

Parcel Post Legislation Would Aid Local Citizens

Residents of Edenton would save thousands of dollars annually on heavier packages under parcel post reform legislation pending on Congress, Postmaster James Bond said today.

The saving could be \$2 to \$3 a parcel, or more, he explained.

Equally significant, Postmaster Bond said, there are many instances where mailers decide not to send such parcels at all, with resulting losses of much business by the Edenton Post Office.

Postmaster Bond's report

was based on a new analysis of parcel post reform legislation, H. R. 12367, sent to him from Washington, D. C., by President James O'Toole of the National Association of Postmasters.

At the same time, the postmaster reported the parcel post reform measure would help the Post Office Department reduce the postal fund deficiency to its lowest level since enactment of the Postal Policy Act in 1958 — from the present \$376 million deficit to \$187 million.

On behalf of the Postmaster

ers Association, which has thrown its full support behind legislation introduced at the request of Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien, Postmaster Bond made these points of particular interest to residents of Edenton:

As a first class post office, the local office cannot accept most parcels of more than 20 pounds or more than 72 inches dimensions if they are going to another first class post office 150 miles or more away.

Such parcels sent by private express, at much higher charges, often cost several dollars more than by parcel post.

However, H.R. 12367 would provide new parcel post limits to 40 pounds and 100 inches, with resulting savings for mailers at the Edenton Post Office.

An increase of 14 cents a parcel would be needed to offset the parcel post deficit, but, if H.R. 12367 is enacted into law, a much more moderate increase averaging 8 cents a parcel would be provided, Postmaster Bond said.

More than 100 smaller size post offices are raised each year from the second class to first class. When they are raised, parcel mailers under the present restrictions must often suffer added costs involved in private express company handling of the

heavier parcels.

Residents of smaller post offices enjoy limits of 70 pounds and 100 inches for parcel post packages.

In a recent typical example, Roanoke, Alabama, a second class office, was raised to first class. A parcel of 21 pounds was formerly sent to Bainbridge, Ga., about 155 miles away, for \$1.59. Now if it is sent at all, it is sent by a more expensive means. In the case of the Railway Express Agency, it would be \$4.70.

Residents of small communities who do not have the limitations imposed on first class post office mailers suffer nevertheless as a result of the limitations on parcel post, provided 14 years ago under a law favoring REA the NAPUS report indicated.

Because of lost volume in first class offices — which today serve 140 million Americans — parcel post rates (or taxes) for everyone have been raised about \$500 million since 1951. Overall increases in parcel rates have totaled about 130 per cent.

The parcel post reform legislation would go a long way toward correcting parcel mailing problems and reducing expenses, the Postmaster noted.

For parcels going less than 150 miles, the present 40-pound limit would be retained, but a new size liberalization to 100 inches from the present 72 inch limit would be beneficial for these parcels, the Postmaster explained.

Grants Planned By Association

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents will make available this year 10 scholarships of \$500 each to North Carolina students who are either now pursuing a study of insurance at a college or university in the state or who profess a desire to enter the insurance profession.

Members of the professional insurance agents association have been asked to sponsor and submit applications for deserving students in their areas. In addition to those being sponsored by the agents, state colleges and universities will be consulted concerning their recommendations for worthy students who would be eligible for the scholarships.

Deadline for receiving the applications is June 5. The applications will be studied by a board of trustees and names of those selected to receive the scholarship will be announced in late June.

Courses Slated By Red Cross

The Red Cross is enrolling students for instructor courses at national aquatic and small craft safety schools to be conducted in southeastern states in June, Arnold W. Winkenhof of Atlanta, director of safety services for the Southeastern area, has announced.

Instructor courses in swimming and lifesaving and first aid will be given at Camp Kiwani, Middleton, Tenn., June 5-15; Blue Star Camps, Hendersonville, N. C., June 6-16, and Camp Ocala, Umatilla, Fla., June 6-16.

A fourth school, to be devoted solely to qualifying small craft safety instructors, will be held at Camp Thunderbird, near Clover, S. C., June 6-16. This school will offer specialized courses in canoeing, sailing and outboard motor boating, also safe handling of small craft and rescue techniques.

The June schools at Middleton and Hendersonville also will offer courses in competitive swimming. Elective courses for instructors of swimming for the handicapped are slated at Camp Ocala, also an instructor course in sailing.

Purpose of the schools is to provide trained aquatic and small craft leaders and instructors for schools, recreation and parks departments, camps, youth organizations, clubs and other groups.

Similar aquatic schools are scheduled at Middleton and Hendersonville in August.

Persons interested are advised by Winkenhof to contact their Red Cross chapters.

Volunteer instructors, mainly from college and university physical education departments and industrial safety departments, will assist Red Cross safety staff on school faculties.



Lest We Forget, Wear A Poppy

"Lest we forget... wear a poppy!"

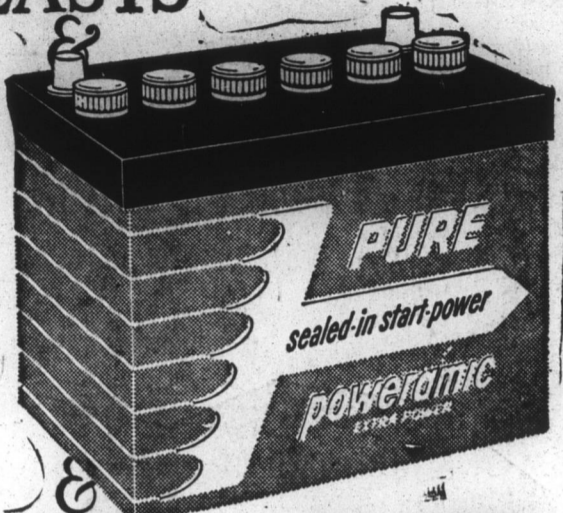
This will be the message of the American Legion Auxiliary to the people of Edenton on Poppy Day, May 28. Members of the Auxiliary and cooperating groups of young women will be stationed at numerous places all day offering baskets of memorial poppies and urging all citizens to wear one of the little red blossoms in honor of our nation's war dead.

"We know that everyone in Edenton will wish to express remembrance and gratitude by wearing a poppy on that day," said Mrs. Bertha Bunch, president of the Edenton unit of the Auxiliary.

"The memorial poppies have been made for the Auxiliary by disabled war veterans working in hospitals and convalescent workrooms," Mrs. Bunch said. "The Auxiliary's memorial poppies are fashioned from crepe paper and wire stems and their production provides an interesting diversion for many hospitalized veterans," she added. "The work is considered valuable as occupational therapy, in addition to giving the disabled men the encouraging experience of earning money once again. All materials are supplied without cost by the American Legion Auxiliary, which pays the hospitalized veteran for his work."

"An estimated 150,000 volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and cooperating groups are required to distribute some 20 million memorial flowers on Poppy Day. All contributions received from the public are used solely for the rehabilitation and child welfare programs conducted by the Auxiliary.

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