



RECEIPTS CLIMB AT POST OFFICE HERE LAST YEAR

Also Tremendous Increase In Amount of Money Orders Issued

While Postmaster General Jim Farley was reporting a sizeable deficit in the post office department throughout the country, Postmaster Pete Fowden was figuring a marked increase in receipts at the local office in 1933 over the previous year.

In 1932, the receipts at the local office totaled \$11,627.92. Last year the receipts from the same source, that is, stamps, envelopes, and postal cards, amounted to \$12,520.06, an increase of \$892.14.

Mr. Fowden, after accrediting the increased receipts to improved business conditions in these parts, casually mentioned the efficiency of the new postmaster and his assistants.

The startling part of the report coming from the local office is the huge amount of money orders and the almost unbelievable increase during the latter part of 1933 over the year 1932. In 1932 money orders totaling \$63,674.99 were issued at the local office. Last year the amount jumped to \$133,052.05. While money orders were drawn for transferring seed loan money to the government, a large portion of the \$133,052.05 went to mail order houses, crippling the exchange of business at home and doing no good what ever to local enterprises. As the money order total was increased by \$69,377.06, the fees were increased from \$599.75 to \$1,013.15, an increase of \$413.40.

While all that money was fleeing from this trade territory forever, the fairly large sum of \$38,774.74 was received here in money orders from other points. The incoming receipts were increased \$8,861.77 last year over 1932.

The country as a whole reported a postal deficit in the amount of \$112,374,892. "Even before the depression began," Farley said in his annual report, "the period of constantly increasing receipts was approaching an end, the record of the department clearly indicating it was probably due to changed methods of advertising and merchandising."

Saying the Post Office Department was "the largest single employer of labor in the country, if not in the world," the Postmaster General reported the number of employees as 235,573 persons, a drop from the peak of 254,946 reached December 31, 1929.

Expenditures for the year were \$700,006,256, a decline of \$93,716,277. Revenues totaled \$587,631,364, a decrease of \$540,558. The gross deficiency or revenues was \$112,374,891, as compared with \$205,550,611 the previous year.

An attack on the deficit was made through substantial reductions for transportation, rent, supplies, and equipment, but the principal saving was made in expenditures for personal services. Approximately \$80,000,000 was saved in pay rolls, with \$58,000,000 of it attributable to reductions through the economy legislation. The remainder was through normal reduction in personnel.

MAKE SURVEY OF BUSINESS FIRMS

Hugh M. Burras To Begin Taking Business Census Next Week

Mr. H. M. Burras, recently appointed census taker, will start today or early next week on a survey of business conditions in Martin County. Mr. Burras was in Washington this week receiving instructions for conducting the survey, which will continue through the greater part of next month, it is believed.

The government is asking about 40 questions of each business operator, Mr. Burras said, but all information will be kept secret, he added.

Mr. Tom Johnson was appointed to assist in the work, but it could not be learned whether he had accepted the appointment and when he plans to start the survey if he had or does accept the task.

Methodist Sunday School Head Urges Attendance

There were "Ninety and Nine" in the Methodist Sunday school again last Sunday, but there was more than "one" who did not go and who should go.

Will all you Methodists who read this make an effort to go next Sunday? Maybe the superintendent and other officers are not what you want them to be or do. They can be and do more if you will come and help them. Come next Sunday and help them. Come next Sunday and help us. Thank you.—H. L. Swain, Supt.

CLEANING SEED

Farmers are keeping one man, Arthur White, busy most of the time these days cleaning tobacco seed at the courthouse.

There might be a reduction in the tobacco crop, but it is believed that the farmers are making preparations to plant every hillside with seed that they might be assured of plenty of healthy plants next April and May.

Very few farmers are having their seed treated this year, Mr. White said.

PREACHERS TO HOLD MEETING HERE MONDAY

Northeastern Baptist Pastors' Conference at Local Baptist Church

The Northeastern Baptist Pastors' Conference will hold its first meeting in the new year in the local Baptist church here Monday of next week. There will be both a morning and an afternoon session. The morning session begins at 10:30 o'clock and final adjournment is set for 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

This quarterly meeting of Baptist pastors embraces the ministers in several Eastern Carolina counties, and the meetings are held in Williamston because of its central location. It is expected that the meeting Monday will bring a large number of pastors to Williamston for the day.

Interesting subject matter has been arranged for the sessions and some of the leading pastors in the section are on the program. The Rev. E. R. Stewart, of Hyde County, is the president; and among the speakers for the day are Rev. A. J. Smith, of Goldsboro; Dr. J. L. Peacock, of Tarboro; and Dr. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest. The sessions are open to the general public, and the ministers of all communions in this vicinity are invited.

Sunday Services At Baptist Church Here

Last Sunday marked a red letter day in attendance upon the services at the Memorial Baptist church. There were 156 at the Sunday school, of which Jessup Harrison is superintendent, and the morning and evening church services were unusually well attended. The young people are carrying on in their Sunday evening programs, and this church has met the new year with a fine spirit.

At the Sunday morning church service the communion will be observed, and the membership should try to be present in large numbers. At the evening hour the pastor will preach on "The Hunger for Certainty." The people in general are invited. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. will meet as usual. The pastor requests that any who are contemplating uniting with this church be present Sunday morning for their reception.

Announce Examination For Postmaster Here

The United States Civil Service Commission, at the request of the Postmaster General, announced this week an examination for postmaster in Williamston. Applications will be received through the 30th of this month, the announcement stated.

The examination is held under the President's order of July 12, 1933, and not under the civil service act and rules. Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated upon their education and training, business experience, and fitness.

Application blanks are obtainable from F. E. Wynn, civil service examiner at the local office, or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Civil Service Examinations For Federal Positions Soon

The United States Civil Service Commission will accept applications until February 2 for positions of Associate Social Economist and Assistant Social Economist to fill vacancies in the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor.

The entrance salary for Associate Social Economist is \$3,200 a year, and for Assistant Social Economist \$2,600 a year, less a deduction of not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy.

North Carolina has received less than its share of appointments in the apportioned departmental service at Washington. Full information may be obtained from F. E. Wynn at the post office here.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET AND ORGANIZE

About 50 Citizens, Including Teachers, at Meeting Yesterday

The organization of a local parent-teacher association was perfected here yesterday afternoon when about 50 citizens, including the several teachers and a few mothers and fathers, met in the old school building and elected officers for the term.

After calling the meeting to order, Principal D. N. Hix outlined the schedule of activities and asked for the election of officers. Mrs. E. F. Moseley will head the organization as president, and she will be assisted by Mrs. J. C. Manning, vice president; Miss Josephine Harrison, secretary; and Mrs. J. E. Pope, treasurer.

After a short discussion, the group agreed to hold future meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 3 o'clock. The many business and social activities made it difficult for the association to select a convenient meeting date and hour.

After perfecting the organization and handling other business for its continuance, the association passed a motion calling for improvements in the lunch room. Another motion was passed asking the town authorities to designate and rope off a section of some street each day for the children to skate.

The association agreed to sponsor a playground program for the school children of the community.

LOCAL BOYS WIN SEASON OPENER

Defeat Farm Life Team In Ragged Game Here Last Night

Opening the season here last night, Williamston High School's basketball team registered a 20 to 15 victory over Farm Life's battling five. While both teams gave promise in the opening encounter of the season of developing into smooth working outfits, the game last night was a bit ragged.

The locals held the Farm Life boys 10 to 2 at the half, but the visitors came back strong in the last period and scored 13 points while Anderson and Cook added 10 more markers to the count for the locals. Griffin and Peel, with six points each, led the scoring for the visitors. Anderson, with 14 points, and Cook, with 6 points, did all the scoring for Williamston.

Tonight at 7:45 the locals play Columbia in the Farmers warehouse here.

Negro Escapes From Prison Camp Near Here

S. L. Woolard, colored man sentenced to the roads for a period of 18 months for shooting Theodore Freeman last year, escaped from the road camp near here this week.

Woolard had made a model prisoner up to a few days ago, when he became upset upon learning that his old girl, Hattie Williams, was to be married the latter part of this week to another man. And while she was escaping from him, Woolard escaped from the State hoosegow. Woolard, a county negro, had not been captured according to last reports from the camp.

His departure made very little difference as far as population is concerned, Superintendent Moble said yesterday, as there are 103 prisoners left there now. The population in the camp is about the largest it has ever been, the superintendent said.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

C. T. Rogers, pastor. "Good intentions will not help a man on his way if he takes the wrong road." There is only one right way, but many wrong ways. Try attending church for all ailments. It works. Meet with us at 9:45 Sunday morning for Sunday school, 11 and 7:30 o'clock for church services. Bring your visitors, invite your friends, for much good is to be bestowed on all who will receive it. Regular services during the week. The public is cordially invited to meet with us.

Regular Services At Presbyterian Points

Sunday, January 14, 1934: The regular services, church school, worship service and sermon, young people's meetings, will be held at all points, this Sunday. These services are held for you. Come and make them yours. Go to church somewhere every Sunday.

ANTI-RAT DRIVE

The town's first concerted attack upon cat-sized rats here was launched last Tuesday evening when a large quantity of poison was planted at frequent intervals throughout the business district and along the railroad tracks to the river and trash piles. Just how successful the attack was could not be learned, but apparently the first effort to rid the town of the rodents was very successful. A number of the rats were swept from the main street the following morning, and nearly all the poison bait was consumed by the rats, it was learned following an inspection on Wednesday morning.

Another attack upon the rats will be made within the next two weeks. In the meantime, the citizens are urged to cooperate in the eradication movement by setting traps and getting a supply of the poison bait from the town office.

CWA WORK FOR WOMEN MONDAY

Projects Providing Work For 13 Women Are Approved

Projects providing for the employment of 13 women in this county were approved in Raleigh yesterday. Six of the number will probably go to work the early part of next week taking a complete school census throughout the county, it was learned from CWA headquarters here this morning. Four women will be employed to do library work in the county, their activities to center around the libraries in the various schools, it is understood. Three others will do office work in the schools, it is planned.

The census takers and office secretaries will be paid 35 cents an hour for a 39 hour-week. The librarians will receive 45 cents an hour. Most of the appointments will come from the list of unemployed teachers in the county.

There are eight women already employed in handling soup counters in the county, and after the appointments are made for the projects announced today, there will be 17 more jobs available under the allotment for women workers.

Initial Showing Plymouth Car Unavoidably Delayed

A delay in the shipment of the new model Plymouth will necessitate the postponement of the initial showing of the car scheduled in Robersonville for tomorrow, Mr. E. G. Anderson, representative, said this morning. Preparations had been made to put the car on display for public inspection tomorrow, but last-minute information from the manufacturers stated that a delay would be unavoidable.

Mr. Anderson, representing the company in this section, said this morning that he did not know just when the car would go on display, but he hoped the initial showing could be held sometime next week. The date for the showing will be announced probably the early part of next week. Much interest centers around the introduction of the new model car in this section, and it is believed many people will be present for the initial display.

Less Moving Than Usual This Year

While there is much moving going on in this section, it is generally believed that there is less shifting of population this year than in several seasons. In some sections of the county there are few or no families moving to new homes. In others there is quite a number seeking new homes for another year.

Tobacco Market Here To Be Open All Next Week

Although sales have been unusually small this week, the local tobacco market will continue operations next week, it was learned today. Only a few thousand pounds have been offered each day this week, with prices ranging around the 15-cent mark.

Contract Is Let for New Sinclair Filling Station

The contract for the erection of a Sinclair gasoline service station at the corner of Main and Smith Streets here has been awarded Irving West, Statesville contractor, it was learned here yesterday. Details in connection with the cost of the project and when work would be started could not be learned. CWA workers are fast removing the wooden structure from the site, and the lot will be cleared by the latter part of next week, it is believed.

61 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

New High Mark for Both Year and Month Set During 1933

The year 1933 was certainly one for marriages in Martin County, Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger issuing 269 licenses during the period. One hundred and three were issued to white couples and 166 went to colored applicants. A few over 200 licenses had been issued in this county in one year, but the license sale broke all records in 1933.

The peak month was in December, when 22 licenses were issued to white and 39 went to colored couples.

Licenses were issued to the following during December:

White
Leslie Earl Hardison, of Griffins, and Ruby Ward Mizelle, of Jamesville. Perlie Alfred Gardner, of Poplar Point, and Elizabeth Wilson, of Williamston.

Ernest George Anderson, of the U. S. S. Mississippi, Portsmouth, Va., and Mary L. Moore, of Williamston. Bernard D. Simpson, Robersonville, and Cleo Reason, of Jamesville. Edward Roberson, of Poplar Point, and Ethel White, of Poplar Point. William Paul Harrington and Della Marie Lilley, both of Griffins.

William Leamon Roberson, of Bear Grass and Eunice Thompson, of Robersonville.

Ira Woolard and Pauline Etheridge, both of Hamilton.

Lorie Haislip and Virginia Martin, both of Robersonville. E. H. Beasley, of Plymouth, and Hattie Cutler, of Williams.

Lewis H. Latham and Eula May Ellis, both of Goose Nest. Henry Hurst and Maggie Pierce, both of Poplar Point.

Willie Bradshaw and Lillie B. Moore, both of Scotland Neck. Nathan L. Hyman and Pauline Daventport, both of Goose Nest. Charlie Warren Ward and Evelyn James, both of Robersonville.

Edward Earl Alligood, of Hamilton, and Vivian Hope Knowles, of Bertie.

T. Marvin Britton and Mary Leggett, both of Williamston.

Dr. Joshua Tayloe and Mary Ann Jamison, both of Washington. Paul Brown and Annie Belle Brown, both of Goose Nest.

Alfred P. Griffin, of Griffins, and Minnie Rogerson, of Bear Grass. Willie Hubert Harris and Louisa Gibson, both of Griffins.

Judson H. Jones and Olivia Gray Griffin, both of Williams.

Colored
William Henry Little and Connie Roberson, both of Martin County. Vernon Land and Eva Rodgers, both of Martin County.

George Roberson and Carrie Page, both of Robersonville. Fred Andrews and Carrie Lee Council, both of Robersonville. Matthew Little and Ella Mae Spruill, both of Cross Roads.

Samp Hopkins, of Pitt, and Virginia Page, of Robersonville. Zachariah Briley, of Williamston, and Lizzie May Eason, of Robersonville.

Louis Harris and Gracie Boston, both of Martin County. James Edward Gray and Laura Etta Ruffin, both of Jamesville.

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New 1934 Chevrolet Trucks On Display Here at Garage

A carload of new 1934 Chevrolet trucks were placed on display in the showroom of the Roanoke Chevrolet Company on Washington Street here yesterday, Mr. John Henry Edwards, manager of the company, stating that the new cars would be on display shortly.

New Grocery Store Begins Business Here

A new grocery store for Williamston was opened last week by Mr. J. S. Holliday. Mr. Holliday was formerly employed by the D. Pender Grocery Co., and the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. While employed by these companies he worked mostly in Virginia.

Mr. Holliday is the son of Mr. Joe Holliday, a prominent Martin County farmer, who lives near here.

DELIVER SLIPS

Approximately 75 per cent of the slips prepared for tobacco growers have been delivered to the owners here, it was learned this morning. After tomorrow the slips remaining undelivered will be carried to the office of the county agent in the courthouse. It is believed the move will cause some confusion, and it is advisable that those farmers planning to call for their slips do so not later than tomorrow. The sales slips or records of sales are being distributed from the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here.

ALL MERCHANTS ARE REQUIRED TO FILE REPORT

Have Until 15th of January To Make Report on Sales Tax

Mr. Edward James, deputy collector for the State Department of Revenue, having in charge the sales tax work in this territory, calls attention to the sales tax law, which requires that every merchant who is registered under the sales tax act must file a return as of the last day of December, 1933.

Under the sales tax law merchants who have made monthly returns are required to file a monthly return for the month of December, those who have made a quarterly return on October 1st are required to file returns covering the business since that date; those who have filed no returns are required to make returns covering business and sales since July 1st, 1933; if a merchant has made no returns at all he is required to file a return showing this fact.

This return on the part of the merchants in this locality is a necessary feature of the sales tax law and every merchant in the territory will be expected to make his return covering that period. Failure of the merchants to make a return for this period has no legal excuse and heavy penalties are attached by law for failure of the merchants to make these returns.

Under the act, the merchant has until the 15th day of January to make the return. The time fixed by law is mandatory and merchants failing to comply with the act in this respect will necessarily be held responsible for their failure to make return. A complete check-up of all merchants in this territory will be made before the end of the month, and the deputy commissioner here has the direct responsibility of seeing that every return is filed. Merchants failing to make a return will be held responsible for their failure to comply with the law.

Blanks will be mailed to every merchant on the list and complete cooperation of all merchants is required.

Program of Services At Christian Church

After a long time preaching service at the Christian church comes again. It is second Sunday and the beginning of the New Year, so let every member of the church and Bible school come out to all services next Sunday. The pastor will preach on "The 1934 Religious Horoscope," at the 11 o'clock service and on "Religion Happenings Fulfilling Prophecy" at the evening services.

A small church with a big mission. The friendly fellowship finer than the architect. Come out and worship at this beginning of 1934. Whatever things have hindered in the past, put them behind you and make a sensible new year's resolution to be faithful to the church just for a year. Public cordially invited to all services.

Jamesville Teams Have Clean Record for Season

Jamesville, Jan. 11.—Jamesville's basketball teams this week maintained an undefeated record for the season. Two double-headers, with Bear Grass and Creswell, added four more victories to the local teams during the period. Tuesday's game was played with almost professional skill, accumulating scores of 19 to 7 for the local boys and 20 to 14 for the girls. Martin led the scoring for the boys and Perry for the girls.

On Wednesday both ends of a double-header from Creswell were won, by the boys with a score of 32 to 5, and by the girls, 40 to 6. Roberson, with 8 points, contributed most to the boys' score, and Perry played stellar ball for the girls, making 25 of the 40 points.

Announce Services for Piney Grove Church

Rev. W. B. Harrington announces preaching at Piney Grove Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PITT MOB COMES HERE IN SEARCH OF NEGRO RAPIST

Man Had Been Put in Jail Here; Taken to Raleigh Before Mob Came

Jim Green, 25-year-old Pitt County negro, charged with criminally assaulting a white woman near Greenville twice last Sunday night, was arrested near Pactolus Tuesday morning by Sheriff Sam Whitehurst, of Pitt County.

Guarding against mob action, Sheriff Whitehurst and other officers brought Green here for safe keeping. Rumors were heard Wednesday morning indicating that a search of the jail would be made here that night, and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was advised to move the prisoner to another jail. The Martin sheriff and Patrolman Rodman left here that afternoon at 2 o'clock, and it is believed they delivered Green to state prison authorities in Raleigh for safe keeping until the Pitt Grand jury meets the latter part of this month.

Green was chained and placed in the foot of the car with a blanket over him. The officers followed an indirect route into Raleigh, it was said.

Reports stated that several persons, riding in two cars, believed to have been from Pitt County, came here about midnight Wednesday inquiring after Green. They were told at a filling station here that Green had been moved, but they did not accept the information in its entirety, as they went to the home of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck about 1 o'clock. They did not call the officer, but they went a short distance from his home and fired several pistol shots and left. It was stated that several cars were outside of the town limits awaiting developments, but the source of this information was not established. Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy J. H. Roebuck made an investigation early yesterday morning, but they failed to learn of any mob activities.

Green is said to have made a written statement, confessing he attacked Steve Edwards, married man with two children, and Miss Marie Hogue. He said he had been drinking and lay down to sober up the night of the crime. When he awakened he entered a road where he said he met a man and a girl in an automobile. He said the man ordered him to leave and then struck him. He struck at the man, but immediately left, got a heavy oak stick and returned.

He stated the man again got out of the car and advanced toward him. This time he struck the man over the head with the club, ordered the girl to get in the car, promising to carry her to a near-by service station.

When the car reached the station, he stated the girl attempted to get out but he pulled her back into the seat. He then drove into the woods and attacked the girl the first time in spite of stout resistance. Several miles further down the road he again pulled into the woods and told the girl to get out. He threatened her again with bodily harm if she did not do as he commanded. She refused to yield, and he said he hit her over the head with a pop bottle and attacked her again.

Then he left her lying in the road, got in the car and sped away. Shortly afterward the gas gave out and he went to the home of Dave Dunn, where he was arrested Tuesday by Sheriff Whitehurst, who had been searching for the negro since the crime was committed.

RECORDER HAD BUT SIX CASES

Session Lasted Practically All Day; Review of Cases Tried

Although there were only six cases handled, the recorder's court continued in session during a greater part of last Tuesday. In the absence of Solicitor W. H. Coburn, Attorney R. L. Coburn prosecuted the docket. D. M. Roberson, charged with operating a motor truck trailer with an improper license, was fined \$25 in one case and \$10 in another, the costs to be added.

Walter Biggs, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$15. Jim Staton Godard and Henry Roberson, charged with gambling, were fined \$10 each. In a second case charging Godard with the illegal possession of liquor, he was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

In the case charging him with an assault, Fred Douglas was given the opportunity to pay a \$10 fine or go to the roads for 30 days.

Bright Edwards was sentenced to the roads for four months on a larceny charge. Walter Morris received a similar sentence in a case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.