

POUCH SERVICE ON STAR ROUTE IS ARRANGED

Chief Clerk Elam Orders Postmasters To Exchange Pouches Along Route

STARTED YESTERDAY

Action Taken As Result of Numerous Complaints From Williamston and Robersonville

Pouch service on the Parmele-Plymouth Star Mail Route in its entirety was arranged last Friday by Chief Clerk F. P. Elam, and commencing this week each post office on the route will exchange pouches with the other offices.

When the service was put into effect February 27, several of the postmasters along the route refused to exchange pouches with the several other offices, and for the first few days, only the mail to and from the trains at Parmele was handled with the exception of the office here which started exchanging mail the first day of the service. Everetts and Jamesville exchanged pouches the first few days.

Chief Clerk Elam in answering complaints from several citizens here and at Robersonville states, "I am sorry that the service on the star route Parmele to Plymouth, has not been quite satisfactory, and commencing with Monday, March 5, 1928, we will arrange to have Robersonville, Everetts, Williamston, Jamesville and Plymouth, exchange pouches with each other both ways daily except Sunday by the star route.

"We want to make this service as satisfactory as possible. It is expected that the mail reaching Plymouth by N. S. Ry. trains 1 and 2 will be included in pouches for Jamesville, Williamston, Everetts and Robersonville.

"Robersonville, Everetts, Williamston, Jamesville and Plymouth will receive pouches from Weldon and Kinston trains 53 and 58 by star route.

Parmele will give such mail as it has for Robersonville, Everetts, Williamston, Jamesville and Plymouth to train 58 and train 58 will give this mail to train 53 at Hogwood to be included in pouches made by train 53."

Now that an exchange of pouches between the several offices along the route has been provided, the mail service to and from the several towns will be equally as good as it was before the two trains were removed from the Coast Line schedule.

Aged Colored Man Accidentally Shot

Fd Lloyd, aged colored man, was accidentally shot in the foot at his home on West Main street here last Saturday night by Marcus Edwards who was giving Lloyd treatment for rheumatic complications at the time.

Noted in family circles for his power to successfully combat rheumatic troubles, Edwards, a colored man living near the west end of town, was summoned to Lloyd's home to try out his shocking machine on the patient. Edwards carried his pistol along and during the treatment, the weapon fell from his pocket and accidentally fired, the ball piercing Lloyd's foot. A doctor was called to dress the foot, and it is reported that the patient in spite of his rheumatic troubles and a wounded foot, is getting along reasonably well.

Parents and Teachers To Meet Thursday

The local parent-teacher association will hold its regular meeting next Thursday afternoon at 3:45 in the school auditorium.

Each member of the association is urged to attend and take their child-welfare magazine along.

Board Town Commissioners Consider Variety Matters at Regular Meeting Last Night

SOON. SURVEY NEW STREETS

Mayor Says Prospects for Opening of Streets Are Very Bright

ASK FOR MORE POLICE

Committee of Citizens From Northern Part of Town Ask That Police Protection Be Afforded Them

The town's business during the past month was thoroughly reviewed by the town commissioners in their regular monthly meeting held here last night in the mayor's office, and acts affecting the progress of the town during the remainder of this month were considered. The need for increased police protection was brought to the front by a committee from the north end of the town, members of the committee stating that it was very urgent that something be done to relieve that part of town of disorderliness. In their complaint to the commissioners, members of the committee stated that each Saturday night and Sunday general disturbances occur and that it is a matter for the police to settle. The commissioners ordered an investigation, and it was intimated that a policeman would be hired to patrol that part of our growing city each Saturday and Sunday.

Two years ago a similar complaint was registered on the minutes of the town, but action was withheld when an opposing faction in that part of town stated that police protection was not necessary. A court case originated in that neighborhood a few days ago, but being of a family nature, it never developed into a court conviction. The law-abiding citizens in that section, and there are numbers of them, are not anxious to see their neighbors haled into court, but they are anxious for peace, happiness and prosperity to reign in and around their homes. The commissioners are planning to take care of the situation.

An investigation was ordered by the board in the matter of placing a sewer and water lines on Academy Street from Hassell to Smithwick Streets. These lines will take care of several homes that are to be built on that street within the next few months, it was pointed out to the commissioners by Messrs. J. D. Woolard and C. B. Clark.

The town boundary line at the north end of the town continues to be a source of trouble to the commissioners, and last night Mr. Will Wynn was down asking for a refund of tax payments made by him on property that was not in town. The commissioners ordered Chief Daniel to investigate, and after he locates the property proper adjustment will be made.

Dr. John D. Biggs, representing the Williamston Agricultural Credit Corporation, asked for a refund in taxes paid the town by the organization through error. Dr. Biggs stated that the credit corporation had \$10,000 capital, but that only \$1,000 of that amount was in cash, the remainder being in Liberty Bonds. He further stated that it was through error that taxes were paid for 1925 and 1926, that only the \$1,000 in cash was taxable. The commissioners ordered an investigation, and a settlement will be effected according to the findings.

The Williamston Agricultural Corporation is an agency that lends money to farmers on crop liens and chattel mortgages, it was pointed out to the commissioners.

Frank Carstarphen, offering to combine two permits for dances, was

Locals Lose To Wake Forest in Tournament

The local high school tossers lost to Wake Forest at Raleigh last Friday, 21 to 8 in the State Basketball tournament. Playing on a smooth floor, using a large court and without rafters, the locals were lost and could not get their bearings in time to successfully battle their opponents' scoring combination.

"Sally" Gurkins Thanks His Friends for Radio

W. Henry Gurkin who swings a big party every leap year is expressing his thanks for the nice present an Atwater Kent radio, given him by his many friends here. "Sal" says, "Through the Enterprise, I wish to thank my many friends for the nice radio they were so kind to give me upon my twelfth birthday. I am sure I will spend many pleasant evenings listening in with it."

HEAR REPORT OF TREASURER

Custodian of Town's Funds Says Things Moving Along Smoothly

"The town, in a financial way, is moving along very smoothly, was the Treasurer W. T. Meadows summed up his report before the meeting of the town commissioners here last night.

According to Mr. Meadows, receipts from light and power customers during February amounted to more than the actual meter readings. In that month, collections amounted to \$2,865.08, the surplus coming from certain adjustments made in several accounts.

A \$4,000 increase in light revenue since the last audit over the amount for the same period last year (fiscal) was reported by the treasurer. The expense increase for that period, according to the treasurer's statement, was \$218 more than it was for the same period last year.

In the unpaid account column, there was \$29.57 due for lights, and \$22.55 for water, during the last eight months. Mr. Meadows pointed out that there might be a little larger, but very little, should bad debts be included.

During the last month the light and power department severed connections with three customers, two white and one colored. The colored account is not to be considered a loss, but one of the white accounts is gone, the customer having moved away. The second white account will be straightened out in a few days, the treasurer thinks.

B. & L. SERIES IS NOW OPEN

Statement Shows How Organization Is Assisting in Development

The financial statement of the Martin County Building and Loan Association, appearing in this paper, besides showing a sound and healthy condition, points out that the organization is assisting greatly in the business growth and development of the town and community.

While it is no great big million dollar organization, the Martin County Building and Loan association has probably done as much, if not more, than any other agency in promoting the business-growth of town and community, in that it has made possible the erection of a large number of buildings in this section.

The 22nd series opened last Saturday when more than 500 shares of stock were sold before business closed the first day. This series, according to officers of the association, is expected to be one of the largest since it was organized.

The association is headed by some of the section's leading business men who are interested in the growth of the community and who urge the subscription of stock in the organization.

Anger Town Women in Meeting Yesterday

Club women of Ange Town held their second regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Bertha Ange, vice president, presided in the absence of Mrs. C. H. Ange, the club president. The women elected two leaders from the club to attend the leaders' school to be held in April. The leaders elected were Mrs. Allie Ange and Mrs. Willie Gardner. There were 10 members and one visitor from Washington County present at the meeting.

The home agent gave a demonstration in comparative cooking of cereals long and short time methods. After the demonstration the women began work on posters, requested by Miss Thomas for the next leaders' school. The posters made are to show the sources of the energy-giving foods.

To Give Supper at Womens Club Rooms Friday Night

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church will give a chicken salad supper and an apron sale on Friday evening. Everybody is very cordially invited to attend both.

Special Meeting Of Local Masons Tonight

All masons are requested to attend a meeting of Skewarke Lodge No. 90 here tonight when special work in the fellows crafts degree will be held.

MR. W. M. PERRY DIES AT HOME HERE SUNDAY

Had Been Sick for More Than Two Years; Was 85 Years Old

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

Was Veteran of Civil War and Had Excellent Record; Wounded At Petersburg

William Micajah Perry, aged 85, and a highly esteemed Confederate veteran, died at his home here early Sunday morning after an illness of more than two years. He had spent several weeks in a hospital during that time, where he regained sufficient strength to return home and walk around town, but for the past several weeks he was confined to his bed, the end coming gradually Sunday morning.

Mr. Perry was born in Williams Township, this county, January 19, 1844, the son of W. Bryant Perry, a prominent Primitive Baptist minister, and wife, Crissie White Perry.

In the early sixties Mr. Perry refused to be left by his playmates and companions above the age of 18, who were answering the call of the Confederate States, and he left home at 17 and joined the army. He was a man of unusual physical power, and it was said of him by his comrades and officers that no man wearing a soldier's uniform was braver than he.

He was a member of Company H, Sixty-first Regiment, Klingman's Brigade of Hoke's Division, and faced the fire of many battles. He was wounded by a piece of shrapnel at the battle of the crater, near Petersburg, when the famous "blow-up" occurred, but fully recovered from the wound. At the end of the war he returned to his father's farm and engaged in farming for a few years.

On December 18, 1873, he married Miss Virginia Ward and lived and farmed at the Plot place, on the Jamesville Road for 40 years. He sold his farm and located in Williamston 14 years ago.

He and Mrs. Perry lived together for more than 54 years. They had only two children, twins, who died in infancy. He had great love for children and raised several orphan children, apparently loving and serving them as his own.

In politics, he was a sterling Democrat, always vitally interested in the issues and the welfare of his friends. He leaves a widow, a brother, James Perry, and a sister, Mrs. Mollie Anderson, of Williams Township.

The funeral was held at the home yesterday at 10 a. m., by Rev. B. Duke Critcher and Rev. C. H. Dickey. Burial was at the Baptist cemetery. The active pall bearers were: Dr. J. E. Smithwick, R. B. Brown, P. H. Brown, William Carstarphen, William W. Griffin, C. O. Moore, Harry Meador, Sam C. Ray.

"Hiking Honeymooners" Are Visitors Here Today

Fred Johnson, young grandson of the founder of the Palmolive soap industry, with his youthful bride passed through here this morning en route to southern points. Branded as "honeymooning scions of society," the newlyweds are answering the challenge to youth to "roam the wide world over."

Three weeks ago Miss Lydia Davies left New York for Dartmouth college where she was married to young Johnson. They palmed to board a tramp freighter scheduled for Africa or some far away port, but upon their arrival at Norfolk they changed their minds at the request of their parents, and they are now traveling South afoot. Rides are accepted, however, and today, soon after their arrival, Mr. A. T. Crawford gave them a lift as far as Washington on their southern journey.

Capture 80-Gallon Still On Welch's Creek Yesterday

E. H. Gaylord, accompanied by E. G. Waters, captured a still of 80-gallon capacity, near the Asa Harris mill pond on Welch's creek yesterday.

The still was in operation at the time of the officers arrival, but the operators made their escape without being identified.

About ten gallons of liquor, and approximately 300 gallons of beer were captured and destroyed by the officers. The still was brought here.

Home Department To Meet Thursday, 3 P. M.

The second meeting of the American Home Department of the Williamston Woman's Club will be held Thursday in the club rooms at 3 p. m. This meeting will be in charge of Miss Sleeper and though the exact subject is not known at this time, some phase of nutrition will be discussed.

DYNAMITING IN COLUMBIA IS STILL MYSTERY

Man Arrested Last Week Is Released After Hearing In Elizabeth City

SEEK CLUE TO SELLER

Tyrrell County Officers Here Yesterday Attempting To Find Seller Of Explosive

Tyrrell County officers were here yesterday attempting to find the seller of the dynamite used in dynamiting the home of Mrs. Lena Snell Johnson at Columbia a week ago. It was reported to officers in that county that the dynamite was bought in Williamston, but upon investigation it was learned that no merchant here carried material, and that the explosive must have been purchased elsewhere. It was the hope of Tyrrell County officers that some clue leading to the arrest of the guilty party or parties might be established by learning where the explosive was bought.

J. S. Pope, Jr., of Atkinson, State Highway engineer, was arrested soon after the dynamiting occurred, but he was released yesterday by Judge M. V. Barnhill when the court held that the evidence against Pope was insufficient to justify holding him.

Charged with secret assault with intent to kill, Pope had been held for Superior Court under a \$10,000 bond at a hearing before Judge W. C. Alexander, in Columbia, last Saturday.

Judge Barnhill in releasing Pope reviewed the evidence given at the hearing in Columbia where Pope denied connection with the dynamiting of the home.

Witnesses stated they saw a man run from the vicinity of the dynamited home a moment after the explosion, but none was able to identify him.

The hearing before Judge Barnhill which was held yesterday in Elizabeth City was under habeas-corpus proceedings and it was pointed out later that Judge Barnhill's action would not bar an indictment by a Tyrrell county grand jury in the event that substantial evidence is found.

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEET

Had Little To Do Besides Authorizing \$50,000 For Schools

Aside from granting \$50,000 for school buildings in the county, the Board of Commissioners had a very dull day here yesterday when matters of very little importance and few in number came before the meeting. All members of the board, J. G. Barnhill, chairman, T. B. Slade, Jr., L. P. Holliday, T. C. Griffin and J. E. Pope, were present, and the meeting centered around the appropriation for school building purposes in the county.

J. M. Johnson was released from the payment of \$2.00 poll tax in Hamilton township.

R. B. Gurganus was released from the payment of special school tax in Robersonville township on \$3,372 worth of property.

A \$20,000 note due Eyes and Company the 15th of this month, was ordered renewed.

Jesse Ange, of Jamesville township, was permanently released from the payment of poll tax.

Security Life Wins From Smithfield Guardsmen

The local Security Life and Trust basketball five made it two straight from the national guardsmen of Smith field here last night, winning 45-34.

Pete, the team's sponsor, states that he got off to a late start, but from now on it is nothing but victory for his team.

Thursday night Pete will pit his team against the Raleigh Y. M. C. A. five, one of the strongest teams in Virginia, North and South Carolina.

The Raleigh boys have won a clear title in Y circles in the three states, but Pete says they will meet with a strong aggregation here next Thursday night when they play his boys.

Everetts To Play For State Title Tonight

Everetts sent its basketball team away at noon today to do battle for state championship in the non-accredited high school basketball series at Chapel Hill tonight.

The Everetts boys have already declared their supremacy in the eastern series, and tonight they will contend for all-state honors by playing a team from the west.

A large number of Everetts citizens left to attend the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Burroughs, of Scotland Neck, attended the Gaskins-Leggett wedding here this morning.

\$50,000 Authorized For School Houses

COUNTY FARM AGENT'S REPORT

15,363 Pounds of Poultry Loaded Here Brought \$2,944.84

The car of poultry loaded here last week was one of the outstanding pieces of work last month by the county farm demonstration agent, T. B. Brandon, according to his report filed with the board of county commissioners at their meeting here yesterday. 15,363 pounds of poultry were brought to the car, for which the producers were paid \$2,944.84, or an average of a fraction over 19 cents per pound.

In addition to loading the car of poultry, the county agent ordered and delivered 2 cars of farm drain tile; started two forestry demonstrations to show the proper care of timber, treated 269 hogs; held three field meetings; traveled 732 miles on official duties; wrote three articles for local newspapers; visited 36 farms on official duties; held 136 office conferences; wrote 148 letters; and had 122 telephone calls. In all 17 days were spent in field work and 8 days in office work.

DIVIDEND FOR STOCKHOLDERS

Holder of Fisheries Products Co. Preferred Stock To Get Dividend

According to reliable information, the hundreds of preferred stockholders who hold stock in the defunct Fisheries Product Company, will receive a dividend from the receivers of the organization in the near future.

The amount of the dividend could not be learned today, but even a small one will cause several thousands of dollars to come to this county, there being a large amount of the stock in this section.

The Fisheries Product company, about 1918, flooded the country with its stock, and Martin County people fell eagerly before the agents. Stock amounting to thousands of dollars, was sold in this section, and in many cases caused the failure of many farmers and business men when the company went under.

Mr. V. G. Taylor, president of the Planters and Merchants Bank, Everetts, is in receipt of a letter from one of the receivers, and in it Mr. Taylor is asked to assist the stockholders in his section to get their claims entered so that dividend checks can be mailed.

It is understood that the dividend will be paid on preferred stock only. Mr. Taylor stated yesterday that he would be glad to help in any way those who have preferred stock in the defunct company to get their claims straightened out. This service, it is understood, is voluntary and will be without remuneration.

Firemen Hold Regular Meeting Last Night

A closer check on permits for new buildings was ordered last night at a meeting of the local fire company members, when it was reported that several buildings had been constructed contrary to the town's regulations. It was pointed out that it would be necessary for all builders to consult proper officials and secure permits; that where permits were not granted and the building laws were violated the builder might be forced to comply with the laws by making certain changes.

The several members of the company are planning to attend the district meeting in Kinston next Tuesday night.

Entertainment Tonight At School Building

Under the auspices of the local high school, Kaiama's native Hawaiians will appear in a splendid musical program at the school auditorium here tonight.

For two years, the troupe of four talented musicians traveled in Europe where they were well received by theatre patrons of the countries there. They have traveled extensively in this country, having at one time appeared on the Keith vaudeville circuit.

Bear Grass Parents and Teachers Meet Thursday

A regular meeting of the parent-teacher association will be held at the Bear Grass school, Thursday evening, March 8, at 7:30 o'clock. All parents and patrons of the school are urged to attend.

COUNTY BOARD TO ISSUE NOTES FOR AMOUNT

State Has Already Allotted \$50,000, Making \$100,000 Available Now

TO ERECT 2 BUILDINGS

Action of Board Paves Way for Beginning of Construction In Near Future

The school building issue for the county was settled here yesterday in a joint meeting of the county educational board and the commissioners, held at the court house. Upon the motion of Mr. J. E. Pope, seconded by Mr. T. B. Slade, Jr., the following order was passed:

"That negotiable bonds of Martin County, North Carolina, be issued in the maximum principal amount of \$50,000 to be known as 'School Bonds of Martin County,' for purposes of erection and purchase of school houses in Martin County and as authorized under section (a) of section 62, County Finance Act of North Carolina, 1927, and which school houses are necessary in complying with the construction of six months' school requirements."

The \$50,000 to be raised through the issuance of notes when added to a like amount borrowed from the State several weeks ago, makes possible a building for Robersonville and one for Williamston; but in each instance there is no provision for equipment. The equipping of the buildings, it is understood will be handled with loans secured from the State Fund later on. At the present time preparations are being made to carry out the county's school building program.

In raising the funds, the commissioners preferred the issuance of notes rather than have a bond issue, which, it was stated, would be a more satisfactory way to care for the situation.

DIRIGIBLE FLIES ACROSS COUNTY

Scares Farm Stock and Poultry in Several Sections Last Friday

Chickens squawked and the barnyards of many farmers in this county were the scenes of great disturbance last Friday afternoon when a big navy dirigible, supposedly the Los Angeles, passed over on its way to Lakehurst, N. J.

In the Hardison mill section many people who saw the giant of the air, stated that it was flying very low and at a medium rate of speed, and looked to be about as long as two city blocks.

The dirigible was on the last lap of a four-thousand mile cruise, having made only a few stops on the long voyage from Panama. It was moored in her hangars at Lakehurst about 9 o'clock that night in a violent snow storm.

Several stories have been reported about the passing of the ship. The one most difficult to understand came about when one farmer stated it passed directly over his house, and when another said the same thing. The two farmers live fourteen miles apart, and would have been impossible for the dirigible to pass over both homes in the course it was going. However, it might be that the big ship turned one and then made a 90 degree turn to do honor to the other.

Over about Kinston, a young man sighted the ship, and paid no attention to his car and where it was going. He ran into a telephone pole, according to the press dispatch.

House Catches Fire Twice in Two Days

The local fire company made its second visit in as many days to the old Henby house near the warehouses today.

Yesterday the roof of the house caught fire from a defective flue, but little damage resulted. Today the roof caught at the same place and from the same cause.

Chief Harrison stated last night that the people here are getting unusually careless with fire, and pointed out that such carelessness during the month of March especially is likely to cause serious fire losses.

Last Saturday the company answered a call in the cemetery section of the town, and found that some one had carelessly thrown a match into a field of broom straw, causing a fire that threatened the homes of colored residents in that section.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY JACK PADJAN

in "LAND OF THE LAWLESS"

Also 2-REEL COMEDY And Serial "Heroes of the Wild" and

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

Theatre Well Heated