

Joe Ray Tells Of Progress In Effort To Stamp Out Smut Mail To Children

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, he states, is taking increasingly effective action against this growing, nation-wide racket. Postmaster General Summerfield has notified the local postmaster that during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1959, the Post Office Department conducted more than 14,000 separate investigations of traffic in mail order obscenity, of which approximately 10,000 were based on complaints from parents aroused to the menace presented by "the vicious arrogance of the smut racketeers."

Actual arrests during the year, according to Mr. Ray, totaled 315, a significant increase over the previous year, and almost double the number of arrests during 1957, when the Post Office Department was still hampered by inadequate enforcement legislation.

Prior to the summer of 1958, antiquated laws and liberal court interpretations—Postmaster General Summerfield prefers to call them "misinterpretations"—required that even the most blatant profiteer, sending the vilest possible material through the mails to school-age children, could be prosecuted only at the point or origin of the mail, usually New York or Los Angeles.

According to Mr. Ray, the "liberal" courts in these cities established a definition of "obscenity" far different from views held by the majority in most normal American communities.

In 1958 the Postmaster General recommended new legislation to the 85th Congress, which would permit prosecution of such racketeers at the point where the mail was received, and where the actual attempt to corrupt children's moral and social health took place. Congress promptly responded to the Postmaster General's plea, and translated the recommendations into law.

Mr. Ray reports that this new legislation is now beginning to bear fruit. The first case prosecuted under the new law was of a man and his wife on the West Coast, who were mailing obscene literature to youngsters in Boise, Idaho.

Thanks to the new law, according to Postmaster Ray, these two were convicted in Boise, and sentenced to 10 years behind bars plus a heavy fine.

In another recent California case, a 10-year prison sentence was imposed on a criminal offender convicted of sending obscene material through the mail, in contrast to so many previous cases in that area when probation had been granted.

Postmaster General Summerfield pointed out in a recent speech: "This represents, in our opinion, real progress of the type which can readily be expanded, so long as we have determined public support."

ASC NEWS

WINTER COVER TOP

We would like at this time to remind farmers that we are issuing purchase orders for winter cover crop. They may have their choice of Crimson Clover, 20 to 22 lbs. per acre, Hairy vetch 20 to 22 lbs. per acre or Annual Ryegrass 20 to 40 lbs. per acre. There are other cover crop seeds you may want to use if so you can let us know by asking at the ASC Office. After September 1, 1959 you will be able to get purchase orders for rye and small grains as a cover crop. We would like to see more of you farmers come in and take advantage of this program.

LEME:

As we have stated many times before our liming program is open the year round. If you have some land that has never been limed or hasn't been limed in several years please come to the ASC office and let us issue you a purchase order for lime.

TREES:

Trees have gotten to be something more than just words in Cherokee County. I might add just a word, it is a little early to plant trees for fall planting but thinking about what you can do is not too early. Planting trees comes about the last of October or in November until the last days of December. We can give you Approvals now for trees and also blanks to order your trees. If you have land that you do not want to use for crops or grasses trees are a big item for farmers to think about using, bear this in mind and if information is needed please come in at any time to the ASC Office and we will be glad to help you.

Treat cotton at five-day intervals for boll weevils.

Market And Hog Show Set For August 19

The Fifth Annual North Carolina Market Hog Show and Sale will be held at the N. C. State Fairgrounds, Aug. 19.

The program will be an all-day affair. The show starts at 7:30 a.m.; the sale starts at 7:30 p.m. According to Jack Kelley, in charge of animal husbandry extension at N. C. State College, the event is designed to teach better marketing practices.

"It will also give producers an opportunity to compare their hogs with those of other producers," Kelley added. "Both purebred and graded hogs are accepted."

A special feature of the program this year is a certified litter class. Two hogs from production registry litters will be slaughtered immediately after the show for certification.

Judges of the show this year are R. M. Godsey of VPI, and J. K. Butler of Gwaltney Packing Co., Smithfield, Va.

QUESTION: How did North Carolina's spring pig crop compare with previous crops?

ANSWER: It was the largest on record. Pigs saved from spring farrowing—Dec. 1, 1958 to June 1, 1959—amounted to 1,605,000 which was 26 per cent above the previous record crop produced in the spring of 1958.

QUESTION: If I lose my tobacco, cotton or wheat marketing card, how do I get another one?

ANSWER: Notify your county ASC office. There will be a three-day waiting period, while the office makes a thorough investigation, before a duplicate card is issued.

GARDEN TIME

Times are rapidly changing and we must change with them if we are to meet the challenge of the future. With 8,000 more mouths to feed each morning for breakfast, we are rapidly approaching a 300,000,000 population figure, which many of us will live to see. It is estimated that we will need 50 per cent more food in the United States before our youngest children reach 21.

The problem of feeding this expanding population is made more acute because, each day, we are losing more than 2,000 acres of land for food production. This land is either being lost due to soil erosion, mushrooming suburbs, or buried beneath the concrete and steel of super highways. At the same time, it is estimated that 100,000 families are leaving their farms each year.

Can we accomplish this job of feeding the expanding population? The statistics are not too favorable. We now have 2.4 cultivated acres per person. In 20 years it is estimated that we will have only 1.3 acres; and in 40 years, only 1.4 on which to produce food. We must realize, however, that the production per acre has shown a sizable increase in recent years and for this reason we are eating better today than ever before.

Forty-nine experiment station directors are unanimous in the opinion that we can feed our growing population. If we continue our research; improve soil and water conservation; adopt common sense farming zones; and keep our freedom and profit incentives.

We can see then that the trend is toward fewer farmers utilizing less land to feed more people. This can only mean larger farms, more efficiently operated and producing products of the highest quality.

Credit is given the American Iron and Steel Institute and Mr. John Strohm for much of the data used in today's column. It was of considerable interest to me and I hope will give you something to think about.

Man Often Hurts Tree While Trying To Help

Man's lack of understanding of fundamental principles of tree welfare, or his indifference in applying what knowledge he has, results in much avoidable injury to trees, says R. S. Douglass, forestry specialist for the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Trees are often damaged by burning trash too close beneath them, Douglass added. Cars damage many trees, especially in towns. Children often injure shade trees with a hatchet or knife. Contractors very often cause considerable damage to trees near new construction.

Ironical as it may seem, he continued, many of the injuries that man inflicts on trees are brought about by his misguided efforts to improve them. Careless pruning provides many such examples. Lopping off large limbs unnecessarily often spoils the shape of a tree and leaves large wounds that take years to heal.

Bulletins giving instructions concerning tree care can be obtained from your county agricultural agent's office.

Under and by virtue of an order of this Court made in the above entitled proceeding, dated August 7th, 1959, the undersigned Administrator of the estate of James Henry Furchtbar, alias, J. H. Ellis, deceased, will on Wednesday the 9th day of September, 1959 at 12:00 noon at the Courthouse Door in Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Cherokee County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

Adjoining the lands of J. H. Ellis, Bill Hembree, W. R. Hughes, and others, and lying and being in Nolita Township, in District No. 3, and described as follows:

BEGINNING on a rock at the road, running to a white oak stump; thence to a big chestnut; thence to ridge to top of mountain; thence North with road to original line to road; thence Southwest with the road to the beginning, containing twenty-five acres, more or less.

This the 7th day of August, 1959.
J. C. O'DELL
Administrator

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FARM LOANS

Federal Land Bank Loans for farmers in Cherokee and Clay Counties are available through the Asheville National Farm Loan Association, 149 College Street Asheville, N. C. These are long term loans that can be used to refinance debts, purchase land, construct or improve buildings or finance any reasonable needs of the farmers.

A representative of the Federal Land Bank will be in Hayesville Friday afternoon, August 21, in the office of County Agent from two to three o'clock and will be in Murphy Saturday morning, August 22, in the office of the Register of Deeds from nine to ten o'clock. For further details see or write N. S. Whitaker, Secretary Treasurer, 149 College Street, Asheville, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA MEANS BETTER LIVING

Water is a major asset to better living in North Carolina. 3,615 square miles or 6.8% of the total area of the state is water. Water for recreation, water for industry, water for cities and towns is well distributed throughout the state. Impounding water in thousands of farm ponds and lakes has been encouraged as a soil conservation measure. Annual rainfall averages better than 40 inches throughout most of the state. A drought is a local rarity. Water resources are controlled under careful conservation regulations to insure its abundance for all and for the future.

In keeping with the better living concept that is the rule in the progressive and enlightened areas of North Carolina is the system of the legal control of the sale of beer and ale that has been adopted in the best interests of temperance and moderation.

North Carolina Division
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INFORMATION TIPS

QUESTION: What is Rural Development and how is North Carolina involved in the program?

ANSWER: Rural Development is a Federal program designed to help rural people help themselves. Participants take a critical look at their resources and then devise ways of putting them to better use. Pilot Rural Development programs are now active in Watauga, Anson, and Bertie Counties. In each of these counties, extra agricultural and home economics agents, and SCS aides have been assigned. Governmental agencies have special instructions to cooperate. Most of the leadership and work is carried out, however, by organizations of local people.

"rompt and positive investigation, and vigorous prosecution."

Postmaster Ray states that the Postmaster General and the Post Office Department attributes this progress to the broad support for the campaign being given by the nation's newspapers and radio and television commentators, public spirited civic organizations, members of Congress, and more and more individual citizens.

Their efforts, according to the Postmaster General, are not only alerting the public but are arousing judges and law enforcement officers to act firmly against the menace this traffic in filth presents to the healthy and decent development of the nation's youth.

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ABOUT HOW MANY METEORS STRIKE THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE EVERY DAY?

APPROXIMATELY FIVE BILLION!

WHAT IS THE LARGEST OF ALL SEA BIRDS?

THE ALBATROSS... WHICH OFTEN MEASURES 28 FEET FROM TIP TO TIP OF ITS EXPANDED WINGS! WHENEVER FOOD IS PLENTIFUL IT WINGS TO GORGE ITSELF TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT IT CAN NEITHER FLY NOR SWIM!

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ABOUT 10% ONLY! 90% OF THE CORN IS FED TO ANIMALS!