

ROBERT F. JONES
4TH DISTRICT OHIO

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 10, 1940

Mr. J. R. Gallagher, Postmaster
Lucas Falls, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

I am endeavoring to distribute farmers' bulletin lists to the folks in your community, and I will very greatly appreciate your cooperation in the matter.

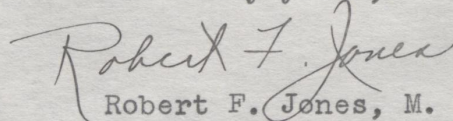
The material will be placed in one sack, addressed to you, but there will be packages inside addressed to:

1. Rural carrier
2. Post office boxholders
3. Star route carriers

I realize you are more than busy and that this is a great deal to ask, but I will certainly be grateful if you will see that these packages are placed in the hands of the carriers and that the post office boxholders receive theirs. I deem this one of my services as a Member of Congress as the bulletins contain much valuable information and are free for the asking.

Thank you so much for your assistance, and a very happy 1940 to you.

Sincerely yours,


Robert F. Jones, M. C.

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Nov. 6, 1941.

Dear friend John:

I want to write and thank you for the one vote I recieved from the Ohio delegation. I dont know who cast that vote, but I will thank you and if you are not responsible for it, I wish that you would write that party and thank them for me or give me their name so that I ~~am~~ may do it. I appreciate that lone vote. Or will you send me a list of your delegates so that I may write them.

Another year I hope that I will have better success with the Ohio delegation for, while I took a licking this year, I am going to try again another year, for I wasn't beaten. On first sight you might wonder where that Leaves Lewis. I dont think I need to tell you John. I think you know that he is going to offer for another office.

I want to ask you a question John - may I feel free to write you in confidence on certain matters? I feel that I can but I would like to have your word for it. I want you to feel that you may write me in the same manner. I have certain matters that I would like to get straightened out and I think you can help me. And I want you to know that what ever you may have to tell me will be in confidence. I have certain suspicions, as do others, and I would like to have them confirmed or denied. Mind you John, I am not seeking information for any one but myself. What we have to write each other will be strictly confidential at all times.

I shall await word from you and I hope that you tell me what I expect you will tell me, viz, to feel free to write you and feel sure that it will be in confidence.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Harold

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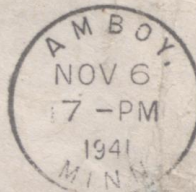
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*John S. Gallagher,
Sudlow Falls,
Ohio.*

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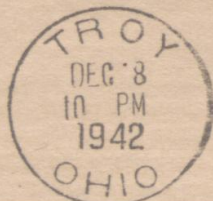
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REPLY CARD

AND

MAIL

IMMEDIATELY



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



POSTMASTER

OHIO

Office

Postmaster

Signed

Dear Senator and Congressman:—

Senator Jas. Meade and
Congressman Robt. Ramspeck

Senate Bill (S 2913), a Bill to provide war time compensation for employees of the Federal Government, and other important purposes, — does indeed provide needed relief for thousands of postal workers, including postmasters, whose fixed compensation has in effect been automatically reduced through the increased cost of living. The greatly increased duties now incumbent on Postmasters has so materially increased their work and responsibilities, that thousands of them are compelled to stay at their posts 12 to 15 hours a day in order to get the job done as they want it done. Immediate passage of this meritorious legislation will convince them that Congress is determined to deal fairly with this difficult and important situation. I join with my thousands of fellow postmasters and co-workers in asking that you convey to every member of Congress my endorsement of this legislation.

Personal
from a Postmaster

Washington, D. C.

SENATOR JAS. MEADE



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS
REPLY CARD

Troy, Ohio, December 8, 1942

Dear Fellow Postmaster:

A new bill has been introduced into Congress to provide war time compensation for employees of the Federal Government and for other purposes. In the Senate it is known as S.2913. This bill, if passed, will provide 20% additional compensation for all postmasters and postal employees up to \$2100.00 per annum; and 15% additional compensation based on a maximum of \$2900.00 per annum on all salaries from \$2100.00 to \$5000.00 per annum. There will be no additional compensation on salaries above \$5000.00.

This bill has already been approved by the Senate Civil Service Committee and immediate concerted action is therefore essential for passage of the bill to which Congress seems favorable.

So without fail sign your name to the attached reply card and drop into the mail immediately. Don't hesitate as immediate action is necessary. The bill is being considered this week. Air mail will help.

Incidentally you may help the cause along by forwarding next year's dues if you have not already done so.

Yours for success and with Season's Greetings, I am

Very sincerely,
Algy R. Murphy.

HARVEY R. SPRUNGER
BOX 16
KIDRON, OHIO

Feb 17-1943

John P. Gallagher Sec'y
Ludlow Falls Ohio

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find check for dues for the National League of District Postmasters for 1943 I am sorry I have ^{not} mailed it before. I guess we have all been too busy and time passed so quickly.

I have enjoyed a very fine business the past year and so far this year the sales and cancellations are above last year.

No doubt you are busy and I do not want you to go to any bother but I have a hobby of gathering advertising pencils and thought perhaps you may have a couple you do not care for and if you do I would appreciate them very much.

I enjoy the Postmasters Advocate and like to read the articles of other Postmasters also the questions and answers.

Sincerely
Harvey R. Sprunger P.M.
Kidron Ohio

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March 11, 1943

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Mr. John R. Gallagher
Ludlow Falls, Ohio

Dear John:

Thanks for sending me copy of the card mailed to the postmasters. Also for the check for February and March issues sent to non-members.

I have already made the wrappers for the March issue and they will be mailed along with the regular subscribers.

Your card should do a great deal of good in keeping the postmasters informed as to the efforts of the League.

Thanking you for this cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

E. A. Meeks

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United States Post Office

Arcanum, Ohio

April 21, 1943

John R. Gallagher, Secretary,
Ohio Branch Nat'l League District PM,
Ludlow Falls, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

Thank you for your letters of recent date in regards to my membership in the Association.

However, I am at the present time only Acting Postmaster at Arcanum, Ohio, and I do not feel justified in sending in my membership dues until I know whether or not I will receive the permanent appointment. I took the examination for the appointment the last of February and should hear from it soon.

Please rest assured that just as soon as I receive further word in regard to the appointment, I will get in touch with you. I appreciate very much the activities of the organization and am for it 100%.

Respectfully yours,
EDGAR K. BROWN, ACT. P.M.

Edgar K. Brown



OFFICE NO. 18541

FOURTH CLASS

United States Post Office

HARRISVILLE, OHIO

ELLA J. CRUMLEY, POSTMASTER
MABEL HOBAUGH, ASSISTANT

April 22, 1943.

John R. Gallagher,
Ludlow Falls, Ohio.Dear Mr. Secretary: I give happily to
send money order for dues for ensuing year.

The postmasters are so very grateful for, and appreciative of increase received though it was some problem to us as to working out schedule, with forms inadequate as they were, Hoping for new forms for the new 150% increase granted. This boosts our compensation quite a bit, helping to make up for our amount of cancellation which some of us had cut off of December report, my surplus was \$17.00, I could not use. This increase came to me at very fitting time, helping to pay assistant for time in office, as after a third attack of pleurisy and worn from extra work, I came out of office nine weeks ago; not well enough for work yet. Can bring most of book work into my living room, just next to office and keep it worked up. I fear it will be a strenuous next three months for me to get through, owing to my years of age, the three years to complete the fifteen of service for retirement in May 1946, which runs me into my seventies. Hoping for a convention in future time.

Sincerely Ella J. Crumley P.M.

Shandon, Ohio
April 24, 1943

John R. Gallagher Sec.
Ohio Branch National League District Postmaster
Ludlow Falls, Ohio

Dear Sir:

It is with great pleasure that I read your letter and only wish I were one of you.

Due to ill health I had to resign as postmaster at Shandon, Ohio one year ago. My last day as postmaster was May 29, 1942. We have had an acting postmaster ever since. Two exams were held. She failed the first one and a second was given for only two people, which according to the rules is not a legible exam as it says there must be three it hold one. I sent in my application but due to the fact that the announcement for applications was not posted where a person could see it easily I didn't see it until late and then by the time I got it notarized and sent in, it was classed as too late; therefore, I could not take the exam.

Not only is our postmaster acting and has been for this long but she has her thirteen year old daughter to help her not only hand out mail but to write money orders and she goes away to town about nine miles and leaves her alone with it. Now surely this should be looked into. I would pass your letter on to her but I know it would not do any good as she doesn't want to subscribe for a magazine unless she knows she is going to get the office and it does look doubtful.

Hoping to again be in your midst and be one

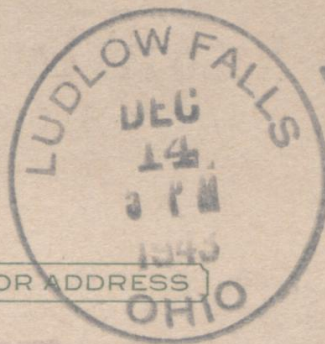
of you I remain

as ever a former postmaster
Mrs Dorothy Morehouse
Shandon, Ohio

P.S.

Surely I want to be a member and will gladly send
in for my dues and magazine if and when I again
am commissioned.

D.M.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

POSTMASTER

Mark Center

OHIO



The National League of District Postmasters

OHIO STATE BRANCH

Ludlow Falls, Ohio
December 13, 1943

Dear Postmaster:

The following telegram just received from Mr. E. A. Meeks, The League's National Secretary and Legislative Representative:

"THE SENATE COMMITTEE TODAY REPORTED FAVORABLE THE POSTMASTERS' FOURTH CLASS SALARY BILL. THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO THE SENATE CALENDAR AND EARLY CONSIDERATION IS PREDICTED. WE EARNESTLY SOLICIT THE SUPPORT OF ALL POSTMASTERS AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE TO THE END THAT WE MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS EFFORT."

The National League needs the support of every district postmaster. If you have not paid your National League dues for coming year, won't you please do it today. *O.K.*

Your membership includes the League's official publication, "THE POSTMASTERS ADVOCATE."

JOHN R. GALLAGHER, State Secretary.

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December 17, 1947

Mr. John R. Gallagher
Ludlow Falls, Ohio

Dear John:

We were pleased to learn of your gradual improvement and hope that it will not be long before you will be home with the folks again. We have missed you and while I have wanted to write you many times, giving you a picture of the situation, thought it best to wait until my letter would have your personal attention. Many things have happened during your illness; it is my purpose to cover some of them briefly.

Following the convention at Pittsburgh, I wired the best hotel and the Convention Bureau at Milwaukee informing them of the vote in favor of Milwaukee and asked for reservations for our 1948 convention. I was informed that the hotel had already made reservations for other conventions and was under contract, but they hoped that we could be taken care of by other hotels in the city. There was only one other hotel, which was a small hotel, that could meet convention requirements, but they could only guarantee 75 rooms and we need 400.

Mr. Ashby and I went to Milwaukee. We met the secretary and went over the situation together. It was found that Milwaukee would not be able to entertain the convention in 1948 and the Wisconsin officers agreed to withdraw with the understanding that they would make tentative reservations for 1949 and would be in the bidding for that convention.

We contacted about 20 cities--most of them were filled with conventions during the Fall months. We finally decided on San Antonio, Texas and they have assured us of every cooperation. San Antonio is an interesting city and I am sure the delegates who attend this convention will be well pleased with the selection.

Page two
John R. Gallagher
December 17, 1947

Know that you were pleased to learn of the appointment of Mr. Donaldson as Postmaster General. The various postal organizations gave a dinner in his honor at the Mayflower Hotel last Thursday evening. Mrs. Rushing was with us and sat at the speakers' table. The dinner was attended by several cabinet members, two former Postmasters General (Farley and Walker), and the President dropped in to extend a few words to Mr. Donaldson and to those present.

My only regret was that our board of national officers could not all be present.

Mr. Donaldson was confirmed by the Senate Monday and took the oath of office yesterday. Catherine and I represented the LEAGUE. There was the largest crowd of postal workers that I have ever seen at a ceremony of this kind and I have attended several.

We have not had any of our bills introduced at the special session of Congress, but may have two bills introduced before Congress adjourns as we are anxious to get them before the postmasters and they could be published in the ADVOCATE if this is done.

Several bills have been introduced to provide for pay increases. These propose increases ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 a year with a liberal increase for fourth class and hourly employees.

Had a letter from Eleanor the other day and she indicated that you were anxious about the membership. We are going to send out a letter for you about the 26th of December. We do not think it would be worthwhile to mail it at this time as every postmaster is busy with the holiday rush. I think if the letter arrives between Christmas and New Year's Day it will be more effective. With several pay bills before Congress, this should encourage memberships, for the cooperation of all will be necessary.

We do appreciate the letters we received from Eleanor. We have received numerous calls from the officials of the Post Office Department and letters from the National Officers and members; Eleanor's letters aid us to give the information requested. I have assured Eleanor that if I can do anything to assist in your office work, I shall be glad to come at any time. We don't want you to return to duty too soon. It takes a long time to overcome a serious illness so take it easy and don't worry--everything is going to be all right.

The girls join me in sending love and best wishes to you and the family.

Sincerely yours,

Meeks & Catherine
MEEKS & COMPANY

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April 16, 1953

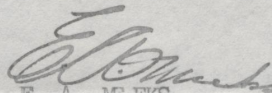
Mr. John R. Gallagher
Ludlow Falls, Ohio

Dear John:

You will see by the enclosed letter that you stand well with your Congressman, who considers you "one of the old-time postmasters."

With that new crop of hair, I thought you were a young man, but the Congressman has let the "cat out of the bag."

Very truly yours,


E. A. ME EKS
National Secretary

BAM/hn
Enc.

WILLIAM M. McCULLOCH
4TH DISTRICT, OHIO

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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April 14, 1953

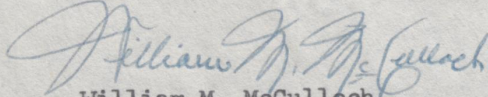
Mr. E. A. Meeks, National Secretary
National League of District Postmasters
1110 F Street, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meeks:

Thanks, so much, for the photograph which you sent to me,
under date of April 2, 1953.

Mr. John R. Gallagher, Postmaster, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, is
one of the old-time postmasters in Western Ohio, and I was
particularly pleased to be photographed with him.

Sincerely yours,



William M. McCulloch
Representative to Congress

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August 6, 1953.

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Dear Mr. Gallagher,

Since reading in the latest news letter from the National office that Mr. Meeks was resigning and the Executive Committee would have to appoint his successor, it seemed that you had a task. I am wondering if his assistant, Mr. Gravitt, will be automatically considered as he was taken in with that in mind.

Mr. Gravitt has been in New England for our conventions and is very well thought of here. He was very well received at the six state Convention in Maine. He seems to have made a good impression on the Legislators and legislative committees, helping the cause of the League.

It just occurred to me that you might like opinions of your District Chairman and I am sending this along for what it is worth to you. I am looking forward to seeing you in Chicago. *With kind personal regards,*

Very sincerely,

Irene F. Smith, P.M.

E. A. MEEKS
2814 N. KEY BOULEVARD
ARLINGTON 1, VIRGINIA

November 16, 1953

Mr. John R. Gallagher
Ludlow Falls, Ohio

Dear John:

It was indeed a pleasure to see and greet you at the League's Golden Jubilee Convention in Chicago. Sincerely hope that you enjoyed the occasion as much as we enjoyed your presence and that you had a pleasant and a safe journey home.

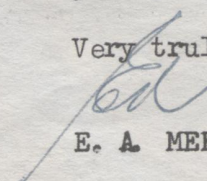
Words are inadequate for me to express to you my appreciation for the part you played in the gifts presented to me on the above occasion. I feel that while we have accomplished much over the past fifty years, a greater portion of the credit should go to the postmasters whose membership gave us the support necessary to bring about the benefits that have been achieved.

Your cooperation and support given to me as a League member will always be remembered, and I ask that the same loyal support and cooperation be given to my successors, Mr. Gravitt, your National Secretary, and Miss Norris, your Assistant National Secretary, who are well experienced and fully competent to carry on the work in the years that lie ahead, but any success to be attained depends upon the district postmasters.

There are several bills pending before the Congress, some good, some bad, but you can count on our leaders to support those that will be beneficial and to oppose those which contain harmful provisions. The League is the only postmasters' organization qualified under its present organization to best represent the interests of the postmasters, and we are pleading for all loyal League members to see that their respective county is organized one hundred per cent so that our leaders will have the backing necessary for your own interests.

Thanking you again for every consideration you have shown me, and with every good wish to you always, I am

Very truly yours,


E. A. MEEKS

Sent to Registration

February 17, 1954

Mr. E. A. Weeks
2814 N. Key Boulevard
Arlington, Va.

Dear Mr. Weeks:

During my recent visit in Washington to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the League, I made three attempts to reach you by phone one night to see how you and Mrs. Weeks were, but was unable to contact you.

We had a very busy three days and nights and feel that the committee was successful in it's work.

Your letter of February 13 addressed to me, copy of which you mailed to the Executive Committee, and a copy of your letter of February 13 addressed to Mr. C. S. Bravitt have been carefully read and contents noted.

I know that Mr. Bravitt has had many problems since assuming his duties as Secretary and Legislative representative of the League; I am also aware that he has worked very hard and diligently, and it is necessary that he have the cooperation of the Executive Committee (which he has) and of all those who staff the national office, as well as the membership.

I shall not attempt to comment on the various criticisms of your letter Mr. Weeks, for I know they are your personal feelings. I am sure there is always room for criticism, just as there has been in the past. I have found that constructive criticism can be good in some instances but sometimes a word of praise or a pat on the back will accomplish more.

I am quite sure that I have come in for my part of criticism but I do not feel that I have to defend my actions to anyone, for I have put the welfare of the League above my own personal feelings many times without consideration for personalities. My primary and only objective in the League work is to see that the best job attainable is done for the postmasters, and I have expended my efforts toward that goal.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Lawrence P. Jones
President

7005 Chelton Road
Bethesda 14, Maryland
February 18, 1954

Mr. Lawrence P. Jones
National President
National League of District
Postmasters
Yorkville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jones:

I hereby submit my resignation as
Assistant National Secretary and Associate
Editor to be effective immediately.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Norris
CATHERINE NORRIS

CC--Executive Committee Members

7005 Chelton Road
Bethesda 14, Maryland
February 18, 1954

Mr. Lawrence P. Jones, President
National League of District Postmasters
Yorkville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jones:

When Harriet, who had been employed in the National Office for 19 years, was unceremoniously notified 15 minutes before quitting time on Friday, February 5, that her services were no longer needed because the Executive Committee had instructed Mr. Gravitt to curtail expenses and then the very next working day her successor reported, it was quite apparent that Mr. Gravitt had interviewed applicants after office hours so that Harriet would not know of it and he would have the opportunity of "firing" her, and it was not for the purpose of economizing as he indicated to her.

It became quite apparent to me and others in the office that we had no security of position--no doubt he would do the same to us, so it was no surprise to me that yesterday 15 minutes before quitting time Mr. Gravitt informed me that he would either announce my resignation, or I would be dismissed and that my successor would report today.

Mr. Gravitt's desire to get rid of the long-time employees of the League office has been evident since the retirement of Mr. Meeks as he began taking over every detail of the work and declined to permit me to do the job that I had been doing for many years. It was further evident that he wanted no one in the office who would know of his many mistakes or who was more familiar with the office routine than he.

I have worked hard and loyally for the League for over 15 years, doing the best job I knew how to do and none can say that I have ever done anything but a good job. During the war years, Mr. Meeks and I worked from 8 in the morning until 10 at night, 6 days a week, week in and week out, to build the League because we could not get the necessary help to do the job during the day. This was at a time when the League had assets of only about \$7,000 and through this teamwork, we were able to increase the assets to more than \$60,000 and were able to retain these assets through strict economy. Just recently I spent every spare minute of my own time for months to do the research, preparation and writing of the history of the League's first 50 years because there was never time enough to do it at the office. This was an act of love on my part, for I have loved the League and its people with all my heart during the years I have been associated with it.

It is regretted that now, because a new man is in charge of the National Office, I am unable to continue to serve the organization and people I love. This organization has worked tirelessly its entire lifetime to secure and keep security of position under civil service for the postmasters. Yet, the officials of this organization do not accord the same consideration to the employees in its national office. The whims of a new and inexperienced man are the determining factors and not the fine principles of the organization in the treatment of the League employees.

On August 19, 1953, the Executive Committee officially appointed me as Assistant National Secretary and Associate Editor at a stipulated salary, positions I had been filling for 10 years previously. This information was publicly announced to the membership of the organization through the pages of the POSTMASTERS ADVOCATE, thus making me an official of the organization and as such, my name has appeared on the letterheads of the organization for the past 11 years.

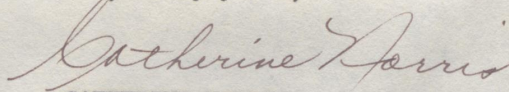
At a closed-door session prior to the Chicago Convention, Mr. Gravitt asked the Committee to give him full authority over all employees in the National Office with the right to hire and fire them. Thus the committee gave a small man a big stick which he has promiscuously wielded since. At an Executive Committee meeting following the national convention, Mr. Gravitt blandly dictated this decision of the Executive Committee to me. When I questioned it, I was told the committee all concurred with the exception of John R. Gallagher, who stated he did not vote.

However, there is one thing the Executive Committee and Mr. Gravitt overlooked. By your action on August 19, I had been made an "official" and the authority given Mr. Gravitt did not specifically mention me, either by name or as an official, but merely said "employees." Therefore, Mr. Gravitt does not have the right to fire me and I am officially resigning to you, President Jones, as an official of the organization to be effective immediately.

Although I have never worked for anyone but the National League, in view of the manner in which the other long-time League employee was treated without even the courtesy of a letter of recommendation, I know I cannot expect any better consideration from the League officers. However, I am sure the fine letter of recommendation which Mr. Meeks will give me will be all that I need when I seek other employment.

The 15 years that I served with Mr. Meeks in the National Office were truly a pleasure for he is a man of character and high integrity and just in all his dealings with the employees as well as business associates. This, and the fine people I have worked for, met, and loved, are the things that I want to remember about the League and not the nightmare of the past six months.

Very truly yours,


CATHERINE NORRIS

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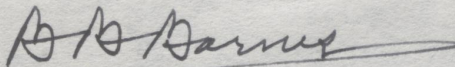
Mr. John R. Gallagher
Postmaster
Ludlow Falls, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

It was indeed a pleasure to be with you last week and I want you to know how much I enjoyed your convention.

Please transmit to all those concerned my appreciation for the courtesies shown toward me while with you. Wishing the very best for you and your organization, I am

Very sincerely,



B. B. Barnes,
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Nov. 4, 1955

Mr. John R. Gallagher
Ludlow Falls, Ohio

Dear John:

Appreciate receiving the front page of the West Milton Record. We will be glad to have an article in the December publication concerning the death of Mr. Markley.

John, if you would like the nonmembers in Ohio to receive the convention issue coming out the 15th of November, let me know and I will be glad to have them mailed directly from Washington.

The Newsletter is bringing in many new members and the bill-like letter we have followed it up with seems to be most effective. We have pushed it considerably from the Washington end and if we are to gain 10,000 new members from the Association within the next three months it is up to many of our League workers in the field to personally contact nonmembers.

Had a letter from Ralph yesterday and he had been placed in Level 5 and certainly, with a rural carrier, he deserves level 6.

Give my regards to Tillie and Frances. Take it easy and let me hear from you whenever you have time.

Sincerely yours,

C. B. GRAVITT, JR.
Secretary-Representative

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WILLIAM M. McCULLOCH
FOURTH DISTRICT
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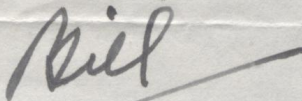
Mr. John R. Gallagher
Postmaster
United States Post Office
Ludlow Falls, Ohio

Dear *John* ~~Mr. Gallagher~~:

I recently read in our local newspaper that you are the first to receive the special award, "National Postmaster of the Year". Congratulations!

You are to be commended for your outstanding contribution to civic and community activities. You have my best wishes, always.

Sincerely yours,



William M. McCulloch

WMM:p

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November 5, 1956

Hon. William M. McCulloch
Member of the United States Congress
Piqua, Ohio

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

I deeply appreciate receiving your letter this morning congratulating me by being the first to be selected as the National Postmaster of the Year.

It made me especially happy when the Postmaster General came down from the platform at St. Paul, Minnesota, to personally award the plaque as "Postmaster of the Year" nationally. This was only a clear evidence of the fact that Mr. Summerfield is deeply interested in his postal employees.

Mr. McCulloch, I want to be among the first to congratulate you upon your being selected to represent our Fourth District in the House for another term.

If at any time I can be of service to you please do not hesitate to let it be known.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John R. Gallagher

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November 6, 1956

Hon. H. C. Rumble
Regional Director
Cincinnati Regional Office
United States Post Office Department
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rumble:

There seems to come a time when it is impossible to find words to adequately express one's feelings. I want you to know that I deeply appreciate receiving your autographed picture. It is hanging on the wall of our post office alongside that of our mutual friend, Postmaster General Summerfield.

Having been fortunate in being selected to receive the Postmaster of the Year award, I feel doubly honored that you chose to make the presentation of the State Award at our Cincinnati Convention and Mr. Summerfield chose to present me with the National Award at St. Paul. It made of the event a memorable occasion I shall always remember.

We of the National League are pleased that you accepted our invitation to attend our St. Paul convention. I am sorry I was not there in time to hear your address which I know was an inspiration to those in attendance. We of the Cincinnati Region are fortunate indeed in having a man of your experience and ability serving as our Leader.

It was a pleasure having both you and Mr. Steiger stop in and visit with me. Anytime business brings you into the territory I hope you will drop in again.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and for the kind things you said.

With best wishes and kindest regards to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John R. Gallagher
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