

Air Parcel Post To Be Introduced

The advent of speedier nationwide air parcel post service September 1 brings back to minds of old-timers the introduction of similar surface operations 35 years ago. It was in 1913, according to Postmaster W. E. Blakely of Kings Mountain that parcel post first made its appearance in the United States.

The service at that time was established primarily to aid farmers and hamlets, located off the beaten paths, in expediting their products to market and, in turn, receiving sorely needed goods from larger cities. However, mail order houses and other establishments were quick to realize its value.

Transportation facilities in those days were still slow and tedious. Motor-driven vehicles were few and the roads which they traversed were frequently impassable. Too, trains were giving off more sparks and smoke than speed. There were no commercial planes in these days, either, and only the foolhardy visioned the rapid approach of this Air Age.

Then it took days to transport parcel post packages across the country. Some parcels were forced to go by virtually every movable conveyance before they reached their destination—particularly to the more remote sectors.

From that modest beginning, parcel post has grown to become an integral cog in the far-flung American postal operations. Its annual poundage, keeping step with the progress of transportation, has soared from a few million to billions of pounds of assorted commodities.

Still determined to employ the fastest means of transportation to move the mails, the Post Office Department will add the link necessary to give the United States the world's most highly specialized doorstep delivery service with the launching of the new nationwide air parcel post, said Postmaster Blakely.

By Way Of Mention

Mrs. H. B. Jones had as her guest recently Mrs. J. G. Gaston of Belmont.

Mr. Paul Brady of Salisbury spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Frank Gladden.

Mr. Johnny Connor spent Sunday evening in Bessemer City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cline had as their guests Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lohr of Shelby.

Mr. George Barber is in the Memorial hospital in Charlotte at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Payne in company with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown of Gastonia spent Sunday with Miss Jennie Graham of Rock Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams spent Sunday afternoon in Gastonia.

Mrs. Ed Platt is in the hospital in Charlotte at this writing.

Mrs. Gordon Beatty and son, Buddy spent Sunday with the former's daughter, Mrs. Ray Clemmer, and family of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wright had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brady of Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cline had as their guests Sunday afternoon Mr. Lawrence Ervin of Statesville.

Messrs Howard Jenkins and Charley Bridges spent Sunday afternoon in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Falls, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Falls, jr., spent Sunday in the mountains.

Pvt. L. D. Blanton of Fort Jackson spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Blanton.

Mrs. J. I. Hope had as her guests Sunday afternoon Mrs. L. P. Hope and children, Belma and Boyd, of Gastonia.

Mr. Samuel Eugene Ware has returned home from the hospital.

Except for the 1944 crop, Irish potatoes have been in heavy supply every year since the price support program became effective.

TRY HERALD CLASSIFIEDS THEY BRING RESULTS



No Iron Curtain

The Communist attitude is getting to be pretty well known to Americans. Even the Iron Curtain has not been able to hold behind its barriers the ideas and thoughts of men. We have come to understand what the Russian Communists think by watching the actions of their American comrades. Everybody knows that the Communist party in this country watches Moscow closely. We can believe that Moscow keeps them in line, too.

Everybody knows also that the Communist party in the United States is not very powerful. In terms of what it can do legally as a party, the average American gives it very little attention. However, what the party would do if it thought it could get away with it—that is another thing. In this respect, home-grown Communist opinion is very enlightening.

Outside the Law

Recently, William Z. Foster, top man for the Communists in America, told the Senate his party would not support the nation in event of war with Russia. He was testifying before the Judiciary Committee on the Mundt-Nixon bill, which would put strict controls on Communists. Foster defiantly told the committee that if the bill should become law the party would not register with the Department of Justice as required.

Foster shouted that Russia would never attack the United States. His reason: Russia is not an imperialistic nation. At the same time, he said that America has embarked upon an imperialistic program, the greatest in history. (Imperialism means the practice of seeking control or dominion over other lands and peoples.) Way the American Communists have the situation sized up bears no kinship to the plain truth in international affairs.

Who's Imperialistic?

Any school boy knows that America has no ambitions for the control and domination of other countries. On the other hand, what Russia is doing in eastern Europe looks like the most obvious kind of "taking over." It is this same William Z. Foster who once wrote that the Communist party would take over the United States government and liquidate the free enterprise system, along with the Republican and Democratic parties and our religious institutions.

The rankest kind of imperialism known today may be seen in the Communist Internationale, to which all world Communists are responsible. This world organization exists for the purpose of satisfying the imperialistic ambitions of Russia's political rulers. It uses Communists wherever they are. It plots the overthrow of other governments by force. It incites revolutions wherever Communists stand to gain.

Watch Their Tactics

Communists will continue to do everything possible, by whatever methods, to bring about domestic peace

and prosperity. They seek to set worker against employer, to create costly strikes and walkouts that cost the American public and workers billions of dollars.

The Communists did these things during the recent war. No one may be expected from them, in an time of war or peace. As an American citizen, we must see their tactics so that when we see the fruits of Communist sabotage, we can identify the tree from whence it came. As Communist tactics and ideas are made clear, every one of us will see the appreciation for our own way of life.

315,578 Vehicles Inspected So Far

RALEIGH — Through July, the Mechanical Inspection Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles inspected 315,578 vehicles, the Department announced today.

Latest figures of the Department show that 893,259 motor vehicles are now registered in the State, so this means there are still 577,681 vehicles to be inspected by Dec. 31.

The Mechanical Inspection report showed that 60,505 vehicles were checked during the month of July.

Of the vehicles inspected thus far 149,881 or 47.50 percent were approved on the first check, while the remaining 165,697 or 52.50 per cent were found defective on the first test and had to have defects corrected before they obtained their seals of approval.

The report showed that a total of 313,436 defects have been found on vehicles, many of them having more than one defect. Twenty-four per cent of all defects have been for faulty headlights; 29 per cent for other lighting defects; 19 per cent for braking inadequacies; 12 per cent for steering defects; and the remaining 16 per cent for all other defects, such as poor windshield wipers, horns, glass and exhaust systems.

A tabulation of vehicles inspected each month so far follows:

January 13,663; February 28,371; March 65,447; April 63,629; May 44,005; June 29,911; July 60,505.

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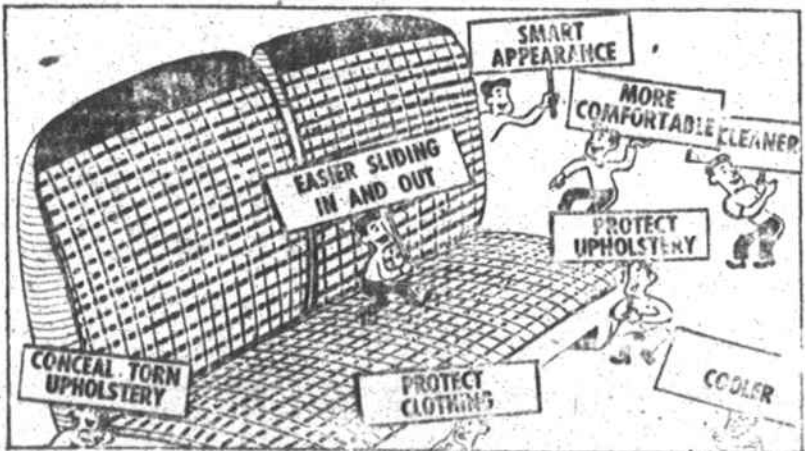
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