be maintained to lock all first-class mail dispatches.

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A. M. 81

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Special cachets will be provided for Dallas, and Air Mail Field, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Gainesville, Tex.; Ardmore, Ada, Holdenville, Shawnee, and Oklahoma City, Okla., and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmasters at the above named offices and to the District Superintendent, District 2, Fort Worth, Tex., for the Air Mail Field, Dallas, Tex., should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

No provision will be made for point-to-point covers: however, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be given directional service only to a terminal or junction point designated by the Regional Superintendent, Air Postal Transport, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

PAUL AIKEN, *Assistant Postmaster General.*

3-CENT EDGAR ALLAN POE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

The Department will issue a 3-cent stamp through the Richmond, Va., post office, on October 7, 1949, to mark the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of Edgar Allan Poe.

The stamp will be 0.85 by 0.98 inch in dimensions, arranged vertically, printed by the rotary process in purple, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 70 subjects. The printing of 112,000,000 Edgar Allan Poe stamps has been authorized.

The central design of the stamp is a portrait of Edgar Allan Poe enclosed in inner and outer frames of Georgian design, between which at the top is the inscription "United States Postage." Below the portrait frame is a horizontal tablet containing on a white ground the name Edgar Allan Poe, above which appears the denomination "3" at each end with the word "Cents" between, separated by an ornamental shield-shaped panel in which is depicted in white, on a solid background, a reproduction of the winged horse Pegasus, which forms the symbol of poets. All lettering is in solid Gothic.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Richmond, Va., with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. **Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment.** Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. An outside envelope must not be sent for return of first-day covers. The envelope to the Postmaster, Richmond, Va., should be endorsed "First Day Covers." Collectors should refrain from requesting hand cancellations since covers will be machine canceled so far as practicable. Orders for first-day covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps.

For the benefit of collectors desiring stamps of selected quality for philatelic use, the 3-cent Edgar Allen Poe commemorative stamp will be available at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., on and after October 10, 1949. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the Agency should include no other stamp issues. **The Philatelic Agency does not service first-day covers.**

Postmasters at direct- and central-accounting post offices will receive an initial supply of the Edgar Allan Poe stamps on orders prepared in the Department. Therefore, postmasters at these offices will not submit requisitions for the same. Direct- and central-accounting postmasters are furnished commemorative stamps as fast as they can be manufactured. They are, therefore, requested to refrain from reporting the nonreceipt of shipments until a reasonable time has elapsed after the first day of issue.

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Postmasters will please post a copy of this notice on the bulletin board, give information to the press, and notify all local stamp clubs regarding the issuance of the 3-cent Edgar Allan Poe commemorative stamp.

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Belford, N. J.:
130201 to 130600; May 11, 1949.
134401 to 134800; May 11, 1949.
Belmont, North Belmont Sta., N. C., 33772 to 33800; August 18, 1949.
Cleveland, Sta. 7, Ohio, 261324 to 261600; July 27, 1949.
Cleveland, Sta. 24, Ohio, 167987 to 168000; August 29, 1949.
Clute, Tex., 54801 to 55000; June 18, 1949.
Death, Nev., 78579 to 78600; July 29, 1949.
Flat Creek, Ala., 84199 to 85000; April 3, 1949.
Glamorgan, Va., 71245 to 71400; August 26, 1949.
Hazard, Walkertown Sta., Ky., 43466 to 43600; April 15, 1949.
Helm, Calif., 22900 to 23600; July 27, 1949.
Huntsville, Utah, 39641 to 39800; June 8, 1949.
Indianapolis, Speedway Br., Ind., 113928 to 114200; May 21, 1949.
Loop, Tex., 30183 to 30187; June 14, 1949.
Lorain, Grove Ave. Sta., Ohio, 98490 to 98600; July 2, 1949.
LOS ANGELES, HYDE PARK STA., CALIF., 462875 to 463000;
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Lucerne, Ind., 55452 to 55600; May 3, 1949.
Marble City, Okla., 75174, 75189, 75195, 75196, 75199, 75601 to 75800;
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Marked Tree, Ark., 491201 to 491400; August 3, 1949.
Mobile, Ariz., 1626 to 1800; April 27, 1949.
Mount Croghan, S. C., 78357 to 78400; May 20, 1949.
Riverdale, Sta. 1, Md., 18394 to 18600; July 7, 1949.
Robertta, Ky., 7510 to 7600; August 20, 1949.
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Saint Joseph, Station E, Mo., 190638 to 190800; July 20, 1949.
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UNITED STATES SAVINGS STAMPS

School Savings Program

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Postmasters at Federal Buildings Under the Administration of the Post Office Department:

The Department of Commerce will furnish you in the near future with a poster not exceeding 18 by 24 inches in size, advertising the service of that department to small business. Upon its receipt this poster should be displayed in available space in the post office lobby during the period September 21, to November 21, 1949, in such a manner as not to mar the walls or woodwork.

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INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR

ARREST OF POSTAL OFFENDER

The following person who was the subject of a wanted circular issued by the inspector in charge, Chicago, Ill., has been apprehended and the circular concerning him should be destroyed:

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Additions
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