

## New Regulations On Army Overseas Mail

Under new postal regulations you can send your soldier overseas letters or parcels weighing from eight ounces to 70 pounds by airmail, depending on where he is serving, Major George F. Heinz, Postal Officer, Seventh Army, said today.

Formerly, airmail addressed through Army Post Office numbers, care Postmasters in New York or San Francisco, was limited to two ounces. That weight for letters or parcels has now been raised to eight ounces.

Parcels not to exceed 70 pounds in weight may be sent to military personnel or civilians entitled to an APO number, in care of Postmasters in Miami, Fla.; New Orleans, La., or Seattle, Wash.

The wide difference in weights acceptable at the various ports is explained by the number of military personnel serving in various theaters and the distances involved. New York, it is stated, handles the European theater mail. San Francisco handles letters and parcels addressed to personnel in the Pacific, Hawaii, the Philippines, Korea and Japan. From these two ports the limit by airmail is eight ounces.

Seattle, Wash. handles mail to the Alaskan area. Miami, Fla. serves the Antilles Department and points in South America. New Orleans handles mail for the Panama Canal Zone, Ecuador and Peru. These, being comparatively short hauls by air, permit parcels up to 70 pounds, Major Heinz explained.

## Navy To Honor Dead On Navy Day

Floral contributions honoring those sailors or Marines who lost their lives in the service of their country will be scattered over the Atlantic Ocean as part of the observance of Navy Day, October 27.

For the convenience of persons residing in the Fifth Naval District three ports have been designated to receive flowers to be used in the ceremonies. It is requested that persons desiring to make floral offerings send only one flower, preferably wild or home grown.

Those living in northeastern North Carolina are requested to send their flowers to the Station Chaplain, U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.

Flowers must be received at the designated places prior to midnight October 26. They will be kept in refrigerated spaces until Navy Day when, following brief public Memorial Services, the floral tributes will be placed aboard designated vessels and planes and strewn on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

## Cotton Crop Shows Decline

Prospects point toward a decline of 10,000 bales in the cotton crop under the September 1 estimate, but 12 per cent more than was harvested last year, it is announced by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. The total cotton crop is now estimated to be 480,000 bales.

Reports from farmers indicated that an average yield of 404 pounds of cotton should be harvested compared with 369 pounds per acre harvested in 1945 and a ten-year average yield of 341 pounds.

Total State cotton acreage for harvest is placed at 571,000 or three per cent more than was harvested in 1945 but 34 per cent less than the ten-year average of 865,000 acres.

The Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce reported that 50,000 bales had been ginned in North Carolina to October 1, which is considerably ahead of the 26,000 bales ginned to the same date last year.

Total production prospects for cotton in the United States declined 447,000 bales during the month of September and is now expected to total 8,724,000 compared with 9,015,000 bales harvested from the 1945 crop.

## Farm Prices Show Advance All Lines

The indexes of prices received for each class of farm products as of September 15 showed marked changes from those of a month earlier, with the exception of that for dairy products which held constant at 214, according to the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

The cotton and cottonseed index at 266 was up seven points from mid-August and the poultry products index advanced 12 points to 264. The grain index of 214 decreased one point from last month and the general decline in prices received for meat animals lowered the meat animal index 28 points to 286. The miscellaneous products index at 217 showed a decline of seven points from last month, principally due to the lower prices of hay and sweet potatoes.

Prices received by North Carolina farmers for hogs, beef cattle and veal calves were considerably lower than those received a month earlier, but still remained at a high level in comparison with other war months and prior to July, 1946. Hogs averaged \$16.60 per hundred-weight and showed a decline of \$2.60 per hundred-weight from last month; beef cattle at \$14.90 per hundred-weight decreased \$1.10 per hundred-weight, and veal calves decreased 20 cents per hundred-weight and averaged \$16.20. The average price of sheep advanced to \$8.90 per hundred-weight, showing an increase of 10 cents per hundred-weight, and lambs held steady at \$16.00 per hundred-weight.

Prices received for rye advanced 10 cents per bushel from a month earlier and averaged \$2.45 per bushel. Wheat and barley showed no change from mid-August and averaged \$2.25 and \$1.90 per bushel respectively. Corn declined five cents per bushel and averaged \$2.03 per bushel and oats at \$1.03 per bushel were down two cents per bushel.

Call'd to the temple of impure delight He that abstains, and he alone does right. If a wish wander that way, call it home; He cannot long be safe whose wishes roam. —Cowper.

## Don't Say "Aw Rats" About These Figures

When figures are presented for what rats eat, waste and otherwise damage, the exclamation "Aw Rats" is not in order.

It costs plenty to keep rats on the farm, according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Just how much corn will the average rat eat in a year?

Studies reveal that he eats about 50 pounds of corn. But that's not all. He also wastes from 50 to 100 pounds in addition to what he eats. With corn at \$2 a bushel, or thereabouts, he piles up a big bill that the farmer must pay, unless someone gets mad about the whole proposition and decides to put on a rat eradication campaign.

And that's exactly what's happening all over North Carolina at this time. Farmers, with the aid of the

county agent and the Wildlife Service from State College, are carrying out county-wide campaigns to rid entire sections of rats.

Red squill bait is prepared at a central location in the county and then farmers come into community centers at a certain time to get their batches of bait. The cost of the bait for the average farm is only about \$1. Some farmers have figured that this investment in bait has saved them as much as \$200, where rats were especially bad.

And another thing. Eradication of rats is a good health measure not only for the family but also for the livestock.

Veterinarians say that rats carry such diseases as white scours of calves, mastitis, ringworm, tuberculosis, contagious abortion, coccidiosis and infectious of chickens and trichinosis of hogs.

Hawkins Elliott of the Ryland community of Chowan County, for example, picked up more than 100

dead rats on the day after he put out that one dollar's worth of poison and estimated that another 100 rats were killed under the barn.

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