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Postmaster Peterson has made during the past week, an inspection of the three rural routes, emanating from this postoffice, as required by the department twice a year, in April and October. The inspection disclosed a number of irregularities in the condition of mail boxes, consisting principally of no flags, covers either missing or in such shape that they will not remain closed, and some boxes poorly erected. The roads in a few spots were in deplorable condition. Just why rural route patrons allow such conditions to go on indefinitely without any effort to make repairs is beyond us to understand. In most cases a few minutes time in making repairs would bring boxes up to the requirements of the department, and also lessen the danger of mail matter becoming lost. In this connection it might be well to mention that the week of May 1 to 6th has been designated as "Postal Improvement Week." Postal employees are expected to make every effort possible to improve the service in their offices and routes, and ask the co-operation of the public to assist them. Rural route patrons can do a good bit by taking this week to make the necessary repairs on mail boxes. The department expects this much and there is no question but what it will be appreciated by the carriers.