

SEEK BOOST IN PAY IN POSTAL SERVICE

Local Residents Interested in Revenue Which Will Increase the Pay of Postmen.

At the request of Villagers interested in better pay for postal employes here it is appropriate to print the following article for consideration of its readers:

"Say It With Violets."

The recent statement of Federal Judge Landis that the U. S. Government was the most unfair employer of labor in the country is the echo of a sentiment in the heart of many patriotic Americans. Perhaps it is because we want everything connected with the intimate workings of the Government—including its salaries—to be like Caesar's wife, above reproach; or perhaps it is because of the seeming hopelessness of effecting a salary increase for these truly loyal and efficient workers that we make it our concern.

Wonder At Vigor.

The accuracy with which the mails are handled; the few errors occurring in its transmission; the regularity with which the local postman rings the bell two or three times a day, makes us wonder where they get the vim that results in so much efficiency. Hardly from their salary, so it must be from the fact that they overlook Uncle Sam's indifference in paying them a higher wage and simply work on for the joy of helping him out.

Judge Landis has come out openly as their champion in the matter of securing justice for them. "During the war," he said, "I advised postal and other federal employees to hold off—to go easy—to stick to their jobs because we were at war, and when the war was over, I told them: 'I will go to the front for you and try to get justice.'"

Yes, it is merely that, the postal and the other federal employees want. The question of where the money is to come from is important, we know, but here is a simple little idea, and we are sure that if it means doing the right thing by the federal employes no one will register a complaint.

The Violet Stamp.

During the war we all remember that we had to decorate all mail not strictly local with a violet stamp. That meant an extra cent for each letter. No one complained. It is

true we were at war, and no one would think of complaining, but now that we are practically at peace, what is the objection to reviving the little violet stamp and hurrying the extra cent into the coffers of the government for increase in the wages of postal and other federal employes? We are so used to being throttled by our grocer, and bruised by our butcher, and baked by our baker, and froze by our coal dealer, that an extra little tap by the government to the tune of one cent could no more hurt our hardened pocket-books than a fly could hurt a steel ball. And so we are for the violet stamp. In this great commercial country, where millions of letters are written daily, we believe the revenue that the violet stamp would collect would do something toward relieving the tension in the salary question of the postal clerks and other federal employes. Of course it is not warranted to do all—but it would help some.

INDIANS PROSPEROUS, BUY U. S. GOVERNMENT SAVING CERTIFICATES

Twenty-eight Indians of the Fort Berthold, agency, Elbow Woods, N. D., have bought \$25,000 of treasury department savings certificates, according to an announcement made by E. C. Kibble, director of the ninth district government savings organization.

These certificates cost the Indians \$83 each and will pay \$100 on January 1, 1925. They are being issued by the federal reserve bank in the names of the individual purchasers. Fourteen of the Indians bought \$1,000 each, the other purchases ranging from \$500 to \$900 each.

Evan Flies Away Baker heads the list, the other \$1,000 purchasers being Theodore Bird Zear, Ellan, Rita and Edward Black Hawk, Black Horse, Arthur Bradfield, Jr., Abby C. Breast, Susan Bull, Evan Burr, Albert Charging, Mary Crow, Joseph Driver and Martin Thomas Old Dog.

Through persistent fair treatment by the people of the state, and active assistance rendered them especially in the line of instruction, hundreds of the North Dakota Indians are developing rich farms. They are producing fine crops, and their special adaptability to livestock is bringing excellent returns.

Besides their brilliant record during the war, the Indians of North Dakota have been closely identified with the development of the northwest, their best known effort having been the active assistance they extended to the Lewis and Clark expedition.

ARREST MAKES OMELET OF PEDDLER'S PRISONER

Jake Diamond detected two boys stealing eggs from his peddler's wagon in Central Market, Newark, N. J. He shouted and the boys fled with Diamond, a traffic policeman and several pedestrians in pursuit. "Grab 'em by the neck," shouted Diamond. "Don't break the egg!" One of the boys escaped. Diamond closed with the other, and to save himself from the uneven pavement, grabbed the boy round the waist. The lad, looking like a cross between a Welsh rarebit and a Swiss sunset, was discharged with a warning in court.

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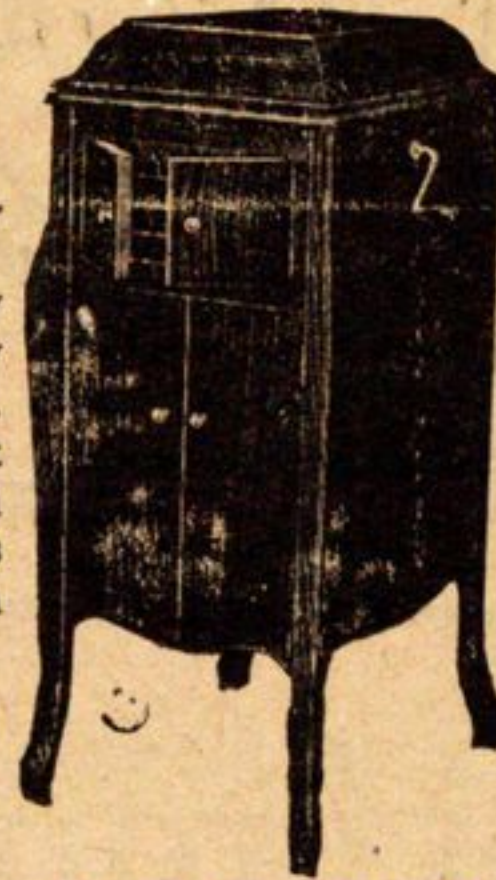
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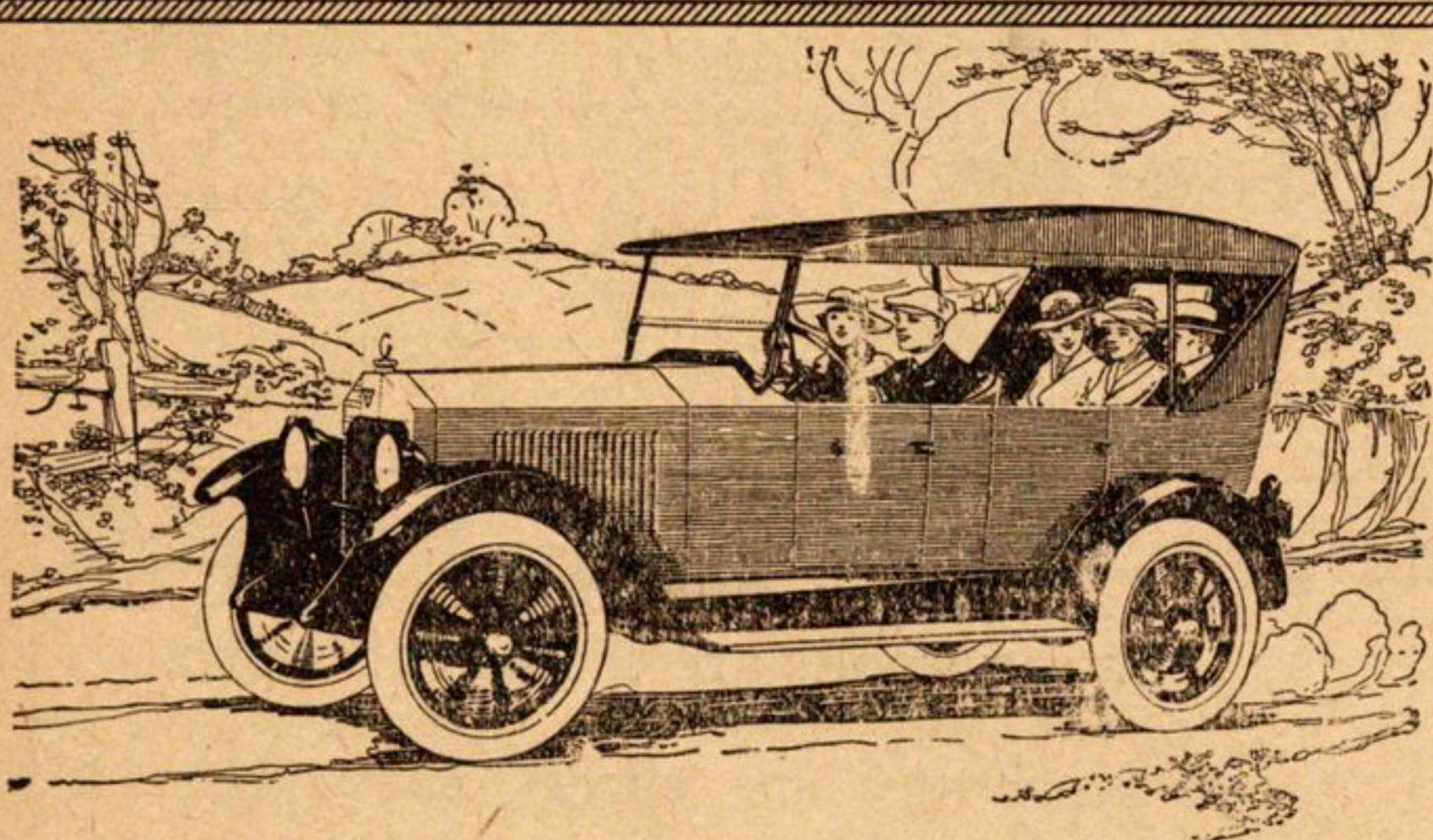
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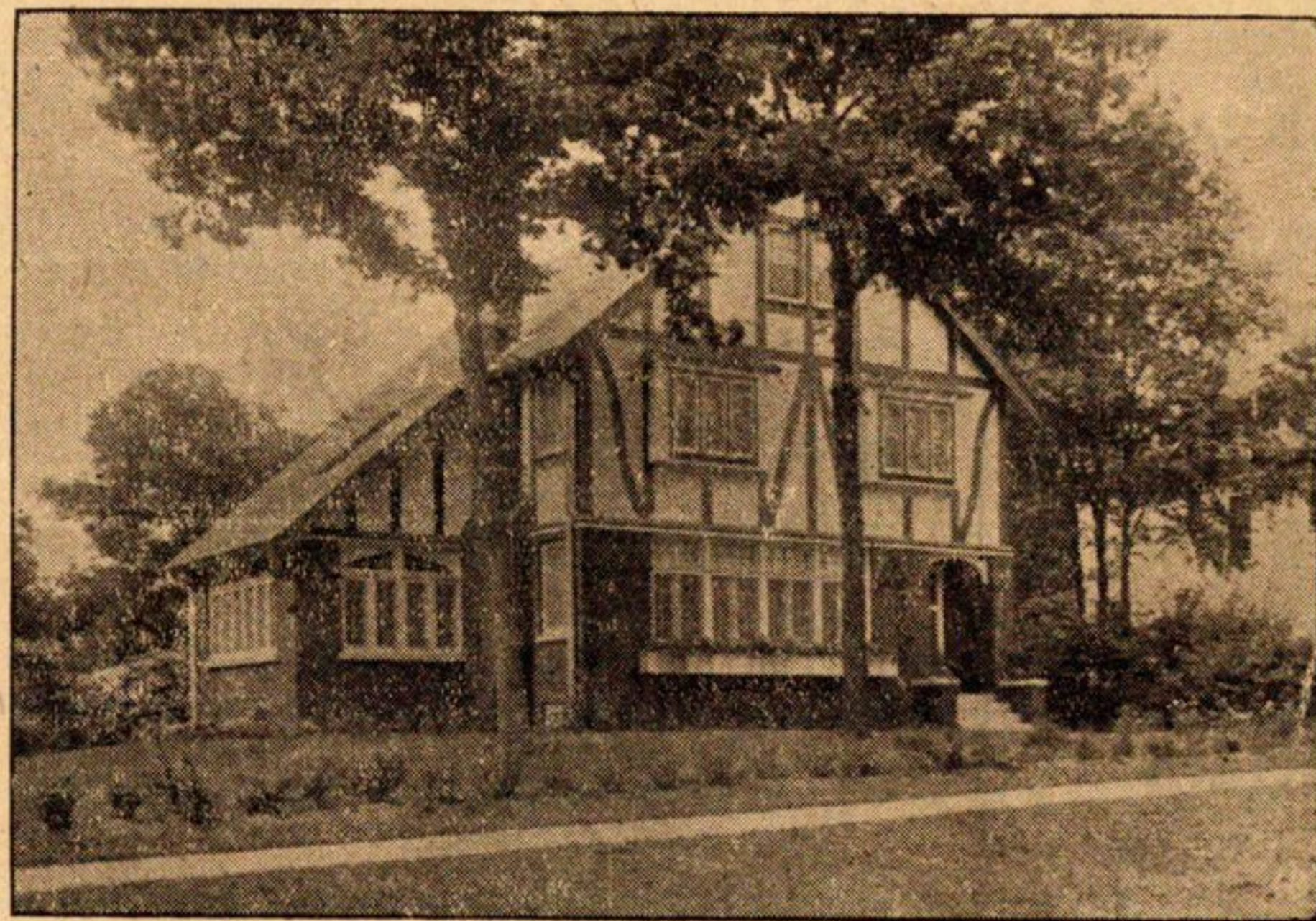
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