

## POSTAL RECEIPTS AT LOCAL OFFICE CONTINUE CLIMB

### Postmaster 'Pete' Predicts \$18,000 Business For Local Office In 1935

Postal receipts at the local office continue to show a healthy increase over those of comparative periods for the past several years, it was learned this week from Postmaster Pete Powden, following the tabulation of the postal income for the first three quarters of the current year. Present indications are promising for one of the most prosperous years in the history of the local office, the postmaster predicting a business in the neighborhood of \$18,000 for the 12-month period.

While the office was reporting one of its largest comparative gains in stamp sales, money order business suffered one of the largest declines in years to feature the activities during the third quarter and last month, especially. Money order business that has been showing startling gains since September a year ago, took one grand flop last month. Gains were reported in July and August this year over the same months last year, the patrons apparently trading on anticipation, but after the markets opened the money order business fell from \$26,595.17 in September, 1934, to \$13,903.05 last month. This decrease alone is expected to hold down the money order business under the 1934 figures. In the third quarter of 1934, the money order business at the local office amounted to \$37,758.22, as compared with \$29,771.18 last quarter. In the second quarter of this year money order business handled by the local office amounted to \$26,720.25.

During the third quarter, stamp sales amounted to \$3,999.06, against \$3,274.63 in the 1934 third quarter. The postal receipts started increasing in July, when the stamp sales amounted to \$1,244.82. In August the income was \$1,316.37 and \$1,437.87 last month. For the third quarter period last year, the stamp sales by months were: July, \$1,005.89; August, \$1,067.93; and September, \$1,201.81.

## Newton D. Hardison Dies at Daughter's Home Last Friday

### Once Carried Mail Over 14-Mile Star Route on Foot; Jamesville Resident

Newton D. Hardison, about 76 years of age, died at the home of his daughter near Jamesville last Friday evening at 8 o'clock, following an illness of about six months' duration. He was taken suddenly worse and died a few minutes later.

Mr. Hardison was a native of the Jamesville section and lived there all his life. He enjoyed very few advantages in life, was recognized as a hard and willing worker at whatever task assigned him, and never complained. More than 40 years ago, a star mail route was established between Jamesville and Amherst (Hardison Mill) and Mr. Hardison carried the mail. For several years he walked the approximately 14 miles with the mail on his back, going in all kinds of weather and never failing in his task. He worked under Willis Moore, colored postmaster of Jamesville, for a number of years.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Sallie Padgett, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. Dora Perry, of Williams Township.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday by Daniel Hardison at the home, interment following in the Lilley burial ground in Jamesville Township.

## Big Crowd Attends Bear Grass Meeting

The annual association of the Primitive Baptist church at Bear Grass Saturday, Sunday and Monday attracted thousands of followers of that faith and their friends from a wide territory. Sunday was the big day as far as numbers were concerned, estimates placing the number of visitors at between two and three thousand persons. People of the community handled well the huge task of feeding the multitude at noon Sunday. Unfavorable weather threatened the activities Sunday, but even then acres of ground were used to park the hundreds of cars. The sessions were brought to a close yesterday, reports stating that the association was one of the most outstanding in recent years.

## Firemen Have Two Calls To Start Fire Prevention Week

The first real cold snap of the season started the local volunteer firemen running over the week-end, three calls having been made from Saturday morning until yesterday noon. None of the fires proved of any great consequence, but the frequency of the calls certainly placed "fire prevention week" on the spot to start off with. Hot fires dropped sparks on the roofs of two homes, and a defective flue was the cause of a third blaze.

Last Saturday morning, the firemen were called to the office of Attorney H. G. Horton, where fire had gained much headway on the roof. Starting from a defective flue, the

fire was soon brought under control by water handled through a hose directed from the fire truck. Damage there was estimated at about \$25.

The Primitive Baptist association and, the noon-day meal in particular, left hardly enough firemen here to handle a call to John Respass's home on Church Street. The apparatus was finally carried out by several volunteers, but the small roof fire had already been extinguished when the firemen reached there.

Yesterday morning the firemen were called to the home of B. B. Williams on Railroad Street. Fire, starting from a spark, had burned a small hole in the shingle roof, but there was very little damage.

## Town Finances Topic At Meeting of Board

### IN RALEIGH TODAY

County and local school authorities are in Raleigh today redacting a plea for additional teachers in the schools of this county. Well-founded pleas by four schools, Jamesville, Robersonville, Hamilton, and Williamston, were not considered by the commission several days ago, it is understood, and the success of the mission today is considered doubtful. Senator R. L. Coburn is representing the local school as committee man. It could not be learned whether other schools in the county had personal representatives other than the county school authorities.

## Bloody Knife Battle Takes Place on Local Street Last Saturday

### Warren Ange, White and Herbert Brown, Colored, Are Badly Hurt

Using pocket knives, Warren Ange, white man, and Herbert Brown, colored, nearly cut each other to death in a bloody fight on Washington Street here early last Saturday night. Brown, his belly ripped open and part of his intestines hanging, was removed to a Washington hospital, where his chance of recovery is considered doubtful. However, last reports stated that he was getting along very well, but that peritonitis was almost certain to develop and possibly result in his death.

Ange, with two ugly gashes on the side of his face, is getting along all right. One stroke of Brown's knife sliced several inches of skin and meat on Ange's face, the other severing an artery close to his temple. About 15 stitches were necessary to close the wounds.

The fight is said to have followed an argument started when the two men, both farmers living near here, failed to agree over the wages due or paid Brown for assisting Ange in digging peanuts. No hearing has been scheduled, and it is not known who started the carving.

Witnesses described the fight as one of the bloodiest seen here in many years.

## Checking Excess Peanut Acreage

The excess peanut acreage reported by 386 farmers in this county is being checked by six supervisors, according to a report filed by the farm agent's office to the county commissioners this week. Nearly every one of the 386 farmers are hogging down their excess peanut acreage, it is understood. Only two farmers are understood to have notified the agent that they planned to forfeit their contracts.

As soon as the supervisors make their reports, the contracts for most of the 386 growers will be prepared and sent to Raleigh, where benefit payments will be figured and delivered here for distribution.

## Maple Grove Meeting Attracts Big Crowds

The series of religious services getting underway at Maple Grove in Griffins Township last evening attracted large crowds from a wide territory, it was reported. Rev. Mr. Ambrose is conducting the meeting, scheduled to continue during the remainder of this week and probably a part of next.

## REGULAR MEET COUNTY BOARD IS HELD MONDAY

### Erection of Cold Storage House by WPA Is Discussed

Martin County's commissioners were in session a greater part of Monday inspecting current monthly bills, listening to the appeals of the less fortunate, drawing a jury for the two weeks term of superior court convening the third Monday in next month and discussing several others upon which no official action was taken. Among the matters discussed was the erection of a proposed agricultural building and cold storage house by the Works Progress Administration. Commissioner V. G. Taylor was appointed to discuss the plans with state officials and report back to the board his findings.

John Pope, colored, of Robersonville, was admitted to the county home.

Rose Winston, Jamesville, was allowed \$1 a month.

J. A. Bowen, of Williamston R. F. D. 3, was granted the sum of \$3 monthly.

Charles V. Gorham, disabled war veteran of Pitt County, was given permit to peddle goods in Martin without the payment of a license tax.

A permit was granted J. F. Padgett to sell fireworks in the county upon the condition that he pay a \$50 license tax.

Reports were submitted for review by the county farm and home agents and others in the agricultural service of the county.

## World War Veterans Are To Be Guests of Local Post of Legion

### Biggest Gathering for Veterans and Wives Planned Here in Years

The John W. Hassell post of the American Legion is inviting all the World War veterans and their wives of Martin County to a free barbecue supper in Williamston on October 14th, at 6:45 p. m. Cards are being mailed out to the veterans with a reply card attached. All who mail the reply cards to H. L. Swain, commander of the post, by October 10, will get their names "in the pot" for the free supper. It may be that some veteran has moved into Martin County since the war or that the card will not reach the veteran who went from this county. If such happens to be the case and they will get in touch with Mr. Swain before Friday, the plates can be arranged.

Naturally the Legion cannot prepare plates for all the veterans unless it knows that they and their wives are coming. It is therefore important that each veteran sign and return the card at once and if, for any reason, he does not get a card, he should get in touch with Mr. Swain.

This is expected to be the largest gathering of veterans and their wives exclusively in many years. It is also hoped that each veteran will bring \$3 for his Legion dues and \$1 for his wife's auxiliary dues.

After the supper all are expected to attend a public meeting of both the Legion and auxiliary for a joint installation of the officers for 1936. At this meeting Josephus Daniels, jr., the new state commander, and other leaders in the Legion and auxiliary will speak.

Last but not least, the fine Williamston High School Band, under the leadership of its director, Mr. Bobbitt, will give a band concert and take part in dedicating the post colors.

The Legion and auxiliary are doing many fine things in Martin County and are expecting to do much more for 1936 under the leadership of Mrs. Ray Goodman, president of the auxiliary, and H. L. Swain, commander of the Legion.

## Local Negro Tries To Enlist for Ethiopia

Desirous of aiding the Ethiopians in the defense of their country against Italy, Henry Gilliam, local negro, is said to have made an effort to get into Emperor Haile Selassie's army recently. He wrote to the U. S. War Department and offered his services, but could find no way to get into the Ethiopian army. The department advised him that he would be placed on the preferred list, it is understood. Gilliam weighs about 225 pounds, stands well over 6 feet, and saw service in the World War.

# \$25.67 Average Monday New High for Season Here

## Fire Destroys Home Of Gus Moore Near Here Last Saturday

### Occupant Barely Manages To Escape With Life; Two Are Injured

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Gus Moore home and all its contents in Williams Township early last Saturday evening, one of the residents, Sylvester Moore, barely escaping with his life when trapped on the second floor of the eight-room house. The piano was removed from the house and a porch swing and chair were saved, every other article, including all Mr. Moore's wearing apparel, going up in smoke. The man had already retired and when he learned the house was on fire he did not have time to grab a single article and rushed from the building in his night clothes.

Neighbors rushed to the scene and aided in removing the piano, but were unable to save anything else from the inside. Andrew Hardison, a neighbor, and one of the Moore boys attempted to reenter the house but were greeted by a sudden burst of fire and were badly burned about the face and arms. They were given medical attention.

It is believed that the fire started in the rear part of the house from a lamp. Mr. Moore turned the wick of the lamp down and blew the flame out, but apparently left a little fire on the wick. It is assumed that the fire continued to burn down the wick and into the oil, causing the lamp to explode.

The extent of the loss could not be learned, the \$800 insurance carried on the building only partially offsetting the loss, it was said.

## Set Up Office Here To Gather Material For American Guide

### To Bring Before American Public Points Of Interest Found In Small Towns

In an extensive nation-wide program to bring before the traveling public a graphic and more comprehensive picture of points-of-interest and folk-lore to be found in Williamston and other selected North Carolina towns, the Federal Writers' Project, a subsidiary of the Works Progress Administration, has taken the initial steps toward organizing the "American Guide," it was learned here today.

This exhaustive American Baedeker which after completion is expected to reveal the seven wonders distinctive of special American towns, but little known outside of their immediate communities, is to be a five-volume affair, paying particular attention to towns of less than 10,000 population size, inasmuch as those above that class generally have guide books already.

According to Director Henry Alsborg, chief, offices will be set up in Williamston and comparable towns over the country out of which the unemployed of that district will gather material for the guide. Funds will come from the \$27,000,000 allotment given to the Works Progress Administration for the needy folks in the music, art, drama, and writing fields.

"Each field office established in the various cities," Mr. Alsborg told the Enterprise correspondent, "will be allocated funds as they are needed to carry on the work. We intend to gather material on the little highways and by-ways of America so that travelers may more fully appreciate the beauties of our country."

## County's Delinquent Tax List To Be Advertised

Martin County's delinquent tax list will be advertised the first time next Friday, preparatory to sale by the sheriff on the first Monday in November. The list, said to be considerably smaller than any one in recent years, has already been prepared for publication. The town of Williamston delinquent list will appear one week later in accordance with instructions issued to the tax collector by the commissioners at a recent meeting.

### N. Y. CHAMBLISS



Manager of the State and Roanoke Fairs, Mr. Chambliss assures the people of this section that the event here early next month will be one of the best in recent years.

## HORSE RACING TO MAKE COMEBACK AT ROANOKE FAIR

### Has Key Position in Newly Organized Circuit With \$20,000 in Purses

Holding a key position in a newly organized harness racing circuit offering more than \$20,000 in purses to late campaigners, the Roanoke fair here will attract many of the trotting and pacing stars of big time speed circuits for the three-day meeting at the local fair grounds on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 5, 6 and 7.

Joining hands with fair officials at Raleigh, Greensboro, Clinton, Rocky Mount, Winston-Salem, Shelby, Tarboro and Wilson, the local fair organization has hung up alluring purses and offered other inducements as its part in a state-wide attempt to revive North Carolina as a harness racing speed bed.

Seven different events, three each for the trotters and pacers and a free-for-all bringing together outstanding contenders of both gait into a feature contest, are listed on the local fair programs. Entry books will not be closed until Tuesday, October 29.

"If harness racing makes a comeback at Williamston and other points along the North Carolina circuit this year, I think we can develop valuable stake events and other important races that will bring outstanding grand circuit stables into the state each fall. Harvey Walker, resident manager, declared this week. He believes the current efforts to renew interest in the sport will bring gratifying results this year.

The complete program at the Roanoke fair with \$150 purse and added money for each race, is as follows: Tuesday, November 5—2:24 trot and 2:24 pace.

Wednesday, November 6—2:18 trot and 2:16 pace.

Thursday, November 7—2:16 trot, 2:18 pace and free-for-all trot and pace.

## Locals Get 7-7 Tie With Scotland Neck

Scoring a touchdown in the last few seconds of play, Williamston's High School football team barely missed defeat at the hands of Scotland Neck's strong eleven in the Halifax town last Friday afternoon. Hardison scored the lone touchdown and Holloman kicked the extra point to tie the score at 7-all.

Scotland Neck scored in the first few minutes of play and offered a stubborn defense, but the Green Waves broke through with a pass at the end to knot the score. Recovering a fumble in the early part of the game on Williamston's three-yard line, Scotland Neck finally went across the goal line on the fourth down.

Friday afternoon of this week, Washington sends its strong team here to meet the Green Wave. It will be remembered that the Washington eleven was one of the strongest faced by the locals all last season, and a good game is expected here this week. The play starts promptly at 3:30.

## Prices Are Regarded Nearly as High as at This Time Year Ago

### Better Tobacco and Orderly Marketing Combine for Better Outlook

Tobacco is selling good on the Williamston market, official reports today showing that a new high record has been reached in prices and that the trend is decidedly upward. Farmers are releasing those crops that were all the go last season, and things are really looking up on this market now. Probably there has been no marked increase in the price itself, but the better tobaccos are coming in right along now, and they are sending the prices to levels in close keeping with those joyfully experienced last season. And it is certain that some of the grades are higher than they were a few days ago. At any rate, the 15 farmers interviewed this morning were well pleased with their sales, explaining of their own accord that they had received more than they had hoped for.

With offerings far from heavy, the marketing is being carried on smoothly, apparently effecting a slight increase in prices. The orderly marketing and the better quality tobaccos are brightening up a situation that proved disappointing earlier in the season, and the weather is just right for the activities. All indications are that now is a good time to sell tobacco.

The new record for the season was set yesterday, when the market sold 107,722 pounds for an average of \$25.67, the figure including all offerings from the lowest to the highest. Forty-cent tobacco was seen frequently, and 30-cent averages were the rule, some going considerably higher.

Up to today, the market had sold 4,623,082 pounds for \$870,306.64, and an average of \$18.82.

Observing the sales in a local warehouse this morning, a farmer from over the Roanoke remarked that he had seen many sales organizations in action, but he had yet to see one better than those on the Williamston market.

## Series of Minor Auto Mishaps Occurred in This Section Sunday

### No One Hurt But Several Cars Crashed in Crashes

Several automobile wrecks, none of any serious consequence, were reported in this section Sunday afternoon and evening. Considerable damage was done to two or three cars, but no one was hurt.

Floyd Spruill, colored, drove Henry Woolard's Ford coupe into a Chrysler parked on West Main Street here about 8 o'clock Sunday evening, doing no damage to the parked car but tearing the running gear under the Ford.

Two Newport News young white men turned their car over six times on a curve between here and Jamesville Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock and escaped without a scratch. The top of their car, a Chevrolet roadster, was torn off and the doors torn away. One of the boys came through the wreck wearing the hat of his friend that had shifted during the six-turn spin.

Two cars crashed near Jamesville, but no one was hurt.

## Mrs. Alice Wynne Dies at Bear Grass

Mrs. Alice Wynne, 60 years old, died at her home in Bear Grass Township early last Friday morning following an illness of several months' duration.

Mrs. Wynne had been married twice, her first husband dying a number of years ago. She later married Mr. Joseph H. Wynne, who survives. She also leaves one son, Nancy Roberson, and one sister, Nancy Rogers. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Perry, of the Robersonville Christian church, and interment was in the Auburn cemetery in Cross Roads Township.