

**C. T. Dixon
Board Member**

WASHINGTON—Edmund Earl Hughes, Jr., of New Bern was re-elected to a one-year term as president of the Eastern Forest Products Association at that organization's annual meeting held here last week.

The organization, comprised of pulpwood dealers and producers and representatives of related industries, elected Raymond Banks of Maysville as vice president; William Gaskins of New Bern as secretary-treasurer, and Jack Riley of Plymouth as corresponding secretary.

Directors elected are as follows: District I—George Meteja, Maysville; District II—P. W. Jessup, Washington; District III—S. K. Wilson, Washington; District IV—C. T. Dixon, Edenton.



**Rep. Walter B. Jones
Reports From Washington**

As many as you know, this past week Congress was not in session due to the July 4th recess. Therefore, there is no Congressional action to report to you in this column.

Since coming to Congress, one of the most difficult things that I have had to do is to make decisions in the case of Civil Service appointments. I am referring, of course, to postmaster and rural carrier positions. The manner in which these selections are made is a rather intricate one and I believe not too well understood by many.

The process is this. If, when a vacancy occurs, a career employee is not selected, then an open competitive examination is given for any and all who desire to take said examination. After this is done, the grades are compiled and all those who make a passing score are then investigated as to personal habits, reputation in the community and other factors. The applicants are then considered as to their service career.

All veterans receive five points, which is known as veteran's preference. These five points are added to whatever cumulative score the applicant has received. In the situation where there is a compensable veteran, one who is drawing compensation due to a service connected disability, he receives 10 points.

Upon the findings of this evaluation, this office is furnished with what is known as an eligible registry. This registry contains three names, giving the Congressional office the right to recommend that one of the three be appointed and later confirmed by the Senate for the permanent position. In the event that a compensable veteran is involved, that name goes to the top of the list automatically, and under the law cannot be bypassed.

All too often when the eligible registry reaches my office, I find the names of three good friends on the same list with very little difference in the grades and each with much support in their own locality.

The ideal situation would be to appoint all three, but unfortunately, this cannot be done. As one Congressman so well stated, on these appointments you make one person happy and no one knows how many unhappy.

Another interesting fact regarding these Post Office Civil Service examinations is the length of time which expires between the date of the examination and the date we receive the final results. Usually this involves a period of eight to 10 months. This is due to the growth of the Civil Service system. At the present time, the Post Office Department has 699,921 employees, as of May 31, 1967.

These are truly difficult decisions to make. We attempt to accord each candidate thorough consideration and try to make a final recommendation based on such factors as the acceptance of this individual in the community, the ability he has to perform the services required, and finally, insofar as possible, the feeling of the people in the area in which this service will be rendered.

For my predictions as to the length of this present session of Congress, I have no hopes of adjournment before the middle of October. There is much work left for the committees and there are many controversial bills to be considered by both the Senate and the House. Congress returned to Washington on Monday, ready to settle down to a long period of legislative work.

The Roundup

SONNET

By WILBORNE HARRELL

There was a time when there were none to love, When all of life seemed but an empty shell: There were no bright voices or eager footsteps, There were no ears to hearken when I had dreams to tell, Or listen to the lonely beat of my heart. There never came cool fingertips on my brow, Like a curtain to shut out the dark past Or weigh the whole world in the scales of now. Within my heart this earth I've traveled around it, Ever seeking, never finding, ever yearning; 'Twas love I sought but never found it, Bewildered, stumbling, but ever learning: My heart lacked faith as I trudged this land, Love, 'twas there, if only I reached out my hand.

thing that scores me about a doctor's office: I can take his needles, powders, probes, thumps and what-all, but I can't swallow his big pills. I choked three times in the hospital before I discovered that the pills would dissolve in water — Friends are like money in your savings account. You hope you'll never have to call on them, but it's good to know they're there if you need them. — Remember GONE WITH THE WIND by Margaret Mitchell, the all-time great novel and movie of the South starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh, as Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler? The recent death

of Miss Leigh leaves me with a nostalgic sadness and the realization that something great out of the past has gone with the wind, never to return. There was only one Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh.

Epitaph: Here lies a book—unread—dead. Patronize your local public library.

A good cook seldom receives proper recognition.

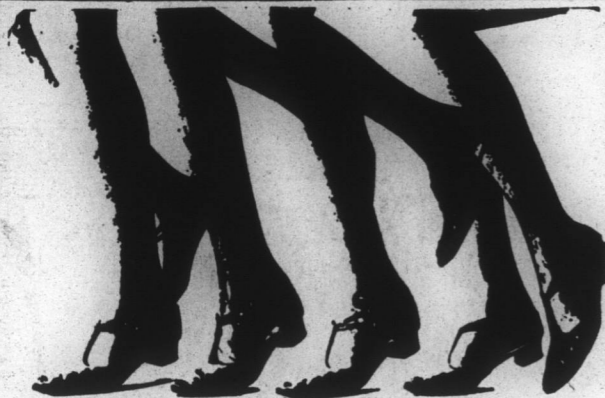
Local Manager Is Given TV

John H. Woolard, owner and operator of Montgomery Ward Catalog Store here, has been commended by company officials for sales activity in the past few months.

Bob Britt of Jacksonville, district manager, said Woolard placed second in an Albany-Baltimore Territory contest for catalog stores and catalog sales agencies. He was presented a portable TV.

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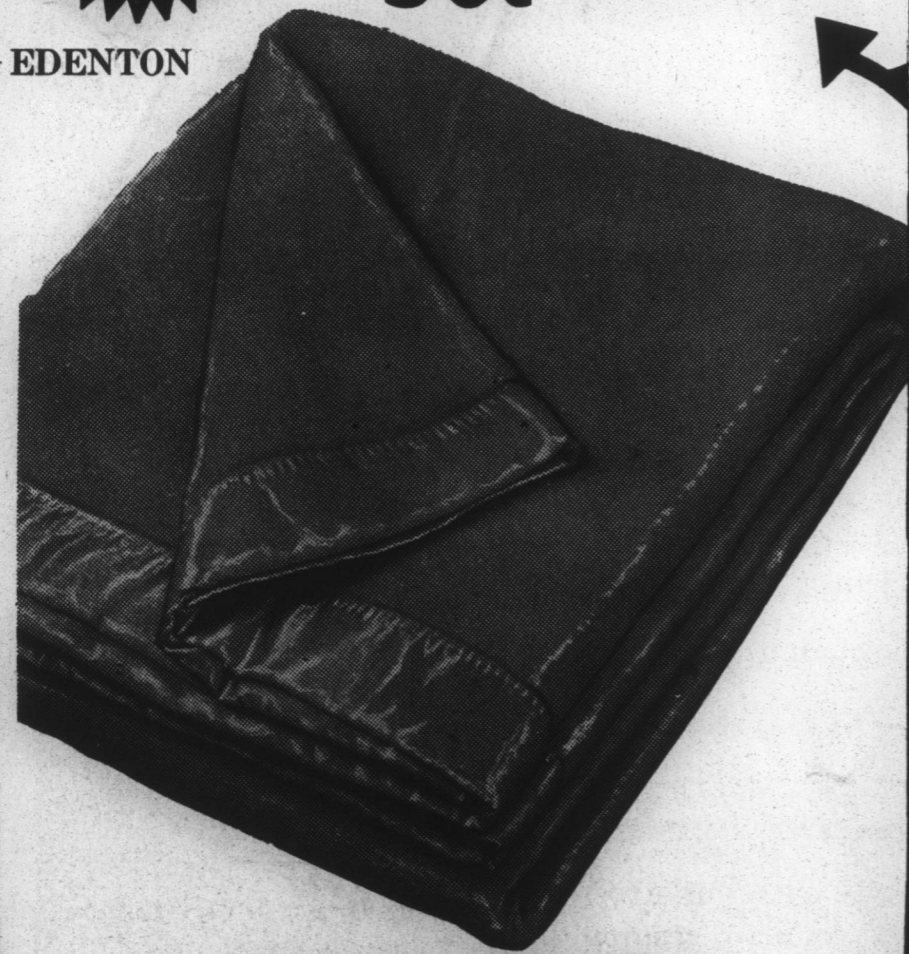
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Soil Testing Proves Helpful

If problem areas are observed in your fields, having a soil test made on the affected areas can often be helpful in determining the cause of the poor growth, says C. W. Overman, County Extension Chairman.

Several years ago the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's Soil Testing Division developed an information sheet especially designed for samples from "problem areas." The special salmon colored sheet enables listing of more complete information which is often required to diagnose conditions responsible for poor growth. Use of the special sheet gives priority to samples from problem areas so samples can be processed and analyzed as rapidly as possible in the event that corrective measures can be applied to the growing crop. Magnesium and manganese levels are also determined in addition to the usual tests.

Of course, not all problems resulting in poor crop growth are caused by the misuse or need for lime and/or fertilizer. Insects or disease are often at fault. If a soil test is to be useful in diagnosing the problem it is important that a sample or samples from a normally growing or "good" area accompany the sample from the problem area. This way a comparison can be made of the "good" and "bad" areas.

Supplies of the special information sheets, and other soil sampling supplies, are available from your County Extension office. Diagnosing a problem early in the growing season may enable you to eliminate the problem area yet this season. This could result in turning what might have been a poor crop into a profitable one.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our relatives, friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to us during the death of our beloved husband and father, Landon H. Lane, Sr.; also the cars loaned, flowers, cards, food and other tributes. May God bless each of you.
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