

INSTRUCTIONS OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BUREAU OF POST OFFICE OPERATIONS

HOLIDAY SERVICE

The holidays of May 30 and July 4 of this year will fall on Saturday, and inquiries are being received in this Bureau in regard to the type of service to be provided on those dates.

The legal holidays to be observed in the Postal Service are eight in number and are enumerated in section 25.7, Postal Laws and Regulations, 1948. The service to be provided in post offices on holidays is prescribed in section 25.7 (c), Postal Laws and Regulations, and authorizes window service for such length of time as may be necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of the public, with mails to be made up and dispatched on such holidays as on other week days. It is desired that these instructions be observed in the prescribed manner when a holiday falls on Saturday, and each postmaster should make a careful study of conditions at his office to determine that only warranted window services are provided on holidays.

It is not the intent of this Bureau that city delivery service be provided on any holiday, regardless of the day upon which the holiday may fall. (This does not apply to the delivery of gift parcels on Christmas Day.) If, in some instances, a limited type of delivery service has been provided in communities where a holiday is not fully observed, it is desired that postmasters at such offices give the matter the most careful consideration with a view to the eliminating of such service on holidays unless it will result in real and serious complaints.

Special delivery mail shall be delivered on holidays.

These instructions supersede the sentence in II-174, POM, which reads as follows: "Usual Saturday service should be accorded on such days."

INSTRUCTIONS OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION

AIR SERVICE—A. M. 97

Effective on or about June 9, 1953, air mail service will be inaugurated at Cleveland, Ohio, Erie, Pa., and Huntington, W. Va., on route A. M. 97.

Special cachets will be provided for Cleveland, Air Mail Field, Cleveland, Ohio, Erie, Pa., Huntington, W. Va., 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, Postal Transportation Service, District 3, Cleveland 1, Ohio, for dispatch from the Air Mail Field Cleveland, must be prepaid at the appropriate air-mail postage rate. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first-flight covers. All covers 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.

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope to obtain better impression of the cachet and postmark, and to prevent damage to cover or canceling machine.

No provision will be made for point to point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

INSTRUCTIONS OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BUREAU OF FINANCE

6-CENT FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF POWERED FLIGHT COMMEMORATIVE AIR-MAIL STAMP

The Department will issue a 6-cent air-mail stamp through the Dayton, Ohio, post office, on May 29, 1953, to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally in a single outline frame, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be red. An initial printing order of 75,000,000 Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight air-mail stamps has been authorized.

The central design of the stamp is a facsimile of the emblem created for the Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight, showing in silhouette the

first plane and a modern plane in powered flight. An outlined ribbon through the center of this emblem carries the wording "50th Anniversary of Powered Flight" in dark gothic. The words "Progress" and "Security" in dark modified gothic appear on the outside edge of the emblem. A palm branch forms a background for the emblem. In the upper left corner of the stamp are the words "Air Mail" in dark modified gothic and in the lower right corner is the numeral "6¢" in dark gothic. The lettering "United States Postage" in white-face gothic is framed in a dark panel which forms the bottom of the stamp.

Stamp collectors and dealers desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a reasonable number of addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Dayton, Ohio, with 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 envelopes to the Postmaster, Dayton, Ohio, should be endorsed "First Day Covers."

All covers will be given a slogan cancellation reading, "First Day of Issue—American Air Mail Society—Convention Station." 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 new air-mail stamp will be available at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., on and after June 1, 1953. 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 new commemorative air-mail 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.

Postmasters at district accounting offices may obtain needed quantities of the new air mail commemorative stamps by requisition on the central-accounting postmaster.

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 6-cent Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight air mail commemorative stamp.

Postmasters are cautioned not to place the stamp herein announced on sale before May 30, 1953.

STOLEN MONEY ORDERS

Since January 1, 1953, the blank domestic money-order forms listed below have been reported stolen.

3-56,379,808 to 3-56,379,817...	Dec. 10, 1952	Chester, Sta. 2, Pa.
3-85,209,341 to 3-85,209,450...	Apr. 14, 1953	Hepburnville, Pa.
4-60,000,850 to 4-60,000,900...	Mar. 7, 1953	Hoskinston, Ky.
4-62,371,903 to 4-62,371,919...	Mar. 23, 1953	Cleveland, Sta. 50, Ohio.
4-62,371,993 to 4-62,372,000...		
4-65,640,926 to 4-65,641,000...	Apr. 3, 1953	Indianapolis, Sta. 22, Ind.
6-61,477,070 to 6-61,477,075...	Mar. 20, 1953	Zellwood, Fla.
10-34,279,546 to 10-34,279,549 and 10-34,279,557.	Feb. 8, 1953	Watova, Okla.
10-35,570,445 to 19-35,570,600...	Feb. 11, 1953	Oklahoma City, Sta. 12, Okla.
10-35,586,001 to 10-35,586,309...		
10-40,950,001 to 10-40,953,000...	Apr. 14, 1953	Schuyler, Nebr.
11-45,041,765 to 11-45,041,767...	Mar. 30, 1953	Keithville, La.
11-45,741,884 to 11-45,741,924...	Apr. 5, 1953	Onalaska, Tex.
11-49,461,638 to 11-49,461,709...	Apr. 28, 1953	BAYTOWN, STA. 1, TEX.
12-83,642,731 to 12-83,642,750...	Feb. 18, 1953	Los Altos, Sta. 1, Calif.
12-97,093,926 to 12-97,094,000...	Apr. 1, 1953	Hooper, Wash.

If any of the above-numbered forms are presented, payment should be refused, and the inspector in charge of your division notified immediately. In this connection, attention is called to the instructions appearing on page 402, chapter XVI, articles 16 and 17, of the Post Office Manual, and the provisions of section 71.23, Postal Laws and Regulations.

REGISTRY CHANGES**Dispatches of Registered Mail Closed with Rotary Locks**

The following should be added to the list of third- and fourth-class post offices, independent branches and stations in possession of rotary lock keys, printed on pages 8 to 11, inclusive, of the October 1952, Supplement to the Postal Guide:

Post offices, independent branches, and stations:

Joppa, Ill.

The following should be removed from the list of third- and fourth-class post offices, independent branches and stations in possession of rotary lock keys, printed on pages 8 to 11, inclusive, of the October 1952, Supplement to the Postal Guide:

Post offices, independent branches, and stations:

Ophir, Alaska.

Royalton, Minn.

**INSTRUCTIONS OF
ASSISTANT POSTMASTERS GENERAL
BUREAU OF FACILITIES
BUREAU OF POST OFFICE OPERATIONS**

**NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS POSTER
Lobby Display Authorized**

To All Postmasters:

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will shortly furnish you with a poster entitled "Polio Precautions."

Upon receipt of this poster you are authorized to display it in a prominent location in the post office lobby during the period of May 15 to October 15, 1953, in such manner as not to mar the walls or woodwork.

The foregoing instructions do not apply to post office lobbies located in Government-owned buildings not operated by the Post Office Department.

CHANGE—POSTAL GUIDE 1951—PART II**INDIA—PROHIBITIONS**

CHANGE No. 256.

Page 217.—Add the following as second paragraph of the subcaption "Prohibitions":

"Diamonds and other precious stones, unless legally reimported by registered mail in accordance with Indian laws."

POST OFFICE CHANGES**Discontinued—Fourth Class****CALIFORNIA**

05-70860. Scotty's Castle, Inyo County. Special supply from Goldfield, Nev. Effective May 15, 1953. Mail to Goldfield, Nev.

MINNESOTA

26-25400. Douglas Lodge, Hubbard County, route 41165 (summer office). Effective as of Mar. 31, 1953. Mail to Lake Itasca.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

32-40800. Hollis Depot, Hillsboro County, route 2177. Effective May 15, 1953. Mail to Nashua.

PENNSYLVANIA

41-78280. Saegersville, Lehigh County, rural route 1, Germansville. Effective May 31, 1953. Mail to Germansville.

Discontinued—Fourth Class—Rescinded**NORTH CAROLINA**

36-79600. Tuckerdale, Ashe County. The order discontinuing this office, effective Apr. 30, 1953, is hereby rescinded.

Summer Post Offices—Opened**CALIFORNIA**

05-20100. Dardanelle, Tuolumne County. Effective June 1, 1953.

05-39600. Kings Canyon National Park, Tulare County. Effective May 18, 1953.

05-47400. Manzanita Lake, Shasta County. Effective May 16, 1953.

MASSACHUSETTS

24-79560. Straits Pond, Plymouth County. Effective June 1, 1953.

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Remittance should be made to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

POST OFFICE CHANGES**Summer Post Offices—Opened****MICHIGAN**

25-71700. Otsego Lake, Otsego County. Effective May 15, 1953.

NEW YORK

35-52400. Merriewold, Sullivan County. Effective June 1, 1953.

35-66550. Point O'Woods, Suffolk County. Effective June 1, 1953.

Summer Post Office—Closed**OREGON**

40-07200. Belknap Springs, Lane County. Effective as of Oct. 15, 1952. Mail to McKenzie Bridge.

Winter Post Office—Closed**FLORIDA**

11-18750. Craig, Monroe County. Effective May 25, 1953. Mail to Islamorada.

POST OFFICE STATIONS**Discontinued****ILLINOIS**

Springfield: Night (classified), effective as of Apr. 30, 1953.

INDIANA

Indianapolis: Night (classified), effective as of Apr. 30, 1953.

MISSOURI

Kansas City: Night (classified), effective as of Apr. 30, 1953.

NEBRASKA

Omaha: Night (classified), effective as of Apr. 30, 1953.

OHIO

Cleveland: Night (classified), effective as of Apr. 30, 1953.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee: The following contract stations were discontinued, effective as of Mar. 31, 1953:

No. 39.

No. 74.

No. 75.

ENCOURAGE PATRONAGE OF THE REGISTRY AND INSURANCE SERVICES

Know the Hazards and Safe Procedures for Any Operation New to You—This Is How To Avoid Accidents