

## Proposed New Postal Rate Increases

The area post office said recently proposed new postal rate increases will place the nation's postal system on a sound financial basis and shift more of the costs from taxpayers generally to those who use the mails most.

Postal officials said Postal Service proposals submitted February 1 to the Postal Rate Commission would yield additional revenues of \$1.45 billion during fiscal 1972, starting July 1.

The proposals call for increases in virtually all mail categories except parcel post.

If the Rate Commission does not present to the Governors of the Postal Service a recommended decision on rate changes within 90 days, it is anticipated that a temporary rate increase will be put into effect by the Postal Service.

It was noted that higher rates had been sought by the Post Office Department under both the current and previous administrations, but no action was taken.

In addition to the long-standing Postal Service proposal for a 2-cent boost for letters from 6 to 8 cents, advertising mail (regular bulk rate third class) would be increased to a minimum of 5 cents per piece, plus additional increases for heavier weights.

Substantial increases also are proposed for magazines, newspapers and other categories of second-class mail. These rather steep increases will be phased in over five years to soften the impact on the mailers.

Other highlights of the proposal: Airmail rates would go up a penny, from 10 to 11 cents, and airmail cards, from 8 to 9 cents each.

If temporary rates are placed into effect, post cards will go from 5 to 6 cents although the proposal provides for a full increase to 7 cents each.

Concerning "Priority Mail" — packages weighing more than 12 ounces and receiving first-class treatment — higher rates are proposed only for parcels weighing less than 5 pounds. For a 5-pound priority mail package sent across the U.S., the rates would remain \$4.08, under the proposal. However, for a 1-pound package, an increase of from 80 cents to \$1 is proposed.

Regular second-class publications — those mailed for delivery outside the publisher's county, excluding certain categories — will be raised 19 cents per piece plus higher advertising rates ranging from 91 to 209 cents per pound. Non-advertising will be at a new rate of 72 cents per pound.

Controlled circulation publications — usually periodicals without subscription fees mailed to specific audiences or markets — face an increase in only their minimum per piece rate to 5 cents from the existing 38 cents postage fee. The pound rate remains the same.

In third-class, the rates for single pieces — often a circular or small parcel — would rise to 8 cents for the first 2 ounces and the fee for each additional ounce would be raised from 2 to 4 cents under the permanent-rate proposal.

Mailers holding bulk third-class permits would find their rates per pound raised from 16 and 22, to 22 and 28 cents per pound, respectively when the proposal is fully effected and the minimum-per piece charge would be raised to 5 cents.

Special delivery and registered mail fees would both be increased. The minimum fee for

special delivery letters would rise from 45 to 60 cents, while the rate for registered mail valued up to \$100 would be increased from 80 to 95 cents under the proposal. There would be proportionate hikes in the fees for shipments registered at higher values.

When the proposed domestic changes go into effect, similar increases in letter mail rates to Canada and Mexico are planned. The total yield under the proposal, when fully effective, is estimated at \$2,125.8 million, including all of the rates to be phased over a period of years.

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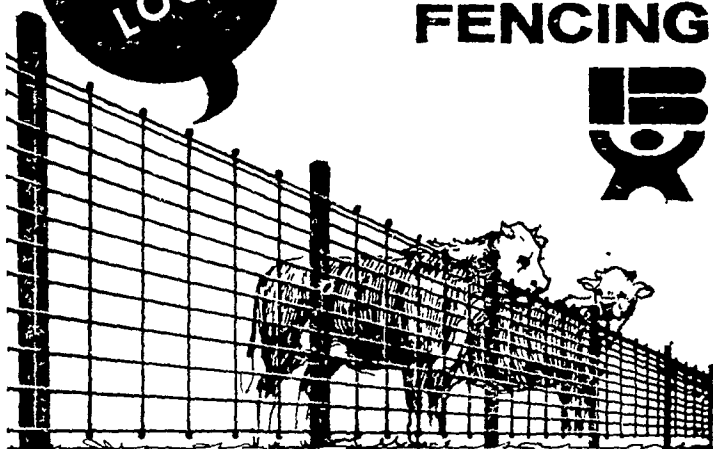
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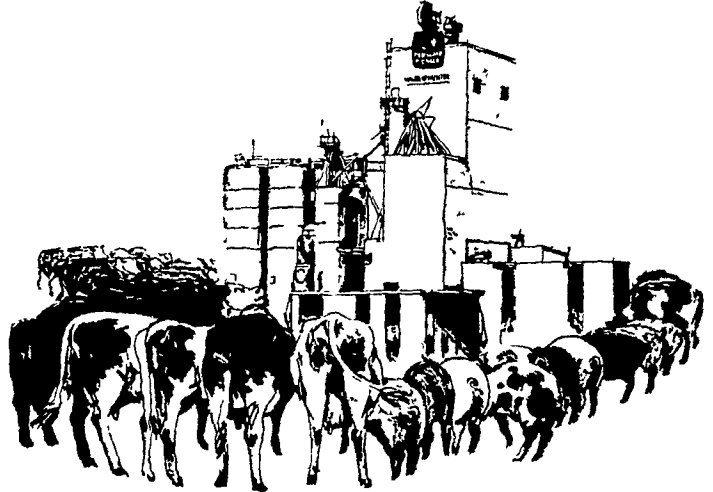
In the first year \$670 million of the \$2,125.8 million would be provided from appropriations by Congress under the Postal Reorganization Act.

About 80 per cent of the nation's mail volume of nearly 90 billion pieces in fiscal year 1972 will be business-type mail, and the bulk of the increase would be borne by these users.

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