

### 4 Cents, Please

Higher postal rates were bound to come. The amazing factor is that Congress, until this year, was able to beat down postal department requests for higher rates.

Since world war II the postoffice department deficit has mounted to \$6 billion. The 1957 deficit was \$522 million. Last year the postoffice department handled mail for 86,089 more business firms than it did in 1956; average daily rural deliveries were extended making a total additional mileage of 1,579,045; 1,274,388 more families were served.

Increased population, rising costs, all the factors that have made prices higher in every way, have also increased costs of the postoffice department.

Postal employees were recently voted a pay increase, but it is an increase which came years after postal workers' pay had been pegged in the same notch, while other workers received fatter paychecks.

In recent years, first class mail—the postoffice department's prime service—has been a money-loser. Traditionally, first class mail paid 40 per cent more than it cost and contributed 50 per cent to the postal department's operating costs.

Up until yesterday more than 29 billion letters were being carried annually at a loss, according to Arthur E. Summerfield, postmaster general.

Efforts are being made to reduce postal department operation costs through use of machines for sorting parcel post and letters, plus equipment to replace the human eye in some mail-sorting steps.

The postmaster general has outlined six goals for the future:

1. Greatly increased automation and mechanization of manual operations
2. Improved planning of postal work to provide increased efficiency
3. Improved buildings, trucks and other physical facilities
4. Extended training of employees, especially those in supervisory jobs
5. Use of the most rapid and efficient means of transportation in all areas
6. Continued efforts to reduce the deficit and provide a self-sustaining postal service.

All right, plunk down your 4 cents for that letter to Auntie Mame.

### Growth Here, Too

The fact that the circulation figures at the County Public Library increased during the past year shows that reading is playing an ever growing part in the life of county residents.

Miss Dorothy Avery, county library director, says circulation increased almost 7,000 during 1957-58, as compared with the previous year.

Much of the increase came in the rural areas where the bookmobile makes regular trips. Regular publicizing of the bookmobile routes and change of hours at the main library to make its services more convenient for patrons probably has much to do, too, with the increased circulation.

In spite of other attractions and distractions, people will read if they have access to books. People read more, absorb more and remember more than the average person may think.

The library board and library personnel are to be commended for their continuing effort to give all Carteret citizens the opportunities a good library affords.

### Red Boss Will Play Only His Way

Khrushchev's refusal to talk about the Middle East within the framework provided by the United Nations indicates again that Russia is not interested in international cooperation.

It is probably a good thing that Khrushchev is not coming to New York, a city housing hundreds of thousands who are native of countries that are now under the heel of Russia. On July 19 Hungarians in New York trampled the Russian flag. Two hundred police were required to keep the Hungarian sympathizers in check.

David Lawrence, editor of United States News and World Report, in this week's issue, demands that Khrushchev be met with nothing less than a sign, "Welcome, 'Murderer'", should he step on our shores.

Eisenhower's refusal to talk with the Russian leader at a "summit meeting" involving the great powers will be interpreted by the Russian propagandists as a United States' refusal to talk peace. That is to be expected. In a nation where news is controlled, nothing detrimental to that nation's government or leaders reaches the people.

You can be assured that Russia's version of the revolution in Hungary in 1956, and maintaining of the present government there by use of Soviet troops, is a version far from the truth. The leaders of the Hungarian revolution were executed just several weeks ago at the command of Khrushchev who now wants to engineer a meeting of major powers in a guise of maintaining "peace" in the Middle East.

Had United States used Russian tactics, it would have gone into Iraq and ruthlessly put down the revolution

there—as Russia did in Hungary. Instead the United States and Britain, at the request of Lebanon and Jordan, sent troops to countries not actively in revolt merely in an effort to prevent the kindling of tinder that could mean total war.

As Eisenhower told Khrushchev in a note offering to meet Khrushchev in the UN Security Council: "... the real danger of war would come if one small nation after another were to be engulfed by expansionist and aggressive forces supported by the Soviet Union." It is no secret that Russia actively supports the Nasser's moves.

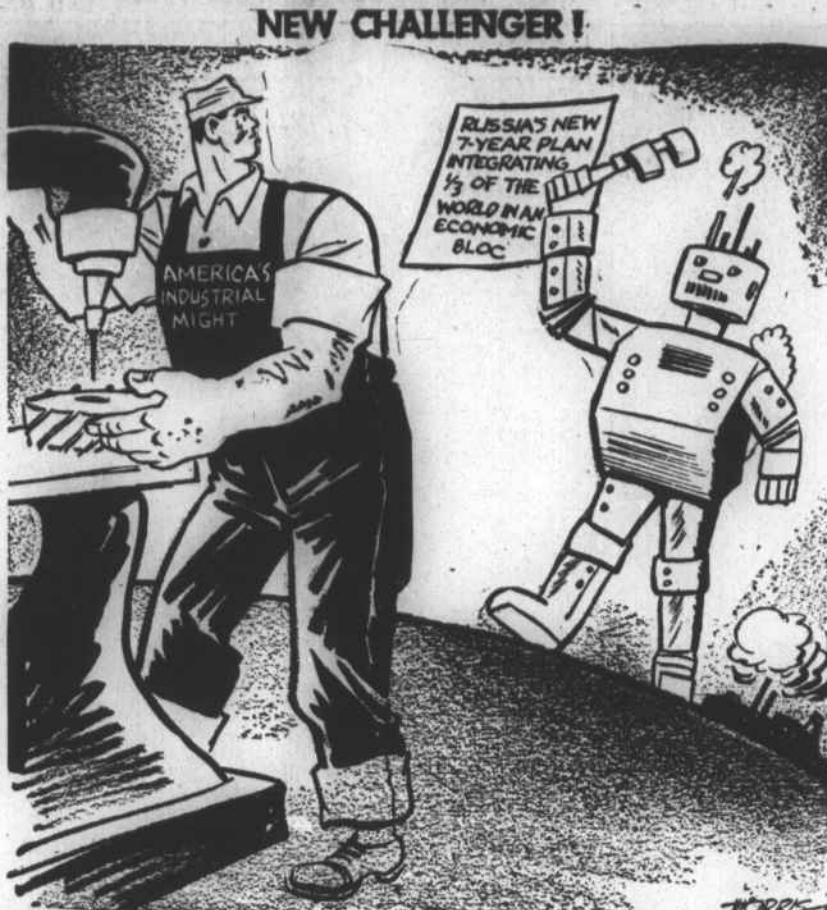
Eisenhower rightfully maintains that the UN is the place to talk over world matters. To organize other meetings of powers beyond the framework of the UN is to spell its doom. It would soon become another League of Nations full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.

### Lo, the Lovely Yucca

Standing like white beacons against the creamy sands are the blooms of the yucca. Characteristic of the Carolina coast, the yucca is also claimed as the state flower of New Mexico.

The sword-like leaves defy anyone to pluck the tall flower. Only winged creatures, such as the yucca moth, can reach the bloom in complete safety. The female yucca moth carries the pollen that fertilizes the flower.

Not only is the yucca beautiful, but what youngster has not broken off a cluster of new leaves and happily knifed them into the ground as he walked?



### The Readers Write

Harkers Island, N. C. July 27, 1958

To The Editor:

Webster says, "Isolate, is to place apart by itself." Well that is what the State Highway Commission is and has succeeded in doing with Harkers Island. Months ago they stopped bull dozers and drag lines from crossing our bridge which can't be more than 6 years old and now they have stopped Seashore Transportation Company busses from using it. Now we have no public transportation. If you don't have a car you are out of luck.

The Gillikin Boat Works is having trouble rebuilding after a disastrous fire, due to not being allowed to bring a bull dozer over the bridge, which all of a sudden was restricted to 8 tons.

Now on April 25, 1958 I wrote to Mr. Markham, Division Engineer, Greenville, about the trouble we were having trying to get heavy equipment over the bridge. I was eventually informed that it was on account of the draw which was not renewed when the bridge was rebuilt, that looks like incompetence on someone's part. I may as well state here that I don't think much of the bridge department, especially the way they repair and maintain the bridges near the coast.

On May 20, I talked to Mr. Rodgers, Chief Engineer, and he advised getting up a petition, which was done. A number of new piles were put in the bridge but so far nothing has been done to the draw. This may not seem important to the Highway Department but to us in Carteret County it is vital and should be an emergency job.

People on Harkers Island are folks that do not like to fuss much but I can assure you that they, at least the thinking ones, are getting tired of being considered the underdog. I feel sure that I can speak for these people.

I told Mr. Rodgers during our very enjoyable conversation that I believed politics played a part in the department in this county; this he denied. I don't believe that Mr. Rodgers wants politics to enter his department.

It won't be long before the high school children will be going back to school. Will they have to walk the 7/10 mile bridge? If they, the bridge department, want to be technical and just, they should put up a weighing station and stop

### F. C. Salisbury

### Here and There

The following information is taken from the files of the Morehead City Coaster:

FRIDAY, AUG. 1, 1919  
Miss Ethel Piner of Marshallberg is visiting in the city, the guest of Miss Lila Wade.

The Rev. J. W. Alford left Saturday for Ayden where he will assume the duty of field secretary for the Ayden Seminary for the ensuing year.

Mrs. J. C. Clark of Key West, Fla., is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Colburn.

Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Willis of Southport, who have been spending some time in the city visiting relatives, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Taylor of Beaufort passed through the city Monday enroute to Baltimore where they attended the funeral of Mrs. C. C. Buckman.

A. B. Morris who was formerly connected with the Canfield Lumber Co., but recently discharged from the Army, has returned to the city and has opened a fish business in the building formerly occupied by J. H. Fulcher.

all trucks over-weight which they are not doing now.

That remark may sound foolish to some ignoramuses, but if we are to be isolated for some types of vehicles, let's make it all types and then you would see some h— raising by folks from off the Island who send large trucks over here.

Mr. Rodgers also told me he would order a drainage survey of the island; this he may have done but no actual work has started. In rainy weather this creates a health hazard.

Sincerely yours,  
W. Bosworth Newsum

### NO BEACH

1431 West Horah Street  
Salisbury, N. C.  
July 27, 1958

To The Editor:

Recently I visited Morehead City, my hometown, and was shocked to discover that there was no place on the beach for Negroes to bathe along the ocean front. There once was an undeveloped area near Fort Macon where Negroes could enjoy the seashore. And now, surprisingly enough, this area has been developed for whites and no place at all remains for Negroes.

I wonder if this is the result of thoughtlessness or is it the policy of Morehead City to exclude minorities from the recreational facilities and enjoyment of the seashore? I sincerely hope this is a mere oversight and not an avowed policy of the municipal government.

It seems to me a retrogression for a city to take steps backward. The title of progress is moving forward and time has come for all growing cities to be forward looking in their concern for all people regardless of race, creed or color.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. David W. Butler

(Editor's Note: Morehead City has no control over any oceanfront property. The town limits do not include such. The only oceanfront property in the Morehead area controlled by a political unit is Fort Macon park, which is owned and operated by the state. The state, in order to provide oceanfront bathing facilities for Negroes, has set aside Hammocks Beach state park, near Swansboro, and is developing it as a recreational area.)

Eliza Hancock Guthrie, age 42, died at her home in this city Monday, after an illness of many weeks. The Rev. O. L. Hawkins of the Methodist Church conducted the funeral services.

Died at his home on Friday of last week, fourteen days after he was stricken with paralysis, Joseph Royal, age 77. He was born on Shackleford Banks to John R. and Caladonia Moore Royal, the third of nine children. His father was keeper of the Cape Lookout lighthouse.

### Smile a While

Airplane pioneers, Wilbur and Orville Wright, a taciturn duo, hated to make speeches. Once, at a luncheon, they were scheduled to speak before a group of inventors. The toastmaster called on Wilbur.

"There must be some mistake," stammered Wilbur. "Orville is the one who does the talking."

The toastmaster turned to Orville. The latter stood up and said: "Wilbur just made the speech."  
—Coronet

### Comment... J. Kellum

Verbal Noise

If speech were handled as carefully as a silversmith handles the metal of his trade, perhaps it would indeed be silver. Unfortunately, our verbiage is not always of the useful sort and, in the entertainment world, it becomes sometimes so seriously worthless that instead of being just not good it becomes positively burdensome.

Our popular interest in peace of mind may be the effects of a monumental hangover induced by ill-considered words.

Most of us like to have our backs scratched, but not to the point of removing our skin. Yet in our willingness to be "entertained" we let — or do we drive? — our entertainers to bury us under an avalanche of mayhem which is not entertainment at all.

Consider what Aldous Huxley said on the subject in his book "The Perennial Philosophy": "The twentieth century is, among other things, the Age of Noise. Physical noise, mental noise and noise of desire — we hold history's record for all of them. And no wonder, for all the resources of our almost miraculous technology have been thrown into the current assault against silence."

"That most popular and influential of all recent inventions, the radio, is nothing but a conduit through which prefabricated din can flow into our homes. And this din goes far deeper, of course, than the eardrums. It penetrates the mind, filling it with a babel of distractions — news items mutually irrelevant bits of information, blasts of corybantic or sentimental music, continually repeated doses of drama that bring no catharsis, but merely create a craving for daily or even hourly emotional enemies."

Of course, radio has been matched by tv; and other purveyors of gabble are as busy as ever.

### Stamp News

By SYD KRONISH

A silhouette view of the wing spread and fuselage of a composite jet airliner will be featured on the new regular 7-cent air mail stamp for use when the new rates become effective Aug. 1.

The blue and white stamp will go on first day sale in Philadelphia July 31 at the annual convention of the American Air Mail Society, Philadelphia, incidently, was one of the stops on the first flight of air mail from Washington to New York City 40 years ago (May 15, 1918).

Collectors desiring first day cancellations of the 7-cent air mail



may send their addressed envelopes, together with money orders to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the postmaster at Philadelphia 4, Pa.

The outside envelope to the postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Cover 7-Cent Air Mail Stamp."

Stamp Notes... Ecuador issued a new stamp honoring the visit of Vice President Richard Nixon to that country. Another visit honored philatelically by Ecuador was that of Colombia's Minister of Foreign Relations Carlos Santx de Santamaria... Just before Christmas this year, Ethiopia will issue a new tuberculosis set... Australia expects to issue a new floral series of stamps. The first in the set will be issued this year and the remainder in 1959.

Louise Spivay

### Words of Inspiration

MAN TURNS TO THE WORD OF GOD

A fighting man speaks from the floor of a storm-tossed raft... "Is there a Bible among us?"

On a burning African desert a voice reads quietly... and a thousand heads bow reverently.

In the silence of night on a Kansas farm... a mother finds solace in its thin, worn pages.

Quietly... its words of comfort are spoken in solemn requiem... as rough hands, grown tender, lower a hero's body overseas.

In the search for peace through generations... man has turned to the Bible. For the things men live by are found in this book that is the Word of God.

In its pages... man has found help for their deepest needs. Comfort for their shattered spirits. Light for their darkest hour.

Always, the Bible has inspired the noblest courage and the most sublime actions of man. Heroes have dedicated their lives to its principles. Martyrs have died with its words on their lips.

Now, an anguished world turns to this book that has molded the life of man. For its lessons of mercy, humanity, tolerance, charity. For a restoration of the spirit torn with grief. For a return of the hope and faith grown weak under the whip of despotism.

And here in its pages to seek the flame that lifts men's souls. The courage to face tomorrow. The faith, that in good time... the sound of war will end... and men shall live again in brotherhood and peace.

—The Saturday Evening Post

### IS OURS A CHRISTIAN NATION?

We call ourselves Christian, but are we justified? Are most of our people loyal to Christ who for us died? What of our moral standard so disgracefully low? What of our harvest of criminals from seed of sin we grow.

Our record of crime by juveniles, what a record of sin and shame! So far from what is Christian and parents must bear much blame. Much of what young people are reading is both unfit and clean, Weaning them from the religious, while parents this should have foreseen.

Drunkards now numbered by millions of women and men the same, While profanity and obscenity add to our record of shame. A nation to be truly Christian must do what Jesus once said, Must lay up its treasures in Heaven, and then by Him must be led.

Just see how our nation now struggles for worldly wealth it may gain, Worshipping not God but Mammon, power and wealth to obtain. With such a record before us, how can we be justified In calling our nation Christian or saying we are on God's side?

To tell the plain truth of our country, without any prevarication, Does our record show now without question, ours is a Christian nation? God's dealing with His chosen people, the penalty they paid for sin, Should teach us if we so continue, our penalty shall some day begin.

— W. F. Williams

### Security for You...

By RAY HENRY

Will a woman be better off to wait until she reaches 65 to start drawing her Social Security payments?

My letters indicate this is one of the most vexing questions for women who are nearing the Social Security retirement age of 62.

They're pondering it because starting the payments between 62 and 65 means for many of them that the payments will be smaller than if they wait until they reach 65 to start.

For some women, the question is fairly easy to answer. For others, it can't be answered with any certainty.

The question should be no problem to a widow of 62 or older who's entitled to payments based on her deceased husband's Social Security record. She should start drawing her payments as soon as she can because the reduction in payments doesn't apply to her.

But, the reduction does apply to wives of men entitled to Social Security payments and women eligible for payments based on their own Social Security record.

For such women, the question of waiting until they reach 65 and, thus, not take the reduction in payments can't be answered with certainty.

The reason is simple because whether they'll be better off depends on how long they'll live and,

of course, there's no way of coming up with an answer.

Here's the story: If you're the wife of a retired worker and you start drawing your payments at age 62, they'll be 75 per cent of what you'd receive if you waited until you reached 65. For each month you delay in starting after 62, this percentage increases.

For example: If you wait until you reach 63, you'll get 83 1/3 of the amount you'd get if you waited until 65. If you wait until you reach 64, you'll get 91 2/3.

If you're a woman eligible for payments based on your own Social Security record, essentially the same kind of arrangement applies, except that at age 62 your payments will be 80 per cent of what you would get if you waited until you reached 65. Here again, for each month you delay in starting the payments after you're 62, the percentage increases.

Thus, whether you're better off waiting until you reach 65 depends on whether your total payments when you die equal what you would have drawn had you started the payments at an earlier age.

(Editor's Note: You may contact the social security representative at the courthouse annex, Beaufort, from 9:30 a.m. to noon Mondays. He will help you with your own particular problem.)

### From the Bookshelf

India Changes. By Taya Zinkin. Oxford. \$5.

The great people of India are carrying through a revolution uniquely their own, says Mrs. Zinkin. She defines it as "revolution by consent," or the process of being persuaded by the government to do what they want to do. It is Socialist, with equality central to it; there may be democracy in it, but she does not see much Communist threat.

These are the conclusions of this Manchester Guardian correspondent. But much more absorbing, to me, is the body of her book, the picturesque route she followed to her findings.

A first-rate reporter, she goes behind the forms and empty appearances to life itself, the life in the 558,089 villages, the closely knit but loving family group, the real influence of woman despite her seemingly minor position, the significance of marriage customs, ritual as against actual cleanliness and the gradual relaxation of caste lines.

Mrs. Zinkin can make us visualize her story with apt comparisons: Caste likened to our labor union, for instance, and Buddhism related to Hinduism as Protestantism was to Catholicism in their revolutionary origin. But she can write on her own with gripping vividness, as in the picture of Vinoba Bhave and her account of the tastes, smells, looks and filth that marked a village feast.

—W. G. Rogers

Prince of Carpetbaggers, by Jonathan Daniels. Lippincott. \$4.95.

You will not find the name of Brigadier General Milton Littlefield on any list of outstanding

commanders of the Civil War. You will find many histories and general works that do not even mention him. But there can be no doubt that he is entitled to the full length biographical treatment which Daniels gives his story.

Littlefield made his reputation in the Reconstruction period, in North Carolina and Florida. He saw opportunities to make money, and took advantage of them, without hindrance of moral scruples. He was shrewd, opportunistic, skilled in the wiles of politics, a handsome gentleman who knew what he wanted and knew how to get it.

Littlefield, in short, was a carpetbagger, one of that army of plunderers which, we have so often been told, descended upon a prostrate South in the wake of war. But that was not the whole story, Daniels would have you know. Littlefield was not a lone wolf, and some of his associates stood pretty high in the Southern community.

The point, as Daniels makes eminently clear, is that Littlefield's importance lies not so much in his canny personal maneuvers as in the fact that he was a prototype of a period, that his career symbolizes an era which offered prime opportunity for rascals, be they likable or detestable, be they from North or from South.

This is a fascinating story about a fascinating man. More than a biography of man, it is a biography of a period, a critical period which opened wounds not fully healed today.

—Bob Price

Buck passing is not new—but they never passed faster than they do now.

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