

Rural free delivery celebrates 85 years of helping

LANCASTER — Through the years, rural people - specifically farmers, have reaped the benefits the rural deliverer has provided.

This week celebrates 85 years of continuous friendly, reliable and efficient service. Before the late 1890s, all rural

Americans had to journey in to town to pick up their mail at the post office, until Postmaster General John Wanamaker con-

ducted, in 1891, a free delivery mail experiment in 46 small towns and villages across the country. The 85-year-old tradition of rendering "Service with a Smile," however, officially began on October 1, 1896 out of Charles Town, Uvilla and Halltown, West Virginia.

While the mode of transportation has changed since that time, a rural letter carrier continues to operate as a "Post Office on Wheels" and performs a variety of "beyond-the-call-of-duty services," such as helping the handicapped, blind and the elderly pay their bills.

Rural Delivery has grown from serving over 10 million American families in 1970 to over 15 million in 1980, as the Nation's population has shifted to rural areas within the past decade.

"For the first time in 160 years, rural areas and small towns are growing at a faster rate than metropolitan areas," according to a study conducted by U.S. News & World Report. Statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce reveal that the population of non-metropolitan areas increased from 53.2 million people in 1970 to 61.4 million in 1980.

Americans moving from

suburban and urban areas to rural communities often do not realize that along with country living comes a different type of mail service. Rural Free Delivery is unique because the rural letter carriers operate as a "Post Office on Wheels," rendering all those services provided at a local post office.

Specifically, rural carriers sell money order applications and stamps, as well as affix the latter. They register and insure certified mail. Also, they deliver and pick-up letters and parcels.

In addition to providing a variety of postal services for the past 85 years, rural carriers make the effort and take the responsibility to help out their patrons in a personal way.

"Quite often, rural carriers have been known to save their patrons' lives," said Wilbur S. Wood, President of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association. "If a patron's mail accumulates, it tells the carrier that the patron may be seriously ill or may have suffered a stroke and is collapsed on the floor. In such cases, the rural carrier has been known to call a hospital and then provide first-aid until medical assistance arrives."

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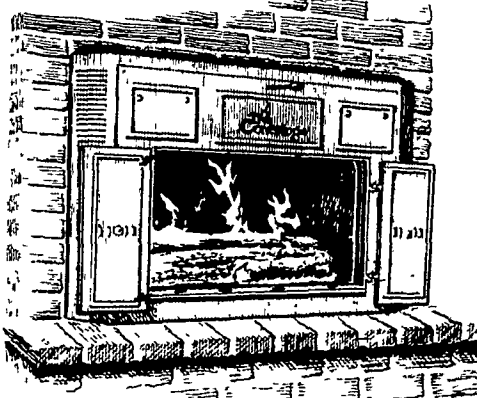
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