

## Postmaster Urges Early Sending of Mail For Christmas

### Cooperation Sought So That Mail Will Be Delivered In Time For Christmas

Postmaster J. L. Chestnut says "It's later than you think! Let's not wait until mid-December to get our Christmas cards and gifts in the mails. By taking action now, you'll avoid disappointing friends and loved ones at Christmas time."

The Postmaster asks special cooperation in being sure that a return address and the recipient's address is plainly typed or written on all labels and Christmas cards. Use zone numbers and send Christmas cards by first class mail so that handwritten messages can be included, making Christmas greetings more personal. Also, you'll be certain that they'll be delivered promptly and forwarded or returned, if necessary. Mail Christmas cards in two bundles, using free labels that you can get at the Post Office, which read, "All For Local Delivery" and "All For Out of Town Delivery."

The Postmaster asks the cooperation of all business firms to delay mailing circulars and catalogs until after December 25th, to keep the mails clear for the Christmas rush.

"You can avoid standing in line to mail your packages and to buy stamps by going to the Post Office before 10:00 A. M., or between 1:30 and 3:30 P. M.," says Mr. Chestnut.

Mail your Christmas cards and gifts for out-of-town destinations by December 10th. Those for nearby points should be mailed by December 15th, or at least a week before Christmas.

## New Books At Local Library

Miss Marion Robertson, librarian at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, announces receipt of many new books on Monday. Among them are the following:

- A Confederate Girl's Diary by Sarah Morgan Dawson.
- Know Nothing by Mary Lee

Settle.  
The King from Ashtabula by Vern Sneider.  
The Yellow Brick Road by Elizabeth Cadell.  
A Traveler's Guide to Good Health by Colter Rule, M.D.  
The House of Five Talents by Louis Auchincloss.  
Psyche by Phyllis Brett Young.  
What Cares the Sea by Kenneth Cooke.  
Brittany by P. R. Giot.  
The Nation on the Flying Trapeze by James Saxon Childers.

The Four Loves by C. S. Lewis.  
Myths of Greece and Rome by Guerber.  
The Liberal Hour by John Kenneth Galbraith.  
Gillian by Frank Yerby.  
The Listener by Taylor Caldwell.  
Roses in December by Frances Parkinson Keyes.  
Ceylon by Argus John Tresidder.  
Away from Home by Rona Jaffe.

## The National Outlook

### Eisenhower's Foreign Spending Directive

By RALPH ROBEY

President Eisenhower's directive to restrict foreign spending is an amazing, drastic, and thoroughly justified action. Whether it will be sufficient to solve the problem is another matter.

The background of this action is both interesting and important.

Some weeks ago there was a speculative flare-up in the London gold market. Our statutory price for gold is \$35 an ounce. We buy and sell unlimited amount at that figure. In the London market—which is one of the few free gold markets in the world—the price was driven to above \$40 an ounce. That not only was spectacular, but at the time disturbing. Many factors were involved, most of them technical, but a premium of that size is not supposed to be possible in a free market. One of the results was that Senator Kennedy issued a strong statement that he would defend the dollar; another was a statement by our Treasury that there was not going to be a devaluation of the dollar. The turmoil gradually subsided, and now gold in the London market is selling at reasonably close to our statutory price.

That is one side of the background. The other side is that gold has been flowing out of this country at a rapid rate. Back of this is some disturbing news in connection with our international deficit. The international balance of payments of a nation—it may be either a deficit or a surplus—is the total of all payments made by one country to the rest of the world as compared with all the payments it receives from the rest of the world. In 1959 we had an international deficit of \$3.8 billion. That was only a moderate increase over 1958, but

the amount was so large that it caused widespread concern.

The first part of this year, however, showed such a favorable trend that the worry pretty well disappeared. The Federal government has just released the figures for the third quarter, and they prove that this loss of worry was at least premature, and probably quite unjustified.

During the third quarter our exports of goods continued to increase relative to our imports, but that is only part of the picture. Other items turned against us in large volume.

Most important was an enormous flow of private funds in order to get the higher interest rates prevailing in European financial centers. At one time the differential was 100 percent. That is, one could get twice as high a rate in Europe as he could in the United States on comparable government securities. This variation recently has been reduced, but it has not been eliminated, and will not be until our business curve turns upward and interest rates rise here.

Also important, and an item we can do something about, is the amount our Federal government is spending abroad. The particular category which is most subject to executive action is in the military field, and that is what President Eisenhower has emphasized in his directive. It is not a matter of withdrawing soldiers as such, but of bringing back to the States a large portion of the families and dependents of soldiers. The saving here can be large.

Another part of the directive deals with having other nations carry a larger share of the aid needed by under-developed countries. Some progress has already been made along this

line, but more is needed.

Still another field for help is the order that when a loan or grant is made to a foreign nation, the proceeds should be spent when possible in this country.

As we said earlier these are drastic steps. But with a deficit of \$4.3 billion on an annual rate, nothing less can be adequate.

## Cotton Vote Set For December 13

### Very Important Decision Again Facing Cotton Farmers

Cotton growers will make an important decision on Tuesday, December 13, A. C. Griffin, Chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, reminds farmers.

On that day, growers will vote in a referendum to decide whether marketing quotas will be in effect for their 1961 upland cotton crop. All farmers who engaged in the production of upland cotton or who had cotton acreage in the Soil Bank in 1960, will be eligible to vote in the referendum.

"If at least two-thirds of the growers voting approve the quotas," Mr. Griffin explains, "marketing quotas will be in effect on all farms growing upland cotton in 1961 and penalties will apply on 'excess' cotton."

"By complying with the farm-allotment, a grower will be eligible for price support at the full level available—not more than 90 nor less than 70 per cent

of parity in 1961.

"If more than one-third of the growers disapprove quotas, there will be no marketing quotas or penalties, allotments will remain in effect, and price supports to eligible growers will drop to 50 percent of parity."

"In either case, acreage allotments of some kind will continue in effect for the 1961 cotton crop as a means of determining eligibility for the available price support."

Mr. Griffin points out that legislation directs the Secretary of Agriculture to proclaim marketing quotas for the next upland cotton crop when the cotton supply exceeds normal. Quotas are not put into operation, however, unless they are approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in a referendum on the question.

## "Star Of Bethlehem" Now Being Presented

"Star of Bethlehem"—the largest single Planetarium Christmas production in the world—is now being presented at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill. It will run through January 2, 1961.

This year's version is the traditional one acclaimed by clergymen and laymen. So unique and inspiring is the spectacle that patrons who repeatedly attended it year after year voiced objections when some changes were attempted in it in 1957. Thus, the original and traditional version was restored in 1958 and is again being offered.

Thirteen public performances are scheduled each week. Evening shows begin at 8:30 o'clock and matinees are given Saturdays at 11 A. M., 3 and 4 P. M. The Sunday matinees are 2, 3

and 4 P. M.

That schedule will be interrupted only on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when the Planetarium is closed for the only two days in the year.

## Labor Laws Explained For Holiday Working

State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane reminds Tar Heel employers of the maximum working hours permitted for women and minors under the State labor laws during the pre-Christmas rush of business.

"Women of 18 years or older, employed in mercantile establishments employing nine or more persons, may work a maximum of ten hours a day but not more than six of the seven consecutive days from December 18 through December 24," Crane said. "This special provision in the law is for the seven days preceding Christmas day only. Normally, maximum working time for these employees is nine hours a day, 48 hours a week, and six days a week."

"Women working in establishments employing eight or fewer people are restricted to ten hours a day and 55 hours a week," Crane said. "The law does not provide any increased working time for this group preceding Christmas day."

Commissioner Crane also pointed out that no longer hours are allowed for minors under 18 years of age. For 14 and 15-year old minors who have obtained employment certificates from their local welfare superintendent, maximum working time is eight hours a day, 40 hours a week, six days a week. Their work must be confined to the hours between 7 A. M., and 6 P. M.

Boys 16 and 17, after obtain-

ing employment certificates, may work nine hours a day, 48 hours a week, six days a week, not earlier than 6 A. M., and not later than midnight. Girls of 16 and 17 have the same maximum hours and days of work but may be employed only between 8 A. M., and 9 P. M., Commissioner Crane added.

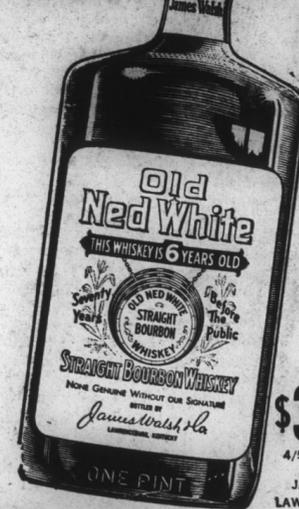
No mercantile work is permitted for minors under 14 years of age.

Gaming corrupts our dispositions, and teaches us a habit of hostility against all mankind. —Thomas Jefferson.

## Seldom Shoot Fish

Last year a pair of Alabama deer hunters were sorely disappointed to find that their favorite guide had deserted them to serve visiting fishermen instead. "What's the matter? Don't you like hunters?" one of them asked. "Like 'em first rate." "Do fishermen pay more?" "Nope." "Then what's the idea of taking up with them?" "Friend," the veteran woodsman replied, "I just got plumb tired of being shot at for a deer. So fur, ain't nobody mistook me for a fish."

# OLD Ned White



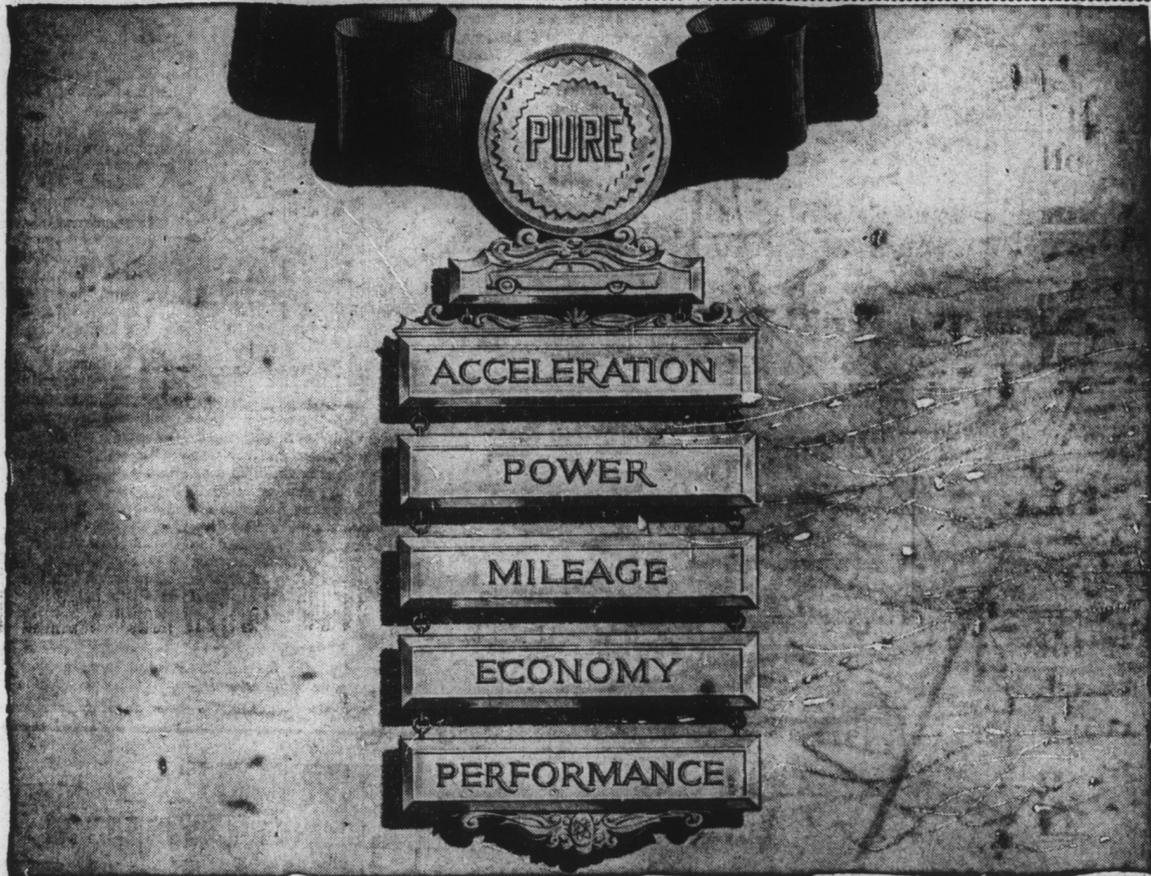
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