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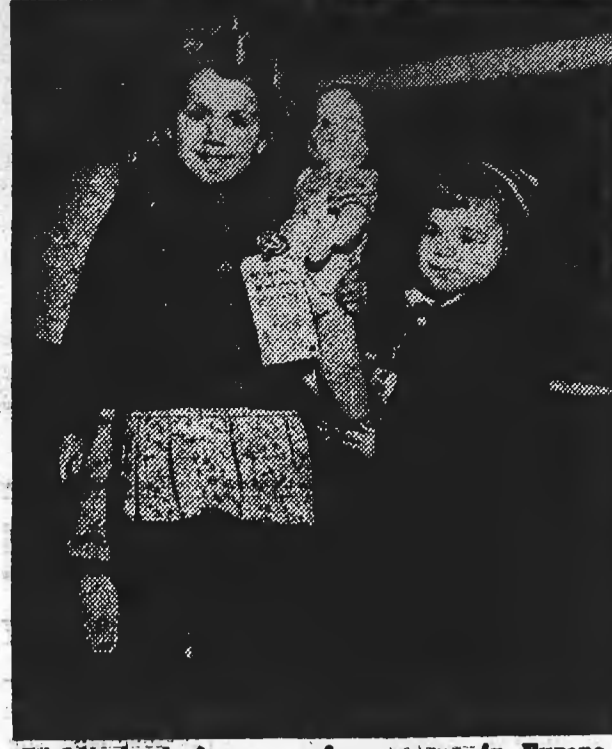
Last June the Congress passed public law, number 900 which increased most postal rates effective January 1, 1949. The letter or first class rate remains at 3c per ounce and the 1c postal card and post cards remain the same as does the 2nd class rate of 1c for each 2 ounce. This includes newspapers and magazines.

**AIR MAIL:** The new rate for Air Mail is 6c per ounce or fraction and this includes Army Post Offices and Fleet Post Offices and Canada and Mexico and all places where the United States Mail Service is in operation. A new rate of 4c is for postal cards and private mailing or post cards. This Air Mail postal will soon be on sale by your rural carrier and at post offices. The regular 1c postal

**New Homes and New Lives for Refugees**



After years of flight, growing numbers of European refugees are settling down in new homes found for them by the International Refugee Organization (IRO). At left, in the sparsely settled farm lands of Venezuela, a homesteader



(right) fresh from a refugee camp in Europe chats with his new neighbors. At right, a pair of young displaced persons, who were among the first group of refugees to be admitted to the United States under a recently-approved law.

may be used by adding 3c additional postage and placing the words "Via Air Mail" thereon. Air Mail weighing over 8 ounces is now known as Air Parcel Post and the rate begins at 55c for the first pound and 4c for each additional and on up depending on the zone. The new Third Class rate is 2c for the first 2 ounces and 1c for each additional ounce. This class includes greeting cards, small parcels up to 8 ozs., etc. This 2c rate will apply to Christmas cards next December. (All fractions are counted as full ounce or pound.) The Fourth Class or parcel post rate for the 1st and 2nd zones (up to 150 miles) 12c for the first pound and 2 and 1-10 cents for each additional pound up to 10 (All rates are slightly lower per pound beginning with the 11th pound). For the third zone (150 to 300 miles) 13c and 3c. Fourth zone (300 to 600 miles) 14c and 4 1-2c. The rates on up to the 8th zone are increased accordingly. (Note: Parcels mailed on rural routes are the same as if mailed at post offices.) Special Delivery: This rate for first class now begins at 15c. For other classes it begins at 25c and

increases with the zone and the weight. These fees are in addition to the regular postage. **MONEY ORDER FEES:** For amounts up to \$5.00, 10c; \$5.01 to \$10.00, 14c; \$10.01 to \$50.00, 25c; \$50.01 to \$100.00, 35c. Postal notes may be purchased at post offices in amounts up to \$10.00 for a fee of 8c. **INSURANCE FEES:** Up to \$5.00, 5c; \$5.01 to \$10.00, 10c; \$10.01 to \$25, 15c; \$25.01 to \$50.00, 20c; \$50.01 to \$100, 25c; \$100.01 to \$200, 30c. A return receipt is 5c additional on Insured parcels. Registration fees are as follows: 1c to \$5.00, 25c; \$5.01 to \$25, 35c and on according to amount until a fee of \$1.50 is reached for one thousand dollars. A return receipt is 5c additional. The above lists many of the more popular rates. Please inquire of the rural carrier or at the post office for further information, if desired. Your rural letter carrier appreciates your cooperation in the past and further solicits it in keeping your mail box in good order, keeping the approach clear of objects including impassable snow, in filling in your own money

order applications, in keeping stamps on hand so that your letters and cards may be stamped before placing in the rural box, and the other little things that help your carrier render better "Service with a smile."

**Bankers Emphasize Soil Conservation**

Promotion of soil conservation, cooperation with farm youth and their high school pupils in their educational program, and continuation of the fight against farmland price inflation are receiving special emphasis in the North Carolina Bankers Association program for 1948-49, according to John F. McNair, Jr., of Laurinburg, president of the association.

Calling special attention to the agricultural speaking contest for high school students, which the Bankers Association is sponsoring this year for the fourth time, Mr. McNair said: "Last year more than 4,000 contestants from 303 schools entered the contest, and total awards were in excess of \$6,000. So we shall not be surprised to have more than 5,000 contestants with total awards near the \$10,000 mark for the 1949 contest."

"It is our desire," Mr. McNair continued, "to see this contest enlarged each year. We firmly believe that the people of North Carolina will show financial growth or decline in relationship to their care of the soil."

The cooperation of school authorities in conducting the contest has been excellent, the Laurinburg banker asserted. "We consider the speaking contest one of the most important activities of the Bankers Association agricultural committee, for through it both young and old learn more about the importance of proper soil conservation methods. As a part of this activity, the committee also suggests support of the forestry program as an important phase of soil conservation."

The general subject for the contest is "Proper Land Use and Treatment—Its Effect upon the Economy of North Carolina." Students and teachers may obtain full information from any local agricultural workers or by writing to J. Frank Doggett, soil conservationist for the State College Extension Service, Raleigh.

**32 Breeding Co-Ops Formed In Past Year**

Thirty-two cooperative associations for artificial breeding of dairy cattle were formed in North Carolina during 1948, bringing the total number of associations in the State to 35, according to John F. Brown, dairy specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Prior to 1947, there was only one association in the State, operating in Forsyth County. Yadkin and Davis Counties formed associations which began operation in the fall of 1947.

Mr. Brown said the 35 associations now in operation cover more than 40 counties and have a membership in excess of 5,000 farmers. North Carolina, he added, now ranks right up among the large dairy states in the total number of associations in operation.

The last two counties to organize under the program were Wake and Wayne, which formed associations late in the year. Chatham and Wilson are among the counties now considering the artificial breeding program.

**Social Security Insurance In Brief**

Social Security Tax Reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1948 are due by January 31, 1949. All employers of ONE or more employees forward these reports to the Collector of Internal Revenue at Greensboro, N. C. The reports must include the name, SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER and wages paid each employee—regardless of his age. No employee is too old or too young to be reported. The name and account number of all employees must agree with those shown on their Social Security Account Number Cards. Any married women who have not yet had their names changed on their Social Security cards, should write immediately to the Social Security office at Fayetteville requesting that this change be made. Otherwise the Employer's Quarterly tax report will not be correct.

Forms on which the tax reports are made may be secured from your local Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue or from the Collector of Internal Revenue at

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