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**For Better Rural Mail Boxes**

Interested in bettering the service for its patrons and beautifying the countryside, the Post Office Department is sponsoring a clean up rural mail box movement.

There are many reasons why the movement should meet with a hearty response. Better boxes will aid the carrier, better protect the mail and reflect the interest of the rural citizen in his home. Few realize what it means to the carrier to have an easy opening box, but when one stops to think that a mail man opens anywhere from 300 to 500 boxes each week day he can readily understand what it means to have obsolete boxes and have them located at inconvenient spots. Casual observations will reveal scars on the hands of rural letter carriers who in serving postal patrons suffered them while reaching in old mail boxes.

In short, if the government provides a free rural delivery service, it is no more than reasonable to expect the patrons to provide approved type boxes and so place them that the carrier will be aided and not unnecessarily inconvenienced in placing mail in them.

Many patrons have taken considerable pride in beautifying their mail boxes along the R. F. D. lines, and when a patron does that one is almost assured that that patron is interested in his home and the finer things therein.

The movement for better mail boxes is not a racket that will enrich anyone, for the cost of a late-type box is less than a dollar, and there are few things that can be purchased for that amount that will add so much to the rural countryside appearance and at the same time prove of great help to the faithful rural carrier and the patron as well.

As a matter of community pride, if for no other reason, it is urged that every rural resident in Martin County examine his box and see that it conforms to required standards. It is a settled fact that the mail carriers in this county will appreciate the cooperation of their patrons.

**The Facts**

The construction of a costly bridge across the Albemarle Sound has brought forth numerous mis-statements of facts, adding mystery to a mystery itself.

Those who could correct the mis-statements of the cost facts, are said to have turned around and erred when they pointed out that the bridge was opening up a shorter north-and-south route. As for the cost, whether it be one million or two million, it is a whale of a lot. As for shortening the distance on the north-south route, the new bridge falls short. According to State Highway Engineers, the distance from Elizabeth City to Washington via U. S. Route No. 17 is 89 miles. The distance via Route 99, Plymouth and the new bridge is 93 miles. The engineers go on to say that surveys on Routes 99 and 97 reduce this distance by one mile, that when the new route is completed it will be 92 miles between Washington and Elizabeth City or three miles further than by the present route, No. 17.

It is quite evident that the mileage facts stamp the engineering feat, one of the most extensive of its kind in the State, as a strictly local one. It is one, however, that most of the people in the great Southern Albemarle area can be proud of.

**Still Worrying Over the Debt**

There are large numbers of people who continue to worry over the national debt, and, no doubt, it is something to worry about. But there is a bright side that many of us have not bothered to see, a side that most of the complainers never bother to mention.

Records show that while the national debt has increased, the private debt of the country has decreased. The government has taken over the debt, relieving millions of people and preventing possibly what would have been one of the greatest financial catastrophes experienced in the world. Just when millions of farmers were about to lose their farms and just about the time millions of home owners were about to lose their homes, an understanding government stepped in to save them from the money lords of this country. We are prone to overlook these facts, and direct attack after attack against the government for trying to help the people.

No one knows just where we will land with the national debt. Some say we are heading for disaster, while others say the United States, our United States, can safely handle a debt many times larger than the one shown in the reports today or the one that is predicted for the future. It is a perplexing problem, to be sure, and one that few know anything about, but there is one thing certain and that is the people of this nation have gotten more to show for that debt than they got from Washington's time through Hoover's administration combined.

**Within It's Covers**

Elkin Tribune.

Frederick K. Stamm contributes an interesting piece about "The Best Seller That Nobody Reads" in the June Forum and the Christian Science Monitor boils his comment down to this impressive presentation:

"There's enough dynamite in it, he says, to shatter old superstitious orthodox, quarrelsome sectarianism, our modern social order, our blundering international relationships, our unbrotherly industrial relations. It's a book that imparts strength, courage, comfort, hope, warmth in place of selfishness, smallness, sin. It is the one book which gathers within its pages all the great spiritual forces of the world which are wanting to be unlocked. It contains the greatest picture gallery in the world. It exalts those qualities which men must adopt to make a better, more lovable world. Without it 'moral life becomes a barren expediency, and eternity a blank.' And so the writer plaintively urges: 'If only people would read it.'"

But the Monitor reminds that people do read the Bible. It is not only the "best seller" but a vast number of those who buy, read it: "read it faithfully, understandingly, devotedly. And because they find in its pages healing for the nation, the world is steadily growing better, longevity is increasing, society is looking for better things, men are seeking better to follow the rule of justice; sickness has lost many of its terrors. Ah, yes, there's much more than inspiration and guidance in this book—the Bible. There are demonstrable rules. And men are proving by demonstration its present practical utility."

Serious-thinking citizens of the world already have come to the conclusion that a religious revival is the only thing that will save the nations of the earth, and there can be no religious revival until nations and individuals search for the great truths of God's word as recorded in the Bible. And Stamm has drawn an impressive chart of what may be found there.

W. O. Saunders, former Elizabeth City editor and self-acknowledged agnostic, points out that "Politicians have failed us, economists have failed us, the militarists have failed us. In despair we must seek that divine guidance of which we stand in such imminent and tragic need."

Truly here are significant utterances that should give pause and inspire a search for the great revelations to be found in this best-selling book in the world. It holds the key to all our troubles, and provides a chart for feet that have strayed far afield.

**The Same Prophets**

Those fellows who are now shouting disaster faces America, are the same guys who remained silent just before that big crash back in 1929 and who talked for three long years about prosperity and a corner.

It is prudent to put a little sugar in what you say, and take a little salt with what you hear. —Exchange.

**BELK - TYLER'S**

**CLEAN - UP SPECIALS**

**Friday** Price is no consideration in this event. **Saturday**

We have made drastic reductions in all summer merchandise. Come early and take advantage of these sensational values while they last!

27x27 Hemmed Diapers  
**SALE! Dozen 98c**

Octagon SOAP  
Small Cake 2c  
Giant Cake 4c

**Drastic Cuts on All SUMMER DRESSES FOR QUICK CLEARANCE**

**Group 1**  
Beautiful patterns in summer chiffons and printed silks. At most all sizes. Specially priced for quick clearance. Come early and select your dress. Values to \$3.95.  
**Sale! \$1.49**

**Group 2**  
Chiffons and printed bemberts. One large rack for you to select from. Be sure and see these wonderful values to \$4.95.  
**Sale! \$2.19**

**Group 3**  
This group is all regular \$5.95 Dresses in cool summer sheers. Just what you have been looking for during this hot weather. Cool chiffons and bemberts in this group. Make your selection early.  
**Sale! \$2.99**

**Group 4**  
\$7.95 and \$9.95 Dresses in this group. Be sure and see these pretty chiffons. It's a real give-away. Specially priced for this event.  
**Sale! \$3.99**



**"Once in a Blue Moon"**  
A good smooth quality LL Sheeting at a give-away price. Buy all you want for your immediate needs. **SALE! 5c**

**SHEER COTTON DRESSES**

**Group 1**  
Beautiful sheer cotton dresses. Just what you have been waiting for these hot days. Make your selection tomorrow. Values to \$3.95.  
**Sale \$1.37**

**Group 2**  
Lovely batiste, voile, dimities and swisses for your selection. Crisp and cool for summer wear. A real clean up. Values to \$7.95.  
**Sale \$2.29 & \$2.99**

**All Ladies' Summer Hats**  
Every summer hat in our store has been marked down to this price. Values to \$2.95. Beautiful panamas and teggans for you to choose from. Come early and get yours before they are picked over.  
**Sale! 50c**

**Ladies' Rayon Slips**  
A new shipment just received. All sizes in tailored and lace-trimmed slips. Colors Tea Rose and White. Take care of your needs now!  
**Sale! 48c**

**"Moon-Glo" HOSE**  
Don't forget the hose on your list. That lovely sheer "Moon-Glo" Hose is just what you have been looking for. We have all the new shades in all sizes. Buy several pairs tomorrow.  
**Sale! 48c**



**Ladies' Rayon Panties**  
An unusual value in Ladies' Panties. Tailored or lace-trimmed. Color Tea Rose. You will want several pairs at this price. **SALE! 25c**

**Chenille Bedspreads**  
More of those beautiful Chenille Bedspreads you have been waiting for. Rose, Blue, Green, Pink and Yellow. A large shipment has just been received. Come in early and make your selection before they are picked over. Single and double bed sizes.  
**Sale! \$1.98**

**Summer Sheers**  
A beautiful assortment of summer sheers—Batiste, dimity, voile and novelities for you to select from. You can't afford to miss this bargain. Come early and buy several dresses. Values to 19c.  
**Sale! 10c**

**New Fall Prints**  
Just received 1500 yards beautiful new prints. All the new fall patterns. Now is the time to select materials for the kiddies' school dresses. Also buy several dresses for yourself at this price.  
**Sale! 8c**

**81-inch SHEETING**  
A real value! Imagine a good smooth quality 81" sheeting at this price. Now is the time to take care of your future needs, while you can still get this price. Regular 19c value. **SALE! 17c**

**CURTAIN SCRIM**  
Dots and Plain Marquisettes, heavy weaves and fancy patterns. Take care of your curtain needs now. Buy all you want. **SALE! 5c**

**Men's "Super" Bloodhound OVERALLS . . . . . 79c**  
**Boys' Bloodhound OVERALLS . . . . . 59c**

**Clean-Up Reduction All SUMMER SHOES**

A real Clean-Up on all summer shoes. White, brown and white, and novelty shoes in most all sizes. You can save some real money now. Come in and see them. You won't be able to resist these values. You will want several pairs at these prices.

**Group 1**  
\$5.00 Values — Sale . . . . . \$2.67

**Group 2**  
\$4.00 Values — Sale . . . . . \$1.94

**Group 3**  
\$3.00 Values — Sale . . . . . \$1.77

**Group 4**  
(Values to \$3.00) — Sale . . . . . \$1.27

**Group 5**  
(Values to \$3.00) — Sale . . . . . \$1.00



**Men's Wash Suits**  
One rack Men's Wash Suits at a real sacrifice. All new styles and good patterns. Most all sizes. Values to 5.95.  
**Sale! \$2.79**

**Men's Work Shirts**  
Good full-cut work shirts in all sizes. Blue and grey covers. They are good and tough.  
**Sale! 48c**

**Boys' Wash Suits**  
One rack Boys' Wash Suits. All new merchandise. Most all sizes. Good styles and patterns. Values to \$2.99.  
**Sale! \$1.59**

**Hanes Shirts & Shorts**  
**SALE! ea. 25c**

**BOYS' SHORTS**  
Boys' Shorts in all sizes. Good school colors. Supply your boys' needs now.  
**Sale! 41c**

**Men's Dress Shirts**  
New shipment just received. All patterns and sizes. Make your selection tomorrow.  
**Sale! 79c**

**Boys' "Tom Sawyer" Shirts**  
**Sale! 59c**

**PROGRAM FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 14.**

**Turnage Theatre --- Washington, N. C.**

Sunday-Monday August 14-15  
"Josette"  
with SIMONE SIMON and DON AMECHE

Tuesday-Wednesday August 15-16  
"Gateway"  
DON AMECHE and ARLEEN WHELAN

Thursday-Friday August 18-19  
"Gold Diggers in Paris"  
RUDY VALLEE and ROSEMARY LANE

Saturday August 20  
"Thunder in the Desert"  
with BOB STEELE

ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

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