

Postal Instructions.

The establishment of the parcel post has given a wonderful impetus to the use of the mails as a means of distributing Christmas gifts, and in view of the increased weight limit, reduced postage rates and other extensions of the service during the past year, it is anticipated that the amount of mail during the approaching holiday season will exceed all previous records. In order that the Christmas mail may be handled promptly and satisfactorily, it is essential that the public cooperate with the postal service to the fullest possible extent. Postmasters are requested, therefore, to make special efforts to impress this fact upon their patrons, and in this connection should emphasize the importance of the careful observance by the public of the following simple conditions:

Prepay postage fully on all parcels.

Address all parcels fully and plainly.

Place name and address of sender on all matter.

Pack articles carefully and wrap them securely, but do not seal them, as sealed parcels are subject to postage at the letter rate.

Mail parcels early; they may be marked "Do not open until Christmas."

Insure valuable articles, fee 5 or 10 cents.

Written inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With best wishes," and numbers, names and letters for purpose of description, are permissible additions to fourth-class (parcel post) mail. Books may bear simply dedicatory inscriptions not of a personal nature. Other written additions subject parcels to letter postage. Communications prepaid at first-class rate may be sent with parcels prepaid at fourth-class rate provided they are securely attached to outside of parcels.