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Postal Receipts Greatest Since High Peak In 1929

Every Branch of Local Office Shows Much Spending

KRAMER PLEASED
\$13,000 In Money Orders In One Month; Stamp Sales Increase, Too

If it is true, as federal postal authorities assert, that industrial conditions throughout the nation may be gauged by the amount of business done through local post offices, then things are very much on the up and up here.

Not since 1929, reckoned as the banner year for an all time high at the Edenton post office, has postal business been so great, as it was during the quarter ending December 31, last.

In his modesty and with uncompleted figures still before him, Postmaster Carroll E. Kramer stated yesterday he felt safe in saying that stamp sales alone out of the local office in 1936 would come within \$100 of reaching the peak sales of 1929, and a final finished compilation might increase this.

While other communities have unhesitatingly announced their stamp statistics from month to month and from quarter to quarter, or by years, Mr. Kramer, a stickler for the proper, takes the position this is in violation of postal regulations and that reason declined to give any of the year's business statistics from his office. But he is anxious in repeating that each of the departments under him business had shown marked increase.

Specially there has been a sharp increase in the sale of postal bonds in postal savings deposits, and interest taken of late in the so-called security certificates indicates that community interests are alive to future opportunities.

Still holding firm in his insistence that completed figures should be guarded safely Mr. Kramer, however did state that \$450 worth more of stamps were dispensed at the Edenton post office for the final quarter of 1936 than for the same period of

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School At Merry Hill Will Be Held Saturday

School will be held Saturday of this week at Merry Hill High School. This announcement was made by Superintendent J. A. Williams on Monday, the session being called to make up for the day before Christmas, when school closed for the holidays.

Permanent Tree For Decoration Purposes At Foot Broad Street

In the expectation of having a permanent tree to be used in Christmas decoration, city officials this week planted a beautiful cedar tree on the parking at the foot of Broad Street. If care and precaution mean anything to the progress of the town should be relieved of the worry every year in securing an appropriate tree for decoration purposes in connection with lighting the business section. An exceptionally large hole was dug on the parking to allow the roots to take hold and as a precautionary measure guy wires were fastened to the tree to prevent its being torn loose from the ground.

The tree is a beautiful cedar which graced the front of W. C. Bunch's home in North Edenton and was donated by him to the town because the new sewer line on the street would most likely interfere with the roots and it would probably die. It is not as large at present as the one placed there this year to be decorated, but it has a beautiful shape and if its growth is not retarded should eventually provide a permanent tree the beauty of which should be hard to find anywhere in the neighborhood.

Previously every year the securing of a tree to be electrically decorated at Christmas time has been a source of considerable trouble to town officials, and they, together with the citizens who are not in sympathy with the destruction of trees for Christmas decoration, welcome the addition of the attractiveness of the tree not only during the holidays, but throughout the entire year.

Marriage Licenses Issued During 1936 Less Than In 1935

Though the marriage license business in Chowan County got off to a good start the first five days of the new year, the number of licenses issued during 1936 fell behind the previous year's mark. According to Mrs. Maurice L. Bunch, deputy register of deeds, her records show that 98 marriage licenses were issued during 1936 as compared with 102 during 1935.

However, if the past five days are an indication in the pick-up in marriages, a record may be registered during 1937.

FISHERMEN PLAN ATTEND RALEIGH MEET JAN. 11-12

Will Mean Calamity If Season Prohibits Catching of Herring Not Later Than April 15

That fishermen in this section will be well represented at the meeting of the State Board of Conservation and Development in Raleigh was vouched for Tuesday by A. S. Smith, president of the Albemarle Fishermen's Association. Mr. Smith was in receipt of a letter from John Nelson, chairman of the State Fish Commission, advising him that the meeting will be held next Monday and Tuesday, January 11 and 12, and to notify any who may be interested to attend.

At this meeting the Board will study reports from meetings held in various parts of the fishing sections of the State relative to limiting the fishing season in order to save shad, the catch of which has been dwindling year after year.

It is the purpose of the Board to bring the fishing season to a close on April 15, as a means to prevent the taking of shad during the spawning season, but fishermen locally have long since practically disregarded shad as a money crop due to the scarcity of this fish and have relied almost entirely upon herring to make a profit.

However, according to local fishermen the principal catch of herring is made after April 15, and by closing (Continued on Page Five)

N. L. Ward Recovers 34 Stolen Chickens

By rushing to Suffolk on Tuesday, N. L. Ward is now in possession of 34 chickens which were missing from his hen house since early Friday morning. Mr. Ward reported to the police Friday that a number of chickens had been stolen and upon investigation the only clue to the thieves was the peculiar tread of an automobile tire near the Ward home.

On Sunday Wayland Moore while casually glancing over a Suffolk newspaper saw an article saying an approximate number of chickens stolen from Ward were found in a woods near Suffolk by the Virginia sheriff. It was learned that an automobile was also stolen from the D. Pender Grocery Company and it is thought the same parties made the raid on Mr. Ward's hen house, but expecting to be caught as daylight broke abandoned the car and placed the chickens in the woods.

A. Koch Killed By Falling Tree At Home

Augustus Koch, retired German naval officer and well known in Edenton, was killed yesterday afternoon when a tree, which he had previously cut down, but which had fallen into another tree, fell on him when he attempted to bring it to the ground.

Deceased was a member of the Perquimans Lodge of Masons and augmented a pension by raising bees and selling honey. The fatal accident occurred near his home on the Edenton-Hertford highway, near Light Nixon Fork.

Bank Stockholders Meet January 14th

Stockholders of the Bank of Edenton this week were notified that the regular annual meeting will be held Thursday, January 14, at 3 P. M. in the bank building. Every stockholder is urged to be present or to be represented by proxy.

ADDITIONAL FUND SOUGHT TO HELP SEWING ROOMS

County Commissioners Pledge Extra Monthly Increase

TOWN COMES NEXT
Must Have \$15 More Per Month on 50-50 Basis

The principal item of business to confront the County Commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday was a request from Mrs. C. P. Wales and Mrs. Percy Perry for an added contribution on behalf of the sewing rooms in the County. Mrs. Wales presented the matter to the Commissioners, informing them that unless a regular contribution of \$15 per month was made to take care of the incidental expenses of the project which is not provided for by the government, the project would be abandoned.

Mrs. Wales advanced the merits of the sewing rooms, saying that the County is saved considerable money due to materials made in the sewing rooms and turned over to those who otherwise would call on the County for help. Besides, Mrs. Wales said, some of those employed are the sole breadwinners in families who have no other source of income, and in this way the County also is relieved of calls for help.

To fully acquaint the Commissioners with what is being done in the sewing rooms, they were presented with an abbreviated report which showed that there are 58 workers employed with a monthly payroll of \$1,357.48. The average number of garments made per month is 1,138, with a total value estimated at \$417.70.

Previously the County had paid half of the rent for sewing rooms and half of the fuel bill, the Town cooperating and paying the other half. Under the new arrangement the County agreed to pay half of the \$15 monthly request, provided the Town will pay the other half. Both Mrs. Wales and Mrs. Perry feel confident Town Council would agree to do this.

The total expense to the County for this phase of relief work at present amounts to \$17.50 per month which represents half of the rent for office and sewing rooms, plus half of the fuel and telephone bill. To this, if the Town cooperates, will be added \$7.50, half of the \$15 request.

Ten Whooping Cough Cases In December

An increase of whooping cough cases in Chowan County during December was noted in the report of Dr. J. A. Powell, assistant collaborating epidemiologist for the N. C. State Board of Health, made Monday morning to the County Commissioners. Ten houses have been placarded with signs, according to the report, which also lists one case of diphtheria, two cases of chicken pox and two cases of scarlet fever during the month.

Dr. Powell's report also was to the effect that all inmates at the County Home were in good health except one.

Automobile Damaged On Chowan Bridge

Though no one was injured, the car of Ernest White of the Merry Hill section was damaged Tuesday night on the Chowan River bridge. A truck loaded with saw mill equipment had passed over the bridge and about midway between the draw and the Bertie County side a smoke stack fell from the truck. Mrs. C. P. Wales, who was first to pass the obstruction, notified Capt. Pat Bell, who immediately started to place a warning signal, but before he reached the scene Mr. White's son had run into the stack, narrowly averting going overboard.

Teacher At Merry Hill Tenders Resignation

Mr. Ward, teacher of English and history in the Merry Hill High School, will leave about the middle of January to take a position with the Production Credit Association with headquarters in Windsor. His successor has not been announced.

All of the faculty returned Sunday to continue the year's work, classes resuming studies on Monday morning.

RECORDS BROKEN IN SALE OF 1937 MOTOR LICENSES

About \$30,000 Paid For Tags December 15 to January 5

300% INCREASE
Nearly 2,500 Plates Issued Locally In Same Period

Coupled with the announcement published in a nearby column today indicating prosperity had at last turned the corner as shown by a greatly increased year's business through the local post office, came further proof of this assertion yesterday through motor license sale statistics furnished by the Edenton bureau handling such sales.

The statistics in question as given out by Mrs. Leon Leary, Chowan representative of the Carolina Motor Club, show a 300 per cent advance in 1937 license tag sales for 1937 over the year before, with a corresponding increase in revenue received.

Approximately \$10,000 was received by such sales during the last month rush period for 1936 tags, while from December 15 to January 5 last such sales aggregated \$30,000.

Further evidence of the enormity of the licensing business transacted at the Edenton office is shown by the report that during the entire year of 1936 but 3,465 tags were sold, while for the less than a month period from December 15 to January 5 last 2,425 licenses for 1937 were disposed of.

The 1936 license sales were, for passenger cars 2,723, for trucks, 425, and for trailers, 317 tags.

The comparison of such sales is again best demonstrated by considering the final month's rush in each year. In the closing period of 1935 and first five days of 1936, the statistics showed 653 passenger cars had been protected with tags, and 69 trucks and 28 trailers, or a total of 750.

For the identical period since December 15 last the sales were, for passenger cars 1,950 tags, for trucks 300 tags, and for trailers 175 tags, or a total of 2,425 tags for 1937 display.

Mrs. Leary and her office associate, Miss Goldie Layton, under daily guard of Corporal George Dail and other State Highway Patrolmen, were active daily far into the night each day before the first of the rush, but feel that the peak of the rush has now been passed.

To accommodate the acceptance of the heavy receipts daily the Bank of Edenton kept its vault open every day until 5 P. M.

\$15,000 Allowed For Harbor In Edenton

Included in the list of river and harbor maintenance recommendations embodied in the annual report of the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army as submitted to Congress Tuesday, were several appropriations for keeping waterways open in this section.

One recommendation provided for an expenditure of \$15,000 in 1937 for Edenton Harbor maintenance, and another of \$4,000 for the water maintenance of Mackeys Creek, principally used these days by the Edenton-Mackeys Ferry Company.

The maintenance allotments are embraced in an Associated Press dispatch from Washington to this effect yesterday.

George Dail Attending "School" At Chapel Hill

Highway Patrol Corporal George Dail is in attendance this week at a meeting of State law enforcement officers held under the auspices of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill. He left Monday and the "school" is expected to ran ten days. During his absence patrol work here will be in charge of Highway Patrolman Lane, of Elizabeth City.

JOHN GRAHAM IN CHARGE OF ROTARY PROGRAM TODAY

The weekly luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club will be held at 1 o'clock today in the Parish House. John Graham, who replaces Jesse White as program chairman for the quarter, will present to the Rotarians a list of obscure and strange legal questions, which will no doubt prove interesting to the Rotarians, as well as create considerable discussion.

Edenton Ladies Put Brakes To Donation Of Old Cannon

Edenton Invited To Join E. City In Ball For President Jan. 30

Though no President's Ball will be held in Edenton, Elizabeth City is planning such an affair for January 30, and in an effort to make the ball a success Edenton has been asked to cooperate. To this end Carroll E. Kramer has been named Edenton chairman and will use his efforts to have a large delegation of Edentonians on hand.

Already a number from here have expressed their intention of attending. At this writing it is not known what orchestra will furnish the music.

Edenton is now without a suitable place to stage a celebration of this sort, but by next year it is hoped the new Armory will have been completed which will be capable of housing any sort of an affair Edenton might wish to hold.

COURT HOUSE NOW IS PARTLY STEAM HEATED

Initial Steps Taken Which Will Eventually Develop Into Modernly Heated Building

Aside from Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Bunch, register of deeds and deputy register of deeds respectively, lawyers in general will welcome the improvement now being made in the heating system in the historic Chowan County Court House.

Plumbers this week are setting up radiators in the vault adjoining the register of deeds' office as well as in the small jury room on the second floor which will be heated from a hot water furnace in the register of deeds' office.

Heretofore there has been a stove only in the register of deeds' office which was incapable of furnishing any heat in the vault which is frequented by lawyers in search of information and where both Mr. and Mrs. Bunch must spend considerable time in connection with their duties. In cold weather the vault is extremely uncomfortable and in fact those who are obliged to use the room many times postponed their visit for fear of contracting a cold. In the small room on the second floor a flimsy tin heater was the only source of heat heretofore.

It is almost impossible to use the large second floor room during cold weather, the two open fire places (Continued on Page Four)

Poultry School Held In E. City Monday

All Chowan County farmers and their wives who are interested in the production of poultry are cordially invited to attend a poultry school in the Pasquotank County Court House, Elizabeth City, on Monday, January 11. The morning session will be held between 10 and 12 o'clock, and the afternoon session will be held between 1 and 3 o'clock.

Mr. Parrish, Mr. Brown, Mr. Maupin and Dr. Dearstyne, poultry specialists from State College, Raleigh, will conduct the school. If there are any problems to be solved or any questions to ask relative to farm flocks, they will be glad to help. If any are interested in making money on poultry, it will pay them to attend this meeting.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent, and Farm Agent Rowell will be among those from Chowan who will attend.

S. S. Convention At Macedonia Sunday

The Chowan Sunday School Convention will meet at Macedonia Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon promptly at 2:30 o'clock. A very good program has been arranged, which includes Dr. Bernard Spillman as one of the speakers. A large attendance is urged.

WORK RESUMED THIS WEEK ON NEW FILLING STATION

Following the cessation of work during the holidays, the erection of the new Sinclair filling station at the corner of Broad and Queen streets is now rapidly going forth. Workmen began work this

Town Council Rescinds Previous Action at Special Meeting

PETITION SIGNED
Delegation of Matrons Protest Removal of Old Relics

Meeting in a special session at the call of Mayor E. W. Spires Town Council on Monday night rescinded its action of the regular December meeting when it was unanimously voted to donate one of the Revolutionary cannon to the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Va. The reversal of the former action was taken as the result of considerable objection on the part of ladies of the town who after consulting with Mayor Spires and individual councilmen hurriedly prepared a petition to present at the meeting.

At the December meeting the Museum, through W. D. Pruden, asked for one of the cannon to be placed on exhibition. At that time members of the board, in the absence of Mr. Spires, were of the opinion that inasmuch as there are a number of the cannon now here, the town would greatly benefit by publicity gained through the Museum which is of national scope. However, when Council agreed to donate the cannon, objection on the part of the ladies was anticipated and it was decided not to inform Museum officials of their action until those interested had time to make their objections known.

This objection, and a vigorous one at that, materialized this week and a delegation appeared before the Councilmen in support of the petition and registered their objection to parting with anything in town of any historical significance. Those who composed the delegation were: Mrs. R. P. Badham, Mrs. Chas. P. Wales, Mrs. Henry A. Bond, Mrs. H. M. S. Cason, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Miss Mary Pruden, Mrs. T. E. Gardner, Mrs. J. N. Pruden and Mrs. H. H. Preston. Accompanying the ladies also were J. A. Moore, R. P. Badham and Chas. P. Wales.

Mr. Spires asked for the spokesman of the group to present the matter, when Mrs. Henry Bond presented the petition to the Mayor who ordered it read to his board. The petition was worded as follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens and residents of the Town of Edenton, having had it brought to our attention that it is the purpose of the Mayor and council to give and donate to the Mariner's Museum of Virginia a certain cannon of the period of the War of the Revolution, said cannon being now placed at the northwest corner of the intersection of Queen and Granville streets in the Town of Edenton, do respectfully request that said purpose be not carried out.

"For that we feel that to remove any of the landmarks of historical places or things from the town will do irreparable damage to the town and will remove one of its most valuable assets and will lessen its interest to visitors and that we should do everything in our power to preserve the historical interest of the (Continued on Page Five)

Rush Business For Marriage Licenses As New Year Begins

Dan Cupid became very busy with his arrow darts in these parts as the New Year began, up to Tuesday afternoon six marriage licenses having been issued by Mrs. Maurice L. Bunch, deputy register of deeds, during the first five days of the year. The contracting parties were as follows:

- Rufus Elliott and Myrtha Hurdle, colored, both of Chowan County.
 - Louis Miller and Hilda Corprew, white, both of Chowan County.
 - Charlie Mourning and Sarah Cooper, colored, both of Chowan County.
 - Luther Grimes, colored, of Roper, and Harriett Elizabeth Coffield, of Merry Hill.
 - Sir Walter Raleigh Hayes and Daisy Holley, colored, both of Bertie County.
 - Joe Leary and Adeline Cobb, colored, of Bertie County.
- The last marriage license of 1936 was issued to Fulton Edw. Driggs and Gertrude Nixon, white, both of Chowan County. They were married by Rev. Frank Cale at the Baptist parsonage at Center Hill.