

Mail Box Improvement Week Is Scheduled To Be Observed From May 17th to the 24th

Postmaster J. L. Chestnutt Urges All Patrons of The Edenton Post Office to Cooperate In Improving Mail Box Equipment

Postmaster Arthur E. Summerfield has announced the week beginning May 17th as "Mail Box Improvement Week." This will be the sixteenth consecutive campaign to tidy up the official mail receptacles.

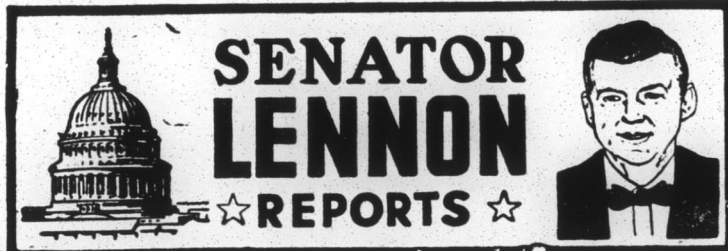
Postmaster J. L. Chestnutt is requesting the rural patrons in this area to repair and beautify their mail box equipment and approaches to help lend brightness to the scenic beauty of the highways, roads and drives.

The Post Office Department is the most important agency in keeping the people of the nation informed. The rural delivery is a post office on wheels and many times these services are taken for granted and not fully appreciated. The carriers are trying to serve patrons promptly with as few mistakes possible. Errors are sometimes caused by patron's name being omitted on the mail box, especially when a substitute serves the route while the regular carrier is on vaca-

tion or sick leave. The substitute is not always acquainted with the route as well as the regular carrier.

Many boxes which are the highway billboards of the postal service, have become unsightly with rust, unserviceable due to a leaky condition, broken doors or no lids, missing signals, no name, supports being bent or rotted which need replacing, weeds and wild grass grown around the supports and approaches, and in many places the ground is rough and full of chuck holes.

Postmaster Chestnutt asks the patrons to cooperate in improving their mail box equipment during this period, May 17th to 24th. He desires that the routes become a source of pride for the patrons, the Post Office Department and the carriers. For those patrons desiring additional information on the proper size and height for their rural box, they may gain this information from the postmaster or the rural carrier.



Washington—The bill to amend the Taft-Hartley Act was sent back to Committee by vote of the Senate last Friday.

Amendments
The parliamentary situation which developed around this legislation was such that it would have been unwise to pass it. What happened was that the amendments reported out by the Senate Labor Committee did not seem to please the liberal, conservative or middle-of-the-road Senators. Some thought the amendments would weaken Taft-Hartley; others felt that some of the amendments were too harsh; many felt that the legislation would pick up so many other amendments that the final result was that the legislation was sent back to committee by a vote of 50 to 42. My vote was to recommit.

Wheel Chair
The anticipated close vote brought out 94 of the 96 Senators. Senator Butler of Nebraska was brought in a wheel chair to vote. He has a fractured leg, injured in a fall recently. Even the Army-McCarthy hearings halted for the afternoon in order for everybody to be present.

At The Top
North Carolinians attended the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner here last week in large number, ranking second in attendance among all the states. Texas was first. South Carolina was third.

Potato Festival
An event of note is set for this week-end in Elizabeth City. It's the Albemarle Potato Festival. I have received a copy of the official program and it is full of interesting information about the Albemarle section of North Carolina.

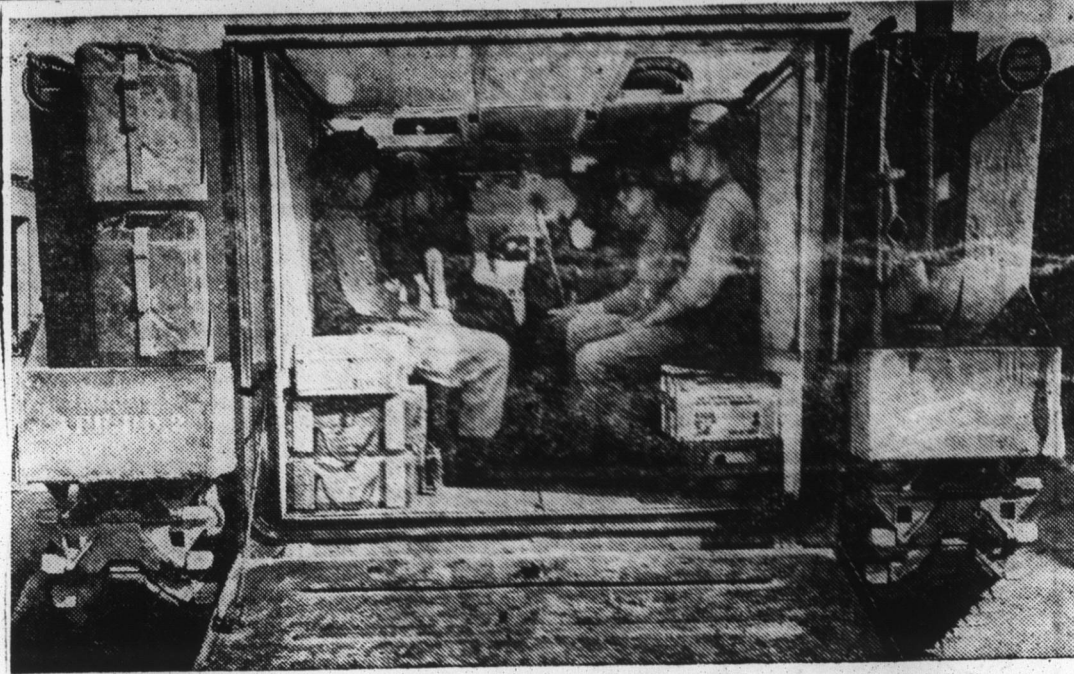
Federal Aid
Along with all of the Minority members of the Senate, I am co-sponsoring a bill (S. 3417) to amend the public assistance provisions of the Social

Security Act by extending for two years the increased Federal financial participation to the States for assistance to the aged, blind, disabled, and aid to dependent children. This assistance was passed in 1952 for two years, and unless action is taken now, it will expire September 30. Under the prior formula on old-age-assistance grants, the Federal government paid 15 of the first \$20 and half of the next \$30 a month. Under the revised formula of Section 8 of the Social Security Act Amendment of 1952, the Federal share became \$20 of the first \$25 and then half of the next \$30.

Industrial Growth
On last Friday I inserted in the Appendix of the Congressional Record an article dealing with the diversification of the economy of North Carolina as shown by the expansion of Western Electric which now employs 10,000 people in our State. You will probably recall that this article, written by Wade Lucas, appeared in many of our newspapers recently. The stability of our State depends on the continued development of a good balance between agriculture and industry. I was proud to make it possible for the people of the United States to see what we are accomplishing in North Carolina.

This And That
The bill to authorize \$966 million in appropriations for continuing the construction of highways has been signed into law. The Senate Finance Committee has been continuing its executive consideration of H. R. 8300, the general tax revision bill. Senator Hoey, as a member of that committee, has been devoting long hours on this matter.

POCAHONTAS MEETING
Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall. Mrs. Hilda Bass, Pocahontas, urges every member to attend.



RIFLEMEN RIDE into battle maneuvers in the Army's new M-59 armored personnel carrier at Fort Knox, Ky. The steel hull gives the armored infantrymen complete protection against small arms fire and shell fragments.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD ELECTS NEW GROUP OFFICERS

At a meeting last week of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church held at the home of Mrs. Parker Helms, new officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. Cecil Fry, president, succeeding Mrs. Edward Speight; Mrs. Al Wall, vice president; Mrs. Jesse Harrell, secretary, and Miss Louise Smith, treasurer.

A feature of the meeting was an address by Mrs. Al Wall, a native of Scotland, who used as her topic, "Life In Scotland."

CHINCH BUGS ATTACK CORN

Chinch bugs have been found damaging fields of young sweet corn in Chowan County. These insects possibly migrated from small grain fields. They are found around the base of the plant and at the base of the leaves. They are small but damage the plant by sucking the juices out. In many cases the plants crook over and some die.

Dusting the plants with 10 per cent DDT or 20 per cent toxaphene at the rate of 20 pounds per acre is recommended. Corn fields, that are within a few hundred yards of small grain or where it has been turned under should be carefully watched for the insects.

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Chowan Steers In Fat Stock Show

Four 4-H Club Boys Enter Competition In Elizabeth City

Chowan County had four beef steer entries in the ninth annual Albemarle Fat Stock Show and Sale held at the Scott & Halstead Produce Terminal near Elizabeth City Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

H. Ivey Ward, producer of the 1953 grand champion steer had an entry and Cheryl Hobbs, producer of the third place winning steer in 1953 competed again this year. Carlton and Ronald Perry also entered steers.

These 4-H club members have done a good job of feeding, training and caring for their steers and each of them expected to compete for showmanship honors Wednesday morning.

Men show their character in nothing more clearly than by what they eat. —Goethe.

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County Agent Urges Care With Insecticides

County Agent C. W. Overman says insecticides are wonderful pest killers but may damage crops if improperly used. "Read and follow carefully the instructions for application," he says. "This week I observed one field of cucumbers burned with 1 per cent rotenone dust. Instead of applying 12 to 15 pounds per acre as recommended the grower must have applied at least a double dose. Instead of dusting when the plants were absolutely dry, the insecticide was applied when the plants were damp. Rotenone is a good insecticide, but should be applied when the plants are dry and during the warm part of the day."

ERROR IN TAX LIST

Due to an error, the name of Carlton Privott appeared in the list of delinquent 1953 taxpayers in the Second Township which appeared in last week's Herald. Mr. Privott's name was not supposed to be listed, so that the error is regretted.

Only Ankle Deep

"You say that Maud lost her engagement ring. How?"
"Washing her hands of Jack."

DEPENDABILITY

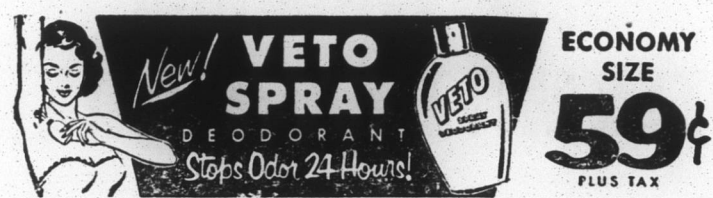


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