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MR. J. T. PRICE IS RE-APPOINTED POST MASTER

Re-appointment Made By President Hoover A Few Days Ago

THIRD TERM AT POST

Started as Clerk in Local Office Under Late J. M. Sitterson, Receiving \$9 a Month at That Time

Mr. Jesse T. Price started his third term as postmaster here this month, President Hoover making the re-appointment a few days ago, according to information received here. The re-appointment was approved by the Senate shortly after it was made by the President.

This is Mr. Price's third term as postmaster at the local office. He was first appointed by President Harding, reappointed by Coolidge and this time by Mr. Hoover.

Mr. Price started in the postal service with the late Joseph M. Sitterson as a clerk which job he held for three years. After Sitterson's retirement, he was clerk under J. R. Mobley for nine and one-half years, which gives him a term of 20-1/2 years in the service. This was not continuous however as he was out of the service during the term of the late L. B. Wynn who was postmaster for six years.

A marked change has resulted in the local office since Mr. Price started in the service. When he first entered the service, he received nine dollars a month or \$108 a year. Clerk hire now runs as high as \$7,200 per year in the local office, that amount not including the postmaster's salary which is \$2,500.

In addition to the clerk hire and the postmaster's salary there are two village carriers who received around \$1,300 each and five rural carriers who get about \$12,000 a year as a body.

The income of the office is now about \$14,000 a year against \$3,000 when Mr. Price entered the service. While the local office shows a good profit, the extra service of the carriers shows a big loss. The total income runs about \$14,000 and the total cost amounting to around \$25,000, that sum representing all salaries, rents and other expenses.

This is ample proof that the policy of the government to give as near as possible a universal service is an expensive undertaking, the cost of the outside service in this county to people living many miles from post offices running much higher than the local cost.

Twenty-seven years ago, the total cost here was, Postmaster's salary, \$1,200, clerk, \$108, office rent, \$200, a total of \$1,508. At that time everyone had to go to the office for every service. Now the office is sending mail to 2,500 people by town carriers and to over 6,000 by rural carriers.

The office, it is estimated, handles \$124,000 yearly in money orders and a postal savings-bank with about \$10,000 business.

The Williamston post office, including postmaster, every clerk and carrier and on down to the janitor, is rendering an efficient service for the patrons.

COTTON SHIPPED BACK TO CO-OPS

1,600 Bales Being Shipped from Norfolk to Co-op Houses in Tarboro

Approximately 1,600 bales of cotton shipped to Norfolk where it was stored last year, are being brought back to Eastern Carolina for storage in the Cotton Association's warehouses at Tarboro. The first of the shipments, around 500 bales, was handled this week over the N. B. & C. line, that company carrying the cotton from the local wharf to Norfolk last year.

The shipments were ordered duplicated when there developed a difference of 1 cent per pound in the association and out of the association, the owners making several thousand dollars by bringing it back, it is understood. While it could not be learned officially, it is reported that hundreds of bales of cotton are being shipped from other storage points to the association warehouse at Tarboro.

White House Timber Here in Williamston

Just what forest the political parties will visit for their next White House timber is of little concern right now, as the next election is still far off, but it is a settled fact that there is White House timber right here in Williamston. It's not the kind that causes many rows and disturbances, however; it's merely a small block of wood that was used in the rebuilding of the White House shortly after the building was destroyed by fire in 1812. This particular piece of wood was removed when the White House was remodeled in 1927.

The small block, hardly more than 2 by 5 inches, was sent to Mr. W. H. Williams here, and is in a perfect state of preservation, although over 100 years old.

TO HOLD FIRST SERVICE IN NEW CHURCH SUNDAY

Public Cordially Invited To Worship With Members At First Service at 11

ORGANIZED MAY, 1928

Church, With Twenty-Two Charter Members, Is Sixth To Erect House of Worship Here

Organized here a little less than two years ago on May 6, 1928, the Williamston Presbyterian Church will hold the first services in its new and handsome edifice, corner Main and Watts Streets, next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it was officially announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff.

"It is with a great deal of pleasure to extend a cordial welcome to the general public to attend and worship with us in this our first service in our new quarters," Rev. Z. T. Piephoff stated in his announcements this morning. Everyone should have a church home, we invite you to use ours in this capacity," the pastor added.

With twenty-two charter members, Mr. P. R. Reeves, Mrs. Anna Harrison, Mrs. C. G. Crockett, Carrol and Mary Ann Crockett, Mrs. Erah S. Cobb, Marion and Dillon Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rodgers, Mary and Margaret Rodgers, Miss Delphia Peebles, T. B. Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harrison, Ernest and Alice Harrison, Mrs. M. D. Watts, Mrs. L. P. Lindsley and Lawrence G. Lindsley, under the leadership of Rev. A. J. Crane, Dr. E. E. Gillespie and the late Rev. J. L. Yandell, the church earnestly entered the religious field here, having added to its membership greatly and constructed the new building within a comparatively short time. The Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, the church's first regular pastor, entered upon his regular duties here last May, and through his efforts and under his direction the work of the church has progressed rapidly. Regular services, conducted in the Woman's Club hall during the past several months, were held there for the last time last Sunday morning when the congregation was notified that the religious work would be continued in the new church Sunday, March 2.

The denomination is the sixth to erect its own house of worship here, adding greatly to the material as well as the spiritual progress of the town and community. The Rev. Mr. Piephoff's ministry is meeting with much success here and at Bear Grass where he conducts services in the school auditorium there each Sunday evening.

The town and all its people join with the Presbyterians in taking pride in the new edifice erected at a cost of around \$12,000, and wish the congregation and the Church a continued success.

PHILATHEAS TO PRESENT PLAY

Raise Funds to Buy Truck to Transport Children to Sunday Schools

Members of the local Baptist Philatheas class are preparing the hit of the season, "The Whole Town's Talking," which will be presented in the high school auditorium here next Tuesday evening.

Home-directed and with all home-taken supplies the parts, the comedy promises to be one of the best ever staged here by local players, according to reports coming from the daily practices.

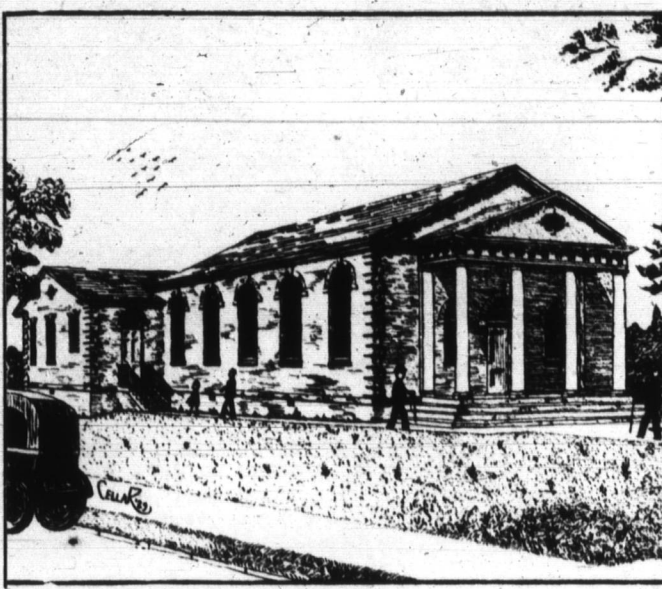
The cast, directed by Mrs. J. D. Biggs, includes popular characters who are giving much time and study to the play's production.

The play is being produced in an effort to raise funds with which to purchase a truck to transport children desiring to attend Sunday school here, it was stated. While the Philatheas Class of the Baptist church is sponsoring the play, the trucks will be free to any children on the routes served.

Program of Services at Church of the Advent

The Sunday before Lent: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Ash Wednesday service, Wednesday at 10 a. m. Lenten service Friday afternoon at 4:30. Forgiveness is the most refined and generous point that human nature can attain to. Cowards have done good and kind actions, but a coward never forgave; it is not in his nature to do so.—Latimer. He that can not forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.—Herbert. Holy Trinity Mission Bear Grass Road Evening service every Friday evening at 7:15. Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

WILLIAMSTON'S NEWEST CHURCH



Architect's drawing of the Presbyterian Church, which was completed here recently. The first service will be held in the new edifice Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, the pastor, will preach.

PRINCIPALS HOLD MEETING HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Economy Program Is Discussed, But No Action Taken

ROADS ARE PROBLEM

Cost of Operating Trucks Over Bad Roads Is Excessive; Other Matters Discussed

The several Martin County School principals with other school officials held their regular monthly conference here last Wednesday evening. An economy program was discussed at length, but no definite action followed the discussion, it was stated.

The suggestion advancing a change in the regular schedule whereby an eight-months term could be handled in seven months' time, met with little favor from the standpoint of economy and progress in the schools. Limiting the terms would effect a very small reduction in the tax rate, one of about 7 cents, it is understood. It is believed that the proposed plan would be with little favor on the part of the children and patrons, and when considering the fact that the teachers are without work from four to six months, it would be unfair to them.

The condition of the roads during the early part of this month offered another perplexing problem for the conference, the principals stating that the cost of operating trucks over bad roads increased greatly. It was stated that several of the township road committees were handicapped, by a lack of finances, and found it impossible to work the roads when a little attention would effect a saving of greater proportion in the operation of the buses.

KIWANIANS HOLD GOOD MEETING

Suggestions Are Offered for Type of Programs To Be Used at Meetings

The last Wednesday meeting of the Kiwanis club here was one of the best held here in many months, almost a hundred per cent of the membership attending and taking part in the program. Two new members, Messrs. M. J. Moye and Chas. B. Roebuck, were added to the membership.

Dr. P. B. Cone, member in charge of the meeting, asked for expressions as to the kind of programs to present this year. The response was very pleasing and helpful.

Mr. Wheeler Martin talked for the Scouts and asked that the club and the individual members give the boys their support and lend their influence in the work.

E. S. Peel pointed to the need of pushing the live-at-home movement.

Dr. John D. Biggs asked that all the members stand together in upholding the officers in their work and take a part in the club's activities.

Rev. C. H. Dickey advocated more musical activities.

Supt. R. A. Pope talked on Kiwanis education and mentioned the opportunity of helping crippled and feeble-minded children.

Mayor R. L. Coburn stressed the need of play and why the club should help in forming good play places including a swimming pool.

Many Families Continue To Move in This Section

Having failed to secure new homes in early January, many tenants are prolonging the moving this season, some going one way and some another, with their wagons and trucks loaded with household goods in search of a resting place during the remainder of the year. Last year there were a few families who found it necessary to move as late as February, but so far this season the number is far greater than the number moving late last year.

UNABLE TO FORM NEW CO-OP BODY

Failure Admitted at Meeting of County Chairmen in Suffolk This Week

Suffolk, Va., Feb. 26.—Failure in their efforts to form a new cooperative peanut growers association along lines approved by the Federal farm loan board was admitted in a statement adopted by the Virginia-Carolina organization committee, meeting here today. The resolutions were adopted after five and one-half hours of discussion of virtually all angles of the situation. The committee is composed of organization chairmen appointed recently in the various counties of the Virginia-Carolina peanut belt.

The resolutions were offered by J. S. McNider, of Perquimans County, North Carolina. They follow:

"It appears that after a full and frank expression from all the representatives of the various counties composing the organization committee of the peanut growers, it is the opinion of this committee that sentiment in the county at the present time among the growers of peanuts, demanding a co-operative organization as contemplated by the Federal Farm Board, is not of sufficient force to warrant this committee in further efforts at this time."

"While this committee is of the opinion that the situation among the farmers demands cooperation, and the committee is favorable to the contract now before us, yet in face of the present sentiment the committee feels helpless in its effort to obtain a sign-up, and we so report to the peanut growers of North Carolina and Virginia, and the committee hereby holds itself in readiness to act freely and promptly upon the demand of the farmers, large growers, bankers, and time merchants, and the assurance of proper support to an organization, to renew its efforts in hastening the completion of an organization of an association, and as its first move expects to cooperate in a series of education meetings."

FEDERAL AGENTS GET SIX STILLS IN TWO DAYS' RAIDS

Tuesday and Wednesday Were Hard Days on Moonshiners

GET FOUR IN ONE DAY

All Six of Plants Raided Were Cold and None of Operators Caught; Destroy 4,000 Gallons Mash

Federal officers and deputies captured six liquor stills and destroyed approximately 4,000 gallons of beer in raids conducted Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It is the belief of the officers that liquor manufacturing in this county is being handled on a cheap scale, as a whole, only two of the six plants having copper kettles. At one plant, the officers stated that gasoline drums were being used as fermenters.

Near Wiltz Siding, in Williams Township last Tuesday, the officers found a small copper kettle and a gas drum with five barrels of beer divided between the plants.

In Bear Grass Township last Wednesday the officers captured four stills, one of them being made of copper and of 100 gallons capacity. The other three plants were of the steam type. One of the three steam plants was located on a platform built in Bear Grass Swamp and was accessible by boat only. Approximately 3,000 gallons of beer were turned out, but no liquor was found.

All six of the plants were closed down when the officers made the raids and no arrests were made.

Raiding yesterday in other sections of the county, the officers met with little luck, capturing no stills and making no arrests.

DISTRIBUTE 25 PAIRS OF QUAIL

Game Warden Has Easy Time in Disposing of County Allotment

Twenty-five pairs of Mexican quail were distributed to farmers all over the County Wednesday and yesterday by County Game Warden J. W. Hines, the birds apparently receiving a warm welcome at the hands of those who applied for a pair.

Several of the birds escaped, but the warden recaptured them, only losing one and that one having died en route here from Texas, where they were raised.

The Department of Conservation and Development distributed many birds over the State last year, many farmers receiving the birds at that time reporting much success with them.

Assist Income Taxpayers in Filing Their Returns

Income taxpayers will have the opportunity to list with Deputy Commissioner Edward James at the Atlantic here March 6.

LOCAL JUNIORS PRESENT BIBLE TO SCHOOL HERE

Many Attend and Take A Part in Presentation Exercises

DR. BREWER SPEAKS

Dr. Brewer, in 45-Minute Address, Explains Purpose and Ideals of the Junior Order

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In an impressive and well-planned exercise, the Martin Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics presented the local high school a Bible and flag yesterday afternoon, Dr. Charles E. Brewer, Vice Councilor of the Order's National Council and president of Meredith College, making the main address.

The afternoon's program was opened by prayer offered by Rev. D. W. Petty of the local Methodist church. After telling briefly of the work the Order is doing, T. E. Beaman, District Councilor of Greenville, presented Rev. C. H. Dickey who introduced the speaker, Mr. Brewer.

In a 45-minute address, Dr. Brewer explained the purpose and ideals of the Junior Order, pointing out its insurance features, its charitable and benevolent work, its moral position and especially its stand for universal education and its democracy in political and religious matters.

The speaker's points advanced on education were plain and practical. The purpose of an education is not to teach us how to make a living but how to make a life, the speaker declared. Dr. Brewer pointed out that most of our errors are made while we rest, that we are safe while we sleep and are generally at peace while we work. "We are in grave danger when we rest and play, for in that period of the day's program most of our crimes are committed, most of our falls are taken and many of our bad habits are formed," the councilor stated. He urged that a strong guard of protection should be placed by the parents around their boys and girls.

The flag was presented by E. S. Peel who made a good talk on the meaning of the flag and what it stands for. The Boy Scouts, holding the flag during the presentation, made the ceremony very impressive.

The Bible was presented by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff who gave a short history of the Bible and told of its influence upon past generations and what it means to those who are to follow. He urged the use of the Book in the public schools, but advocated its use for one purpose, to teach reverence for God. His appeal was in accord with one of the principles in the Junior Order's code, to place the Bible in the public schools.

Professor Wm. R. Watson accepted the Bible in behalf of the school, the meeting closing with a benediction by Rev. Mr. Dickey, of the local Baptist church.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

On the second Sunday afternoon in March, the various churches in town propose to take a religious census of Williamston. This badly needs to be done. And it will be necessary for each church to furnish a considerable quota of workers.

The Baptist church asks the following persons to please hold themselves in readiness to render the church and the community this bit of service on Sunday afternoon, March 9th: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, Mrs. P. B. Cone, Mrs. Warren Biggs, Miss Ethel Harris, Mr. Bruce Wynne, Julian Anderson, Julian Harrell, James Edwin Harrell, Fred Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Courtney, L. L. Hallman, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hall, Mrs. Hugh Holloman, A. T. Crawford, Mrs. W. M. McLein, Mrs. Billie Hodges, Mrs. John Biggs, Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening.

Let the membership of the church remember to bring their offers each Sunday when they come to worship.

For just now the church needs cooperation and the constant support of each of its membership.

At the Sunday evening service, the Lord's Supper will be observed. It is desired that a large attendance upon the part of the church membership be present at this service.

Presbyterian Services At Bear Grass Sunday Night

The usual Presbyterian services will be held in the school house auditorium at Bear Grass Sunday March 2, 7:30 p. m., it was announced by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff today. The subject will be, "Excuses." The public is cordially invited to attend.

Services at Cedar Branch Baptist Church Sunday

Regular preaching services will be held in the Baptist church at Cedar Branch next Sunday, it was announced yesterday, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, preaching at both the 11 and 7:30 o'clock hours. The public is cordially invited to attend.

DROP IN NUMBER CASES IN COURT OF JUDGE BAILEY

"Hard Times" Seem To Be Having Effect on People's Behavior

TRY SEVEN TUESDAY

Liquor Cases Continue to Hold Their Percentage of Docket; Several Tried for Assault

For several sessions, the recorder's court docket in this county has carried very few cases, unfavorable financial conditions apparently affecting the general behavior of many. While there are a few thefts reported now and then, the number of such cases is considered unusually small under present conditions. Liquor cases still continue on the docket, as well as a few assault cases.

Seven cases were called last Tuesday, all the charges being of no great importance. The case charging Theodore Watson, small negro boy caught stealing money from the bakery here, was remanded to the juvenile court.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Matthew Griffin with disorderly conduct.

Earl Latham, found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for a term of 12 months. An appeal was entered in the case.

The case charging Pete Mendenhall with manufacturing liquor was continued one week.

W. Stokes, found guilty of operating an auto while intoxicated, was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs. Unable to raise the fine, Stokes continues in jail, relatives advising a road sentence, it was learned yesterday.

Judgment was suspended in John Doss Wynn's case when he entered a plea of guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

Jesse Bland, charged with being drunk and disorderly, failed to answer when called, papers being issued for his arrest.

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS MEETING

Local Grammar Grade Children Take Part In Program

The local Woman's club held its regular meeting in its hall yesterday afternoon with only a few members attending. Various reports, relative to the various club activities, were read, and other matters were discussed.

A letter was read from Mrs. Land, State President, thanking the Woman's club for its cooperation in caring for the "needy" of the county through its welfare department.

Miss Sleeper reported that she is securing a picture for Better Homes week, beginning April 27.

The treasurer reported \$25.81 on hand with about a hundred dollars being expended in various way during the past three months.

Mrs. Roy Gurganus reported \$38.75 from the sale of Christmas seals, this amount to be expended for charity purposes alone.

Mrs. W. C. Manning reported the conditions in the relief work as being much better, that the number of needy cases was much less than at one time.

The picture, "What has Happened to North Carolina Landscapes," will be shown in the Watts theatre during March, this being sponsored by the Civics committee.

Mrs. J. G. Staton asked for a chair. (Continued on the back page)

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff Preaches at Farm Life Sunday 3 P. M.

Following an arrangement made with the trustees of the Farm Life School, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of the Presbyterian church, will conduct a series of services in the school auditorium there, the first of the services to be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced here this morning.

A general invitation is extended to all to attend the services. Mr. R. F. Pope, popular singer of Martin county, will lead the singing, it was stated in the announcement.

"Sunny Side Up" To Run Extra Day at Watts Here

"Sunny Side Up," one of the musical-comedy hits of the season, played to a full house here last evening, large crowds from far distances attending.

Unable to accommodate the hundreds desiring to see the picture in the two-day engagement, the management of the Watts announced today that the picture would be run again tomorrow.

Local Team Playing In Rocky Mount Tournament

Coach Hood with his basketball team left early this morning for Rocky Mount where the boys are taking part in the basketball conference held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of that town.