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POST OFFICES SHOW SLUMP IN RECEIPTS

Offices in Eastern Part of The State Report The Greatest Losses

TWO LOSE RATINGS

Various Factors Pointed Out As Main Cause for Receipts Decrease In Small Offices

North Carolina post offices, during the past fiscal year, show marked de-creases in postal receipts, many of them losing their classification. Washington dropped from first to second class and Windsor lost its second class rating. While practically all offices reported losses in their receipts, Windsor and Washington were the only two in the State to drop from second to third and from first to second respectively. There was a large number of the offices losing third class positions.

Offices in the eastern part of the State report the largest losses, the poor crops last season apparently causing the loss to be greater than it would have been under ordinary circumstances. Yet, there are many other factors contributing the loss of receipts, according to Post Master Jesse T. Price, of the local office. The consolidation of various industries and businesses is given as one of the main fac tors resulting in decreased receipts. The consolidated business patronizes the larger post offices at the expense of the small ones. In the case of the telephone business, when owned locally, the office here handled the business; but now the bills are made and mailed in a foreign city. The same thing applies to the power concern operating here. Once all bills were mailed here; now they are mailed at another office and delivered here. The moving picture trust which formerly spent hundreds of dollars in the small town post offices in mailing reels back to the distributing center, now sends a truck around every night at midnight and takes the reels back to Charlotte.

The big mail order houses are now sending out special permit envelopes to their customers, and the postage is ing, "but the best part of it you see on paid at the other end, limiting the re- paper, that you have to work there for ceipts still more in the small offices.

Under the conditions, Mr. Price states that it is unusually hard for a evidence there than it is here, Mr. Ward small office to maintain its classification, Williamston barely continues in Chinaman, the Russian and the Ital the second class group, and records so far this year are not very favorable, it

TYPHOID CASES ARE INCREASING

Sixty four Cases Reported In the State Last Week; None In Martin

According to reports coming from ali over the State, typhoid fever has greatly increased during the past few ported last week as compared with 34 for the week before. As far as it could be ascertained, very few if any time. An extensive antityphoid drive has just been completed it is said to be growing rapidly, esin the county and very few cases are pecially where cultivation has been expected in this county. Complete reports on the campaign are not available at this time, but County Health farmers as being in good shape, a Officer Wm. E. Warren states in a fair stand being generally reported preliminary report that several thousand took the treatment during the past few weeks.

Other contagious diseases reported in the State last week include thirteen cases of smallpox, thirteen cases of scarlet fever, 268 of whooping cough seventy-two of measles and seven of

MANY TO ATTEND STATE MEETING

Convention Will Be Held in Raleigh Thursday At 12:00 O'clock

A large delegation of Martin County people are expecting to attend the State convention in Raleigh on Thursday, July 3rd. The convention will be call ed at 12 o'clock following the meet ings of the ten congressional district delegations, which will be held in vari ous places in the city at 10 o'clock for rpose of electing members of the State Executive committee and to ers from their plane on the Fourth, transact any further business as may

next Friday. ecome necessary.

Any Democrat of this county will admitted as a delegate. have remained in the air longer than

Two Martin Farmers Show First 1930 Cotton Blooms

Mr. B. B. Biggs, farmer near Everetts, is the first in this county to exhibit a 1930 cotton blossom. Mr. Biggs sent in his blossom just about the same time Mr. W. W. Griffin, farmer of Williams township, delivered one of the 1930 blossoms.

The Growing Tobacco Crop Is Still A Chinese Puzzle

Veteran Tobacconist States That Reports Indicate That The Condition of the Tobacco Crop In Martin Is No Worse Than It Is In Other Counties

By W. T. MEADOWS the best posted men and the best farm- found putting out near the top of the ers in eight or ten counties in Eastern ground, possibly two to three inches, North Carolina, I have come to the but none of them extended down deep conclusion that no one knows what the final outcome will be as to the growing crop in Eastern North Carolina. A personal talk with good farmers of the field. who have been over a majority of the rop is spotted, that is a big plant and reach the fertilizer and turn green. little one. Of course, once and a

olina." Competition is much more

CROP CONDITION

IN THIS COUNTY

Crops Are Reported Below

Average for the Time

Of Season

Martin county crops are reported far

below the average for the time of year,

the cotton crop being especially sorry.

Tobacco is also very broken, some

fields having been drowned by the

heavy rains earlier in the season. The

Vehy few complaints have been made

on the condition of the corn crop, and

The peanut crop is regarded by many

egular meeting here tomorrow, it was

announced by the president today.

The meeting was postponed when sev

eral members stated that they found

business pressing in anticipation of the

plane "The City of Chicago" for more

they are still up according to latest re-

they had been in the air 460 hours and

20 minutes, stating at that time that

According to reports coming from

anyother thing except the planets, the

Hunters are experiencing much dif-

handicap they are still soaring.

So far behind was the previous

they were planning to toss fire crack

ports. At 9 o'clock C. D. T. last night

carried on successfully.

throughout the county.

holiday next Friday.

No Meeting of Local

for the tobacco to receive nourishment After a careful canvass of some of from the guano. Several roots were enough to reach the guano. This was found to be true after examining several different stalks in various sections

With the tobacco old and practically counties around us, say that Martin is matured, it doesn't have time to receive no worse off than the average adjoin- any benefit from the guano, but if i ng counties. They all agree that the is young tobacco, new roots will finally

A great many farmers say that to-States, and should be half completed municants and the churches. Some have advised that the guano by this time. They are still counting has been washed away, especially the on 100,000,000 in Georgia and 75,000, places where the tobacco is turning 000 in South Carolina. In our State, BUDGET CUT IS vellow. But upon investigation and tobacco men are predicting a shortage authority from one of the best farm- of from 15 to 20 per cent, compared ers of the Bear Grass section, it was with last year. Trade with the fornown that the tap roots in many cases eign countries is quiet. Domestic tradhad rotted off and there was no way ing in redried stocks is also quiet.

RETURNS AFTER RUNS AUTO INTO BEEF MARKET 29 YEAR ABSENCE

W. Thomas Ward Here for Connecticut Darkey Turns Over Barrels of Oil at First Visit In Nearly Roberson's Market Twenty-Nine Years

Driving at a rather fast and reckless After a stay of 29 years in California, speed Saturday night on the Washing-Mr. W. Thomas Ward, native of Jamesville, returned to the county this ton highway, a Negro from the State week for the first time to visit friends and relatives. Mr. Ward left Martin county 29 years ago to cast his fot in or four barrels of cylinder oil, Sev-California and now lives in Glendale, eral gallons poured from each barrel, ear Los Angeles. but quick work on the part of the pro He says things look very different prictor prevented a total loss,

here from what they did when he left nearly thirty years ago. "California is all right," Mr. Ward stated this morn-Mr. Roberson first thought the driver of the car was intoxicated, but clos examination dispelled this notion, the Negro paying for the damage and ask ed that he be forgiven for his reck a living just as one does in North Carless driving.

HOLIDAY FRIDAY pointed out, as there are the Jap, the IN THIS COUNTY ion to take your job.

No Public Celebration Has Been Planned In This County for the Day

That Friday, July 4th, will be generally observed in this county was made certain vesterday when the banks and number of business houses and professional offices announced that they would close for the day. All the business houses in Williamston will be closed for the day, it is understood, and business activities will be limited to those generally carried on on Sundays. No mail deliveries will be made

celebration has been ranged here for the occasion other than the placing of the flags on the street and the leaving of the mayor for Nags Head.

Many of the local people william the ball game in Washington (the beaches will share in the distribufair stand being generally reported tion of pleasure seekers and a few will be here all day.

W. W. Griffin Finds First Kiwanis Club Tomorrow Cotton Bloom Saturday The Kiwanis club will not hold it

The first cotton blossom reported in yesterday by Mr. W. W. Griffin, of was found Saturday morning, and as ond. far as it could be learned it is the first found this season.

Mr. Griffin stated yesterday that By Fliers Near Chicago every row of his cotton field and the from Central America. America sup-The endurance record established blossoms in large quantities. Large by the "St. Louis Robin" several numbers of squares had been punctur months ago, was shattered early last ed, and according to reports from Mr. Sunday morning when two brothers, Griffin, the weevil is considerably John and Kenneth Hunter, flew their worse than last year on his farm. The first blossom was brought in last than 420 hours without landing. And year by Mr. Griffin on June 28th.

> Everetts and Greenville to Play Ball Thursday at 4:00

The Everetts Modern Woodmer baseball team will play a return game with the Greenville Woodmen team at Everetts Thursday afternoon at 4 o the airport near Chicago where they clock. A good game is expected. No charge will be made and the pub lic is invited to see the play

> Conoho Masons Enjoying Picnic at Hamilton Today

ficulty. One gas tank developed a leak, making it extremely hazardous to continue the flight, but in spite of that Continuing a fifty-year-old custom, the Conoho Masonic Lodge is holding record of 420 hours, made in St. Louis, its annual picnic in Hamilton today ing its every effort to set a new record which by its very length would dissuade other aviators from attempting prominent masons from all over the section. that the whole Hunter family is bend- Each year, the lodge installs its new

CHURCHES HOLD UNION SERVICES

First Joint Service In The Christian Church At 8 P. M. Next Sunday

Following an occasional custom of a VOTERS TO VISIT series of Sunday evening union serv ices which are planned to continue No Large Vote Expected; through the months of July and August, or perhaps until school begins in September.

The first of these services will be held in the Christian Church next Sunundertake to keep the several churches ty c. mm. sioners. open of evnings throughout the warm summer evenings, and that one central Harrison and W. H. Carstarphen, and place of worship will amply suffice. for commissioners are T. C. Griffin, Elwhile you will in certain sections see a fairly good level erop of tobacco. I have been asked what it will do from continue to improve. Nothing new has have been asked what it will do from continue to improve the most of the tend to promote harmony and first primary because of the large numerous most of the last several times in the last several times to the last several time

Twenty Percent Decrease is Now in Force in State Departments

Raleigh, July 1.-North Carolina to lay begins a new fiscal year, intent upon keeping its expenditures within the limits of its "hard times" income. State departments, institutions and agencies now begin to operate on just 80 per cent of the amount the General Assembly appropriated for their use. Governor Gardner having taken advantage of his powers of a horizontal cut. Last year the Governor did not cut appropriations but urged the department and institution heads to the strictest economy. This move saved around \$1,000,000.

Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell has not announced the total general fund collections for the fiscal year which ended yesterday, but it is certain that they will fall short, probably more than a half million dollars, the \$15,339,000 which the Legisature estimated would be derived from the present tax schedules. General fund collections for the first H months of the year were \$14,605,659

THE CHEWING **GUM INDUSTRY**

86,647,000 Pounds of Sticky Stuff Produced in This Country in 1927

Chewing gum may mean a pastime o some, a digestive aid to others, and an abhorrence to many more, but to the Department of Commerce its manufacture means another industry over gray line in this county. which America has a "practical moaopoly." Inº 1927, we produced 86,-647,000 pounds of the sticky stuff, Each pound represents 147 sticks three inches long. "If placed end to end, they would reach"—well, several times around the world anyway

However, the chewing gum in lustry not suffering from overproduction. Consumption in this country, according to government reports, averaged 105 sticks a person during one year, and the demand increases yearly.

Our soldiers carried the "Yankee custom" across the seas during the there. One finds chewing gum indusestablishments. Exports of chewing gum, which were valued at only \$200, 000 before the war, now approximate the county this year was exhibited here \$2,000,000 annually. Our leading custemers are the correct, reticent people Williams Township. This blossom of the United Kingdom. Italy is sec- and old age insurance, financed by the

In spite of our "practical monopoly," we can not boast independence of other nations in the production of gum. Its New Endurance Record Set blossoms were found in practically basic ingredient, chicle, comes to us plies the peppermint and spearmint flavors, but licorice extract is imported from Turkey, cloves from Zanzibar and cinnamon from Ceylon.

STILL MARKET **CUCUMBERS**

Cross Roads Farmers Get Around \$2.00 Per Hundred for Cucumbers

Cross Roads farmers in the Everetts section are continuing to sell cucumbers in large quantities,

of truck loads have been delivered at about. Everetts for shipment to New Bern He is alleged to have killed his wife

good, and while the poor grades only here.

etts daily.

County Democrats Hold **Convention Here Saturday**

number of the churches in Williamston, there will begin Sunday night a POLLS SATURDAY

Citizens Urged To Take Part in the Primary

Martin County voters are called to the polls Saturday to vote in a second day evening at 8 o'clock. And to these primary for the selection of a Demo services the general public is invited. cretic candidate for county treasurer It is felt that it is not advisable to and two members of the board of coun-

The candidates for treasurer are Gus

eral days, but no one can give a def. Georgia. They are curing fast in both right relationships between the cours ber of candidates, it is thought that many people have lost interest and the voting will not be so heavy in the second race. Yet the candidates say every voter should go to the polls and sup NOW IN EFFECT port his or her candidate Saturday,

KILLS SNAKE IN CHICKEN HOUSE

Snake Kills Several Biddies J. H. SHERROD In Mr. J. W. Green's Coop, Near Here

On Sunday night, Mr. John W. iren, who lives about six miles from Williamston, was awakened by the old amiliar noise of chickens cackling hinking that thieves were after the chickens, he went out armed with his gun and at the same time trying to returned to the house, but on hearrs in his coils. The snake, known as "chicken-eater," was shot and found the be six feet long and six inches wide.

CIVIL WAR VETS GET PENSIONS

Five Veterans and Nineteen Widows Share In \$1,862.50 Fund

Approximately \$1,862.50 were paid at to Civil War veterans and veterans' widows in this county this week, it was learned in the office of the clerk of the court here yesterday, where the distri bution of the money was made. Only five veterans shared in the fund, that number representing the fast-fading widows were paid \$50 each.

The payments are made semi-annu ally, the veterans being paid by the State \$1 each day, or \$365 yearly. The veterans widows receive \$100 yearly. So hurriedly the thin gray line is fading in this county that two of the are to be returned the owners of the vouchers having died since

Predicts Insurance Means Of Relieving Unemployed

Salt Lake City, Utah .- June 30. World War and firmly established it With 28 governors or their representatives present, the 22nd annual National Governor's Conference met here to tries in foreign lands, many of the Governor's Conference met here to-plants being branches of American day for a three-day discussion of their most pressing problems.

From Governor Franklin Roosevelt, New York they heard a discussion of the present unemployment situation and the prediction that unemployment workers themselves, in cooperation with the states, must come

Epowrth Leaguers To Give Silver Tea Here Tomorrow The Epworth League of the M. E.

Church will give a silver tea tomorrow from 4 to 6 p. m. in the building formerly occupied by the Dunn Plumbing company, adjoining Willard's shoe shop on Main Street. The tea is being arranged in an effort to raise funds to send delegates to the conference at Louisburg, it was stated.

Farmer Jailed in Nash for Killing Wife While Drunk

Rocky Mount, June 30.-William Wells, 45-year-old Nash county farmer, is held in jail today as the result During the past few weeks numbers of a killing he says he knows nothing

pickle plants.

as she sat in a rocking chair on the quality of the crop is generally front porch of her farm home near a traveling library from the North conviction coupled with unusual politi-

bring half a cent per pound, the Paul Winstead, age 17, who was leigh. It consists of 59 choice books average price runs around \$1.50 per wounded by the farmer, is reported to of fiction, biography, child training, have said that Wells killed Mrs. Wells nutrition, gardening, and other subprophecy and the early phophets who while he was crazy drunk. He was shot in the arm.

The farmers have contracted to sell in the arm.

had happened.

Town Sells \$40,000.00 Bonds for Streets

The Town of Williamston last night sold \$40,000 street improvement bonds, the sale carrying a \$430.00 premium and is to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. Three bids were entered, the R. L. Durfee Company, of Toledo, making the best offer. Ryan and Sutherland, also of Toledo, were second in the list of bidders offering \$40,240 for the issue. The Eastern Bond and Mortage Company, third in the list, offered \$40,125 at the six per cent rate.

In speaking of the sale, Bond Attorney J. S. Peel stated that it was an exceptionally good one, the records showing it to be one of the best ever made by the

Arrangements for actual paving work are now underway, and as far as it could be learned today, the contractors are expectedto begin operations within the next three weeks.

DIES SATURDAY

Was Prominent Farmer In Hamilton Section for Many Years

John H. Sherrod, for many years one play safe with no light. No traces of died in Enfield Saturday morning at the thieves were apparent, so Mr. Green age of seventy-six. In 1885 he married. Miss Elizabeth Bryan, of Edge- Martin county in convention assembled, ing the chickens cackling again went combe County, and they lived in Hamto the chicken house with a light to ilton until 1901, where Mr. Sherrod take over the support of the public and a large snake-that had killed two looked after his farming interests, sartridge-sized chickens with three othwhere he also operated several farms. Mr. Sherrod left three sons, B. B.,

H. B., and John M., and two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Britt and Mrs. L. C Matthews, all of Enfield.

Funeral services were conducted in Enfield Sunday.

40,000 ACCIDENTS IN PAST YEAR

Industrial Commission Reports Around 122 Accidents Daily

Raleigh, July 1, 1930.—Though full eports will not be received for a week or more the State Industrial Commission, which completed its first year yesterday, estimated that the business for the fiscal year will include the reports of over 40,000 industrial ac-

The average of 122 accidents for each working day of the year will be the smallest the commission will ever have, the records of other Workmen's Compensations indicate. In the first place, all the workmen and employers of the State even yet do not under stand the requirements of the act many accidents have gone unreported. In the second place, the industries of the State have run far less than the average time during the past twelve

Williams Chapel Club Has Very Enjoyable Meeting A very enjoyable and interesting

meeting of the Williams Chapel Home Demonstration Club was held Thursday, June 18th, at the home of Mrs. W. D. Hyman.

During the business session there were discussions on the style show and live-at-home dinner to be given in July at Williamston by home demonstration club women of the county. Ways of earning money, and the idea of securing a permanent club home for this club were discussed also Later the club's attention was given

to the making and finishing of summer hats. Mrs. Julian Mizell and Mrs. Hyman exhibited attractive and becoming hats which they had reclaimed from old cast-off styles, dved and remodeled. These showed thoughtful and constructive work in millinery on the part of these ladies.

At this time a generous supply of sweet June apples were passed around an attempt to discover and appreciate Fifteen women were prsent at this out of which he came, the situation he

and were greatly enjoyed by all.

Carolina Library Commission at Ratheir output to the New Bern factory Wells told the officers that he was books, they have been widely read b which accepts the deliveries at Ever-unable to remember anything of what the community's citizens, both your books, they have been widely read by and old .- Club Reporter.

URGES STATE SUPPORT OF ALL SCHOOLS

Pass Resolution Urging the State To Maintain All Roads and Bridges FORM ORGANIZATION

Elbert S. Peel Again Heads County Executive Committee; Mr. Ephraim Peel Made Committee Secretary

The county Democratic organization or the next two years in Martin was perfected last Saturday when approximately forty Democrats from practically all the eleven precintes assembled in the courthouse and selected the officers and members for the various committee. Elbert S. Peel heads, the county executive committee again as chairman and Mr. Ephraim Peel was made secretary by the members of the ommittee.

In addition to the regular work of the convention, a resolution having to do with State-wide school operation and the maintenance of all public roads and bridges, was passed. In offering the resolution, the convention express ed its appreciation for the work that has been and is now being done by the State Tax Relief Association.

The resolution passed by the body reads:

"Be it resolved by the Democrats of Martin county in convention assembled, that we do heartily endorse and appreciate the efforts of the State Tax Relief Association in what it is doing Martin County's leading farmers, to equalize taxation throughout the State for the relief of the taxpayers Be it resolved by the Democrats of that we request that the State shall schools of the State and relieve the counties and school districts of any part of the cost of maintaining the public schools for the full period re quired by the Constitution, and that the State Highway Commission shall be required to take over and maintain the public roads and bridges of the public highways of the State from the funds collected by them as rapidly as the revenue will permit, and that these resolutions be printed in the Enerprise and the News and Observer."

Harmony prevailed in the conven on and with the selection of the arious precinct chairmen and members, the Party in this county, again functions in accordance with the prin ciples and ideals of the organization.

The roll call, by townships: Jamesville-R. O. Martin, chairman nd C. C. Fleming, F. V. Stallings, J R. Knowles and H. B. Barber, mem

bers of the executive committee Williams-Joshua L. Coltrain and embers as before. Griffins-Plenny Peel, chairman, W

B. Harrington, T. C. Griffin and J Eason Lilley. Williamston-Leslie Fodwen, chairman and members same as before Bear Grass-Javan Rogers, chair man, A. B. Rogerson, H. C. Green,

Calvin Avers, J. D. Wynn.

Cross Roads-J. S. Ayers, chairman, nembers same as before. Poplar Point-W. S. White, chair an, members same as before

Robersonville-Ed. James, chairman, members same as before. Gold Point-J. L. Croom, chairman, nembers same as before.

Hamilton-I. A. Davenport, chair nan, members same as before. embers same as before.

A motion was made and unanimous ly carried that all Democrats of Martin ounty who desire to attend be ap pointed as delegates to the State con vention to be held in the city of Ral eigh on July 3. Motion was made and unanimously carried that Ed James be elected a member of the Congression al Committee, A. R. Dunning to the udicial and J. C. Smith to the Sena torial and that the convention recom mend to the State Convention the ap pointment of W. G. Lamb as a memper of the State Executive Committee

Announce Prayer Service At the Christian Church

The first topic for discussion in the eries of prayer meetings at the Christion church will be the prophets, it was announced this morning by the pastor, Rev. F. W. Wiegmann. This will be the prophet as a man, the background faced and his message. The prophets The last thing on the program was are always interesting because of their

cal acumen. Wednesday evening, the discussion in Caanan. Everyone is cordially vited to attend and take part in discussion each Wednesday eve