



POSTAL BULLETIN

INFORMATION FOR ALL POSTAL EMPLOYEES



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New 15-Cent Certified Mail Stamp

The Department will issue a 15-cent stamp, to be used in connection with the new certified mail service being inaugurated by the Post Office Department, through the Washington, D. C., post office, on June 6, 1955.



The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension, arranged vertically with a simple picture frame effect, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be red.

The overall design of the stamp portrays a uniformed letter carrier on a light graduated background. The wording *Certified Mail* in dark gothic, is displayed across the top of the stamp and *U. S. Postage 15c* across the bottom in white-face gothic.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a reasonable number of addressed envelopes, with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the postmaster at Washington 13, D. C. Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment.

Each cover must have a 3-cent stamp affixed, or if airmail service is desired a 6-cent stamp, when submitted, as the new 15-cent Certified

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Armed Forces Day May 21, 1955

I strongly urge every American to honor the Armed Services by visiting the armories, camps, posts, and other facilities which will hold Open House on Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 21, 1955.

This opportunity to make an annual inspection of the National Defense system reemphasizes the basic concept that our free way of life and our national security depend upon the power that comes from teamwork and unity.

This Nation has great and growing power. Our national intention to use that power properly is reflected in the "Power for Peace" slogan of Armed Forces Day.

In this spirit, prayerfully and thoughtfully, Americans everywhere will observe Armed Forces Day on May 21, 1955.

Postmaster General.

Mail stamp is not valid for prepayment of postage.

A horizontal space, approximately 2½ by 1½ inches on the left side of the envelope will be required for the certified mail sticker which will be affixed to all covers mailed to the postmaster at Washington, D. C. Collectors should also bear in mind when addressing covers that the new stamp to be affixed, in addition to the previously applied postage, is vertically arranged.

The covers should not be sealed when mailed to the postmaster at Washington, D. C. This will permit him to enclose that portion of the certified mail form which the mailer ordinarily retains when the envelope sticker is detached. The mailer's

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Postal Manual Revision Notices

In the future, Postal Manual revision notices will be called *transmittal letters* instead of *circulars*.

These letters covering material under the new manual outline will be preceded by the chapter title, as *Post Office Services Transmittal Letter*, for chapter 1; *International Mail Transmittal Letter*, for chapter 2; etc. Letters covering changes in the old manual material will be called *Old Manual Transmittal Letters*.

This is a change in title only and will not involve any break in numbering.

Retention of COD Packages

Effective at once, the maximum retention period for undelivered COD packages at post offices of address is increased from 15 days to 30 days. Sections 158.272 and 163.51a, Postal Manual, will be amended later.

POST OFFICE CHANGES

Correction—Discontinued—Fourth Class VIRGINIA

51-55140. Machodoc, Westmoreland County. Correct notice appearing in POSTAL BULLETIN Mar. 15, 1955, to show mail to Mount Holly, instead of Mouny Holly.

WEST VIRGINIA

55-89690. Zona, Roane County. Correct notice appearing in POSTAL BULLETIN Mar. 15, 1955, to show mail to Harmony, instead of Haromony.

Summer Post Offices—Opened CALIFORNIA

05-01320. Almanor, Plumas County. Effective May 2, 1955.

05-41400. Lakeshore, Fresno County. Effective May 16, 1955.

MICHIGAN

25-27000. Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County. Effective May 2, 1955.

VIRGINIA

51-61440. Mountain Lake, Giles County. Effective May 15, 1955.

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portion is numbered serially to correspond with a serial number on the sticker on the face of the envelope.

Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An outside envelope must not be sent for return of first-day covers. The envelope to the postmaster, Washington, D. C., 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 15-cent Certified Mail stamp will be available at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., on and after June 6, 1955. 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 first-class post offices requiring this stamp in lots of 25,000 or more will requisition it from the Department in the usual manner. Those offices requiring less than 25,000 may obtain this stamp by submitting requisitions to their Regional Distributing Office. Postmasters should keep their requisitions to a minimum until local requirements can be more accurately determined.

Postmasters ordering stamps from Regional Distributing Offices should submit requisitions about June 1, 1955. Regional Distributing Office postmasters should submit requisitions to the Department promptly upon the receipt of this notice.

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 15-cent Certified Mail stamp.

Postmasters are cautioned not to place the stamp herein announced on sale before June 7, 1955.

POST OFFICE CHANGES*(Continued from p. 1)***Discontinued—Second Class****PENNSYLVANIA**

- 41-86680. Unity, Allegheny County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Pittsburgh.
41-86760. Universal, Allegheny County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Pittsburgh.

Notices:**Domestic Fraud Orders:**

<i>State & city</i>	<i>Name covered by order</i>
Indiana, Fort Wayne.....	Rub-N Company.
New Jersey, Paterson.....	Cheer Co.; Drop-Wate Co.
New York, New York.....	Form Co.
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.....	Dr. Milton Davage.

Domestic Unlawful Orders:

<i>State & city</i>	<i>Name covered by order</i>
Washington, Blaine.....	Magazine Research Society; Mrs. P. Trueman, Secretary; Mrs. Pearl Trueman, Secretary.

Discontinued—Third Class**PENNSYLVANIA**

- 41-34000. Haffey, Allegheny County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Verona.
41-61040. North Bessemer, Allegheny County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Pittsburgh.

Discontinued—Fourth Class**KANSAS**

- 19-14960. Callista, Kingman County. Effective June 30, 1955. Mail to Penaklosa.
19-56650. Manning, Scott County. Effective June 30, 1955. Mail to Scott City.

MICHIGAN

- 25-69600. Ocqueoc, Presque Isle County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Millersburg.
25-94600. Tyre, Sanilac County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Ubly.

MISSISSIPPI

- 27-03640. Barland, Claiborne County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Pattison.
27-03770. Barlow, Copiah County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Pattison.
27-10400. Burnell, Claiborne County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Pattison.
27-61360. Peyton, Claiborne County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Pattison.

PENNSYLVANIA

- 41-04600. Bartville, Lancaster County. Effective May 31, 1955. Mail to Christiana.

Rescind—Discontinued—Fourth Class**TEXAS**

- 48-06350. Bee House, Coryell County. The order discontinuing this office May 15, 1955, is hereby rescinded.

POST OFFICE STATIONS**Established****KENTUCKY**

- Hazard: Allais (contract), Perry County, effective May 16, 1955.

TEXAS

- Baytown: No. 2 (contract), Harris County, effective June 1, 1955.

Rescinded**TEXAS**

- Gatesville: The order appearing in the POSTAL BULLETIN of Apr. 14, 1955, establishing Bee House (rural), Coryell County, effective May 16, 1955, is hereby rescinded.

POSTAL SAVINGS CHANGES**Designated****INDIANA**

- Gary: East Gary Branch (classified), effective May 1, 1955.

Revoked**CALIFORNIA**

- Friant, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

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- Albion, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

INDIANA

- East Gary, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

KANSAS

- Parker, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

MASSACHUSETTS

- Orleans, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

MICHIGAN

- Grand Junction, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

NEW JERSEY

- Hampton, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

NEW YORK

- Goshen, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

NORTH DAKOTA

- Riverdale, effective Apr. 30, 1955.

POST OFFICE BRANCHES**Established****NEW JERSEY**

- Madison: Florham Park (contract), Morris County, effective Mar. 21, 1955.

NEW YORK

- Brooklyn: Money Order Unit No. 3, effective June 1, 1955.

Corrections**MINNESOTA**

- Anoka: The following order appearing in the POSTAL BULLETIN of Apr. 28, 1955, under Change in Designation: No. 1 (contract) to: Coons Rapids (contract), effective May 1, 1955, is hereby amended to read: No. 1 (contract station) to: Coon Rapids (contract branch), effective May 1, 1955.

PUERTO RICO

- Orocovis: The order appearing in the POSTAL BULLETIN of Apr. 5, 1955, establishing Barrio Barta Arriba (contract), Ponce County, effective May 1, 1955, is hereby amended to read: Barrio Bauta Arriba.