

Plan To Close Small Postoffices Continued

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POSTOFFICE. Despite tremendous opposition, the Republican Administration is determined to carry out its plans to close small, fourth-class post offices that are losing money.

Since taking office two years ago, the GOP administration has closed almost 2,000 such offices throughout the country. So far, the Post Office Department claims it has saved the taxpayers some two million dollars by doing this.

Although the Department realizes it is irritating thousands of people by taking their hometown post offices away from them, it plans to close even more such offices. It is a hard bill of goods to sell to the public, but the department claims it not only is saving the taxpayers money but is giving small, rural communities better service by closing the smaller, money-losing offices.

First. The Department picked North Carolina to start its program to reduce the number of fourth-class offices two years ago. Wilkes County was chosen to lead the way, where heated controversies were raised over closing the stations at Lomax, Buck and other points.

Since then, the Department has shut down no less than 145 offices in the State. Several are in the process of being closed now.

Tough. Once the Department sets its guns on a station to close, it almost takes a miracle to keep it open.

So-called postal experts—with big maps, facts, figures, and much political information—sit down at their desks in Washington and decide they'd like to shut down such and such post office. A postal field inspector is then sent into the area and finds any number of reasons why it would be better to eliminate a given office. No public announcement is made until the decision is made.

HEARING? Then, if enough people demand it, a so-called hearing is held. In most cases, the hearings change little. However, one effective method is a good contact with an influential Republican in Washington.

Plans had been made, for example, to close a small mid-western post office that served only one family. A big-time baseball player, who had Republican friends in Washington, voiced his protest. Plans to close the office were dropped. In passing, it should be mentioned that the family the office served was the baseball player's.

ACADEMY. Candidates for the first class of the new Air Force Academy will be nominated by February 18. Under the rules of the new academy, North Carolina Senators and Congressmen will name 10 youths each to take competitive exams for admission to the academy.

Unlike the Army and Navy academies, cadets for the Air Force Academy will be selected strictly

Holstein Group Sets Sales Date

The North Carolina Holstein-Friesian Association Sales Committee met January 20 in Greensboro. They chose the date of April 14 for the annual Spring Sale, to be held at the Cow Pavilion at Iredell County Fairgrounds, Statesville. The hour set for opening is 12:00 noon.

Approximately 100 animals are desired for this sale; springing heifers, cows to freshen about sale time, open heifers, and calves suitable for 4-H and FFA work.

A production standard was set at 350 pounds butterfat for mature cows; 300 pounds for first calf heifers, and 600 for dam and bulls.

The Sales Committee will visit only those farms which have nominated cattle for sale.

on the results of the exams. Of the total 140 nominees named to take the exams, only the top seven completing the exams will actually be admitted to the academy.

EDUCATION. Hearings started this week before a Senate committee on federal aid for education. Several bills have been introduced that would give states millions of dollars for the purpose of erecting new school buildings.

Four North Carolina 4-H Alumni Honored



Mrs. Eddie Bryan Mrs. Vernon G. James Vernon G. James

FOUR persons in North Carolina have been selected by the Extension Service to receive state honors in the National 4-H Alumni Recognition program. They are Esley H. Forbes, Jr., Wake Forest, Mrs. Eddie Bryan, Bladenboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon James of Elizabeth City.

Evidence of Mr. Forbes' adherence to the ideals and principles of 4-H Club work is shown by the fact he has never missed a 4-H honor club meeting since being initiated. At present, he is a farmer, but finds time to be a member of the Board of Directors of North Carolina State Alumni Association, member of Guernsey Breeders Association, President of Men's Bible Class, and many other offices. Mr. Forbes was graduated from North Carolina State College in 1940.

Docia Butler, now Mrs. Eddie Bryan, joined 4-H in 1917. Today she is a teacher and a homemaker. During her 17 years of teaching, she has been a 4-H leader in her school. She writes articles and directs them in all of her work with the boys and girls never loses sight of her high 4-H objectives—to help develop high ideals in home and community life.

As a housewife and homemaker, Mrs. James considers her two sons her greatest example of success. John Thomas, 20 years old, Vernon Grant Jr., 17. She is now serving as first vice-president of the District Federation; was a member of the Legislative Committee of the North

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Name North Carolina 4-H Youth for Awards



Roscoe Little Beth Davis Glenn Woodley Barbara Davis

HIGH RATINGS in the 1954 National 4-H programs were reported by four teen-agers in Public Speaking and Citizenship programs. Statewide recognition in North Carolina was based on their club records.

Roscoe Little, 18, of Stanfield, and Beth Davis, 18, of Shelby, have developed their speaking ability to such an extent they have been awarded State honors in the 4-H Public Speaking program. The Pure Oil Co. has presented Roscoe a 19-jewel wrist watch and Beth a chest of silver. Each also received a certificate of honor for their accomplishments.

The title of Roscoe's talk was "4-H Develops Well-Rounded Lives to Make Well-Rounded Communities." While Beth's winning talk was "How 4-H Club Work Contributes to Good Citizenship." Recognition was based on presenting a timely topic in a convincing manner.

Roscoe said that, like a wheel on a wagon, our communities and nation, must be well-rounded. By producing well-rounded individuals, 4-H will help community and national progress, he added.

Beth stated that good citizenship begins in the home in early childhood. Carrying more projects and varying the programs will make 4-H members better citizens, she said.

In winning the State award, Roscoe and Beth are now eligible to compete for national honors.

Two club members, Glenn W. Woodley, 18, of Columbia, and Barbara Davis, 18, of Cornelius, have received certificates of honor in recognition of their outstanding records in the 4-H Citizenship program, which is in honor of Thos. E. Wilson. This

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Advice Is Given On Clothes Choice

Do you know what to wear to a wedding? A funeral? An afternoon tea?

According to Julia McIver, State College extension specialist in clothing, you'll find that a few general rules are always helpful.

For a formal wedding before six o'clock, wear a street length dress with hat and gloves. But for a formal wedding after six, you'll find a dinner dress the order of the day in most localities. And wear a head covering if the church requires it.

Funeral dress should be conservative in both style and color, says Miss McIver. It depends upon how near your relation is to the deceased. If very near, you'll be correct in black, navy, or grey. Hat and gloves should be worn, but should be simple.

For an afternoon tea a suit or dressy dress is in order. A hat, of course, is a must—and it can be fairly elaborate. Step out in pumps, carry a dressy bag (smaller than one for shopping) and be sure to wear your gloves. In summer, you may want to dress up one of your pretty cottons with an uncluttered hat or straw. But don't dispense with accessories. Wear your gloves, carry a small purse, and of course wear your best shoes.

When can a veil be worn in good taste. In general, says Miss McIver, veils are a little dressy for morning use, but they can be worn in church. They are proper hat accessories for afternoon and evening and can be used by themselves with evening costumes. However, the use of veils varies with the mode of hats at the time. They are never a "must."

DIES AT PARTY

Battle Creek, Mich.—The birthday dinner for Herbert Sootman, who was observing his 63rd birthday, was ready. A daughter, Mrs. Gerald Cliff, went to his bedroom to call him to dinner, only to find that Sootman was dead, of a heart attack.

Obituary

Richard Alfred Brown was born June 2, 1865, and died January 24, 1955, age 89 years, 6 months and 22 days. He professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Meat Camp Baptist Church. He remained faithful until death.

His companion preceded him in death several years ago. He is now survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. Bynum Clawson of Boone, and one son, M. C. Brown of Boone, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Our loss is his eternal gain. He has fought a good fight, kept the faith and from henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

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Lees-McRae Has Over 300 Students

Banner Elk.—Dean E. L. Lafferty of Lees-McRae College, announced this week that 305 students had registered for the second semester at this mountain institution. Registration, not yet completed, is expected to run close to 325 for the semester. Eight new students have

enrolled, six boys and two girls. The administration began registering students on Monday, January 24, following the completion of mid-term examinations. Several new courses to be offered this semester include Marriage and the Family, Speech and Dramatics, Creative Writing, and Office Machines.

MAKES TV DEBUT AT 107 Crestview, Fla.—William Allen Lundy, one of three surviving Confederate veterans, recently celebrated his 107th birthday by eating his favorite meal and making his first television appearance. Lundy still rather spry with good eyesight and hearing, likes to hunt and on the opening day of the 1954 hunting season, he bagged a 160-pound buck.

NOTICE

The tax listing period has been extended through the month of February, due to the fact that listing was hindered due to the extremely bad weather.

Books for all townships in the county will be open for listing at the office of the Tax Supervisor in the courthouse through February 28th.

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