

Postmaster Asks Patrons For Early Mailing This Year

Offers Suggestions To Expedite Prompt Delivery Of Holiday Mail

With the approach of the holiday season, Williamston Postmaster W. E. Dunn this week appealed for the cooperation of the public in the preparation of Christmas greeting cards and gift parcels in order to facilitate expeditious handling and avoid unnecessary delay and disappointment. Mr. Dunn said that public cooperation with postal workers last year was very gratifying and in the interest of better service he expressed the hope that it would continue.

Specific suggestions to insure the best possible service and least inconvenience were made by the postmistress as follows:

1. Save time by purchasing an adequate supply of stamps in advance of the rush season.

2. Mail matter should be plainly and completely addressed, preferably in ink, giving street address, apartment number if any, post office box or rural route and rural box number when ever possible. Mail for delivery in larger cities should include the zone number. Sender's return card should appear in the upper left corner of the address side.

3. Greeting cards should be sent as first-class mail to obtain the best service. Such greetings sent first class may be sealed and contain personal messages, they are dispatched and delivered first and forwarded if necessary without additional postage. Unsealed Christmas cards, sent as third-class mail, may not have any unauthorized writing and are chargeable at 2 cents postage, if weight does not exceed 2 ounces. However, a minimum charge of 3 cents is made on such cards which measure less than 4 inches long or 2 3/4 inches wide.

4. Patrons having a number of greeting cards to mail are urged to tie them in bundles with addresses all faced one way to facilitate handling in the post office.

5. Pack articles carefully and tightly in strong durable containers. Wrap and tie parcels securely with good quality paper and cord, but do not seal unless name and address of sender are shown together with the usual parcel-post inscription. Packages sent by air or parcel post are limited to a maximum of 100 inches length and girth combined. The weight limit is 70 pounds.

6. To encourage early mailing, senders are permitted to mark parcels "Do not open until Christmas." In addition, written salutations, such as "Merry Christmas," "With Best Wishes," etc. may be enclosed with third or fourth class mail. Do not enclose letters or messages, no matter how brief, in parcels, as to do would subject the entire package to the letter rate. Communications enclosed in envelopes prepaid at the letter rate may be securely fastened to the outside of packages sent by parcel post.

7. Above all, mail greeting cards and packages early, allowing ample time to reach the addressee before Christmas.

Diabetes Detection Clinic Ends Today

Today, Thursday, November 29, is the last day citizens of Williamston and vicinity can participate in the diabetic prevention campaign conducted here this week.

The tests are free and any person even so much as suspicious of a diabetic condition should have a urinal test while this service is free.

Little Business On Agenda For Officials

Very little business, other than that of a routine nature, has been placed on the agenda for discussion at the meetings of the county and town board of commissioners next Monday.

The county board is scheduled to appoint a tax supervisor, and that is about the only new business planned by that group. It is likely that M. L. Peel will be re-appointed.

Farmers Will Get Checks For Their Peanut Surplus

Between 1,000 and 1,100 Martin County farmers will get Christmas presents shortly in the form of checks for peanuts produced last year in excess of their regular allotments, according to reliable but unofficial information gained today.

It is estimated that right at \$43,500.00 will be distributed by direct mail to the individual growers, tenant and landlord. The checks are being made ready in the office of the county agent and will be placed in the mails as soon as possible. Farmers are asked not to call for the checks unless instructed to do so.

It was pointed out that a few growers who are eligible to participate in the distribution, had not signed applications, and that

checks in those cases would be delayed.

As a result of a special plea carried to the U. S. Department of Agriculture last year by a North Carolina Senator and others, farmers were assured they would receive about the same price for peanuts planted in excess of the current allotment but not in excess of their 1947 plantings, as they did for their regular allotment peanuts. The payment about to be made now are the result of those arrangements. While no penalty is in effect this year, the surplus peanuts when not in excess of the 1947 plantings, are selling at regular oil prices, with little or no hope that the growers will receive any more than that amount now or ever.

Complete Plans For Town-Wide Sale Of Bread

Income from Sale Sunday Afternoon Will Be Used For School Library

On Sunday, December 2 the Williamston Woman's Club will conduct a bread sale for the benefit of the Williamston School Libraries. Recent inventories of library materials show an urgent need for more books and for many replacements. The Club believes this work done for the libraries may be one of its most important undertakings of the year.

Between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 P. M. on Sunday, members of the Club will knock on the doors of people in the community and offer a loaf of bread in exchange for the price of a book, the price of the loaf, or any amount which the received may wish to give. The Club hopes that members of the community will feel the need of the undertaking and respond heartily.

Where people are not at home the loaf of bread and a copy of the following letter, signed by Mrs. Martin Moore, president of the Woman's Club will be left.

"This loaf of bread has been left at your door by a member of the Williamston Woman's Club. Today we are conducting a benefit bread sale, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase books for the Williamston School Libraries.

"A loaf of bread feeds the body—a book feeds the mind. The boys and girls of our school need books to feed their minds. You can help by contributing the price of a book, the price of the loaf, or any amount which you would like to give. The dollars or pennies which you give will be turned over to the Williamston School to be used exclusively for library books.

"We felt so sure that you would want to help in this undertaking that we are leaving a stamped addressed envelope in which you may mail your contribution. For the sake of the children may we count on you to give generously? We would appreciate an early response so that the children may soon receive the benefits.

Plan Antique Show In Robersonville Next Week

Sponsored by the Eastern Star, an antique show and sale will be held in the Robersonville Masonic Building next Monday and Tuesday between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m., it was announced today.

AT LAST

Delayed for months, radiators for the new Martin County Health Center, corner of Harrell and Ray Streets, have at last reached here. The heating units are now being installed and final inspection of the plant is tentatively scheduled for next week.

Health authorities, having set several dates for opening the center, would not mention another date for the formal opening, but "it won't be long now," they said today.

RESPONSE

The direct mail appeal, urging the purchase of TB Bonds, is meeting with marked success, according to a report from Mr. W. G. Peele, the chairman of the Christmas TB Seal sale in the county this year.

However, it was pointed out that few have answered the 2,500 letter appeals, urging the purchase of the Christmas TB seal stickers.

"If the seal sale picks up, we'll go over the top," Mr. Peele said, urging those who received the seals through the mail to respond without further delay.

Throngs Greeted Santa Yesterday

A couple of thousand little folk and quite a few old ones, too, greeted Santa Claus during his annual visit here in person yesterday afternoon. Making a brief stop in the main street near the theaters, Santa and his assistants were just about mobbed by the crowd, but he managed to pack away several hundred letters during the shuffle.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 bags of candy were distributed to the children by Santa and his helpers in less than eight minutes. Unfortunately, a few were crowded out while others caught several bags of candy especially bagged for the event by the Williamston Boosters. Those few who went without favors found a poor substitute in the larger portions of candy purchased as substitutes by parents in the stores.

Professor Jack Butler and his high school band were on the program and played several Christmas numbers before Santa arrived on the town's fire truck. The program was broadcast over Station WIAM, and the holiday lights were turned on a short time later to officially mark the opening of what promises to be a great holiday shopping period in Williamston stores.

Eleven Atomic Bombs Exploded

The current service of atomic explosions was ended at the Yucca Flat proving ground in Nevada recently. In the series five atomic bombs were exploded, making eleven in all that have been set off in the United States since the first atomic bomb explosion in New Mexico in 1945. Little information as to the results has been made public beyond the statement that the Nevada explosions were for the purpose of developing atomic weapons for use on the battlefield.

Net Farm Income Not Likely To Go Higher

While 1952 is expected to bring more jobs and higher consumer incomes, no general income boost is expected for the farmers, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Farmers' cash income may rise next year, but production costs will rise too, so that the net income of farmers will be about the same as this year.

Packing Company Operating Under New Management

John B. Roberson and Geo. M. Peel Lease Roberson Packing Firm

Closed for several weeks, the meat packing plant formerly operated here by the Roberson Packing Company has been leased by John B. Roberson and George M. Peel and is now being operated under the name of Williamston Packing Company. Operations were resumed this week under entirely new management, the new operators explaining that they were making every effort to get the plant back in full production as soon as possible.

At the present time the plant is employing thirteen persons, including the new managers-operators. Besides Messrs. Roberson and Peel the following are connected with the operation of the plant: Thos. Earl Martin, Jasper Jones, Mrs. Magdaline H. Fisher, bookkeeper; Dewey Adams, Mrs. Dewey Adams, Mrs. Lula Moore, Burt Ella James, Clara Wilkins, Clayton Wilkins, Leon Brown and Jodie Coffield.

The plant located a short distance off Highway 64 in West End has been altered and renovated, and purchases of hogs and other livestock are being made daily. "We have completed arrangements for curing meat and handling custom slaughtering," one of the new managers said today.

The former operator, D. M. Roberson is now devoting all his time to the management of his farms in Martin, Washington and Tyrrell Counties and looking after his cattle-herds.

Crowded Docket In County Court

Resuming their work after a two-week holiday during which the superior tribunal was in session, Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin will find a fairly crowded docket awaiting their attention in the county court next Monday.

About forty cases have already been placed on the docket and others are almost certain to find their way before the court opens its sessions Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Several of the cases were continued from previous sessions.

Speeding charges, numbering fifteen, lead in the number of cases. Six defendants are charged with drunken driving, three with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, two with assault and two others with careless and reckless driving, and one each with public drunkenness, violating the liquor laws, larceny, non-support, hit-and-run driving, and issuing a worthless check.

Federal Spending About 70 Billion

The Budget Bureau in Washington recently forecast that federal spending in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, will total about \$70,000,000,000, with a substantial budget deficit, based on present taxes. The bureau issued a statement putting the "obligational authority" available to government agencies during the fiscal year at \$39,600,000,000. This is \$3,900,000,000 or about four percent less than the recommendations of President Truman to Congress.

"Obligational authority" is not the same as appropriations. It includes all types of new authority to incur financial obligations on behalf of the government, including new appropriations, and such things as authority to enter into contracts for which Congress will be called upon for later appropriations.

Drives Stolen Car Into Owner's Service Station

El Dorado, Ark. — A few hours after reporting his car stolen, Colonel Watson recognized a car driven into his service station. He called the sheriff, who arrested the driver, Raymond Charles Phillips. The car was Watson's.

Call Married Men For Pre-Induction Physicals Today

First Time Married Men Been Called To Report For Preliminary Tests

Thirteen Martin County men, including several who are married, were called to report for pre-induction examinations this morning. It is the first time that married men have been called for pre-induction since World War II days. A few married men have been inducted into service, but they married after they had received their calls, it was learned.

Instead of going to Fayetteville and Fort Bragg, the group left here this morning by regular bus schedule for Raleigh for their examinations. They are expected to complete the tests in time to get back on a late schedule this evening. It is the first time that men from this county were routed to Raleigh for the examinations, the change cutting off more than 100 miles in travel (names to follow).

The names of those called: White; William Peel Nelson, John D. Lilley, Jr., Francis D. Taylor, Raymond Jasper Modlin, Moses LeRoy Merritt, Edward Eason Matthews, Jesse Reuben Brown, Tommy Edward Martin and David Rhodes Rogerson.

Colored: William Grimes, John Thomas Cloman, Thomas Jefferson Purvis and James Cox.

The original call was for fifteen men, but several including Chas. Felton Keel of Robersonville, "beat" the draft by enlisting.

Bridge Group In Columbia Meeting

Members of the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association, meeting in Columbia yesterday, were told to keep "pecking away" at their task, that possibly some day the Alligator River and Croatan Sound would be bridged to extend U. S. 64 to the Atlantic.

Governor Kerr Scott, addressing the group, said that he worked thirty-three years for a telephone, that three days after he was nominated for governor he got the telephone, leaving his audience to guess whether the thirty-three years of work or the gubernatorial nomination got him the phone.

It is a determined group, and while some pointed out the time is not yet quite ripe for bridging the two bodies of water, the association brought its organization up to date with the expectation of continuing a claim to bridges across the Alligator and Croatan.

Martin County was represented at the meeting by County Board Chairman J. H. Edwards, Mayor Robt. Cowen, County Board Clerk J. Sam Gotsinger, Representative E. G. Anderson, who introduced the governor, Herbert Highsmith, John Tyler and R. B. Nelson.

Government Opens Peanut Warehouse

Acting to relieve the pressure on the open market, the Commodity Credit Corporation opened a government warehouse here today and immediately started receiving peanuts. The receiving station is the Carolina Warehouse which is being managed by S. C. Griffin and Leman Barnhill. The operators explained that they were having trouble locating sufficient labor to handle the operations, but that they would add to their force just as rapidly as possible.

The open market is just about glutted today. Between forty and fifty large trucks were lined up at the plants and other warehouses here at one time this morning. While prices continue to hold firmly to price support levels, some of the buyers were said to be imposing limitations on their buying operations; that is, they were bargaining only for peanuts grading a certain percentage of extra large kernels.

Give Small Amount In Alienation Suit

LITTLE CHANGE

Contrary to stories, telling about an increase in quotas for 1952 in North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco crop, there will be little or no increase in individual allotments. It is true the allotment is being upped from 740,747 acres to 744,348 acres, but that increase is being allowed for making adjustments and providing small acreages for new growers.

After producing a record crop this year, tobacco farmers are of the opinion that quotas should be held to old figures and possibly reduced a bit.

County and Towns Receive \$24,140.00 From Sale Of Beer

Estimated \$483,000.00 Spent For Beer In Year Ended September 30

Martin County and its eight incorporated towns received \$24,140.86 in the form of a per crown tax on the sale of beer and wine from October 1, 1950, until September 30, 1951, according to unofficial figures released here this week.

Martin County received \$16,530.35 as its share, based on about 87 cents per capita. The several towns shared as follows:

Jamesville, \$461.67; Williams-ville, \$4,341.82, including \$4,201.37 on beer sales and \$140.45 on wine sales; Everetts, 212.94; Robersonville, \$1,234.04; Parmele, \$345.34; Hassell, \$119.57; Hamilton, \$434.07; and Oak City, \$452.06.

Beer sales are taxed at the rate of a 2 1/4 cents per bottle, the State of North Carolina receiving half, and the county and towns sharing the other half. The approximately 290 towns and counties sharing in the tax, are receiving \$2,298,462.51. Charlotte got the lion's share distributed to town and cities, the Mecklenburg metropolis receiving nearly \$117,000. The amounts were as low as \$11.82 for some towns in the State.

The tax this year is about \$200,000 greater than it was last year.

It is estimated that beer and wine drinkers in this county spent

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Making Plans For Bloodmobile Visit

Miss Mary Quinlan, field representative of the Tidewater Blood Center in Norfolk, met with local Red Cross workers and volunteers here today and discussed plans for the third visit of the center's bloodmobile on Friday, December 14.

She reviewed the recruiting work and stressed the importance of meeting the requirements. Miss Quinlan explained that when quotas are not met, the cost of handling the program is increased, creating another problem for the project.

Recruiting work is progressing fairly rapidly throughout the chapter, but no complete reports have been received from any of the recruiters. During the meantime, volunteers may pledge a pint of blood by contacting the Red Cross office in the City Hall or Bill Spivey and Wheeler Manning, chairman of the recruiting committee.

Breaks Arm In Fall At His Home Near Jamesville

Simon Barber fell and broke his left arm in his home in Jamesville Wednesday. Late for the Ruritan Club meeting, Barber rushed through his home on newly waxed floors and in the fall his arm was broken between the elbow and shoulder. He is now receiving treatment in the Brown Community Hospital.

Special Term Of Court Ended At Noon Wednesday

Few Big Cases Settled By Agreement; Judgments Are Pending

The Martin County Superior Court, opening a two-week term on Monday of last week for the trial of civil cases only, folded its tent yesterday noon, after clearing a few long cases from its calendar. Several cases were continued for one reason or another, and in one or to big cases agreements were reached but judgments were not entered immediately. One case, involving a fairly sizable amount, was continued when it was explained that an expert witness was at the mile-high race track out in Colorado.

The \$25,000 alienation of affections suit, brought by Thurston Davenport against Leroy Reed, claimed most of the time the court was in session this week and attracted possibly more attention than all the other cases combined.

Taking the case shortly before the noon recess Tuesday, the jury returned a verdict about 3:30 o'clock, favoring the plaintiff. The jury found that the defendant had alienated the affections of the plaintiff's wife and awarded the plaintiff with a \$250 judgment to be paid within ten days. If the judgment is not satisfied by that time, the defendant, Reed, is to be arrested and jailed.

After the verdict was announced, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, presiding over the term, openly expressed his opinion in the case, pointing out that he was going to allow the verdict to stand, and explaining that if he had been on the jury he would not have given the plaintiff a penny. The jurist then opened up on the plaintiff, saying, "He (Davenport) is about as sorry as any fellow who has ever come into my court. He should have been indicted for beating his wife, and if he had been and I could have had anything to do with it he would be on the roads instead of being plaintiff in a case in which he asked for money to keep himself up."

The judge frowned down upon Davenport's wrist watch, sharply-tipped shoes and loud neck tie.

It has been pointed out that the defendant allegedly deserted a wife in an institution for the insane, and married the plaintiff's ex-wife.

A consent judgment was entered in the case of Emma White against the Coastal Plain Life Insurance Company, the plaintiff receiving \$250 of the \$500 asked. The insured was alleged to have been suffering at the time the insurance was placed in effect with an ailment that resulted in his death. The beneficiary received an amount about equal to the value of the premiums paid.

In the case of Hattie Reid against Nathaniel Reddick and R. H. Peel, Edgar Gurganus was appointed receiver by the court to take in his possession all property set out in a lien and file and inventory with the court within thirty days.

An appeal from a justice of the peace court in the case of Harrison Oil Company against James Bond was dismissed when the defendant failed to answer when

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PLAN ELECTION

Meeting here next Monday morning, the Martin County Production-Marketing Administration Committee and chairman of the several community committees will make plans for the annual Triple A nominating conventions and elections, it was announced by the clerk today.

It is likely that the nominating conventions will be held the latter part of next week with the elections to follow possibly during the second week in December.

To Lower Peanut Acreage Figures For Next Season

State's Edible Allotment To Be Decreased By About 13,000 Acres

The U. S. Agricultural Department has announced a 1952 production control calling for harvest of \$650,000 tons of peanuts for sale as nuts.

Farmers will be free to grow additional amounts for livestock feed and for sale for conversion into oil. But prices for the peanuts diverted into oil will be considerably lower than those at which the Department will support prices for nuts grown for eating.

The program set a national planting allotment of 1,673,102 acres for edible peanuts. This compares with 1,806,017 allotted for the 1951 crop.

The Department said the 1952 allotment may be increased later for types which may be determined to be available in insufficient quantities. This year a special allotment of 83,299 acres was added for Virginia and Valencia types.

The Department said a decline in domestic use of peanuts for commercial edible purposes in recent years is not expected to be offset entirely by population increase and larger military requirements.

This year's production of peanuts for edible and oil purposes has been estimated at about 819,000 tons. The acreage for harvest has been reported at about 2,255,004 acres.

Under next year's program, as was the case this year, planting allotments and marketing quotas for peanuts for edible purposes will be set for individual farms.

Peanuts grown in excess of such quotas may be sold to the Department for diversion into oil. The price to be paid for such peanuts will be the equivalent of the prevailing market value of peanut oil and meal, less the estimated storing, handling, selling and crushing cost. This year prices for peanuts sold for oil have been about half those of the edible type peanuts.

Quotas were set up under authority of a farmer referendum held last year approving rigid controls for the 1951, 1952 and 1953 crops.

The acreage allotments for edible peanuts for 1952 compared with 1951 by states included: South Carolina, 14,282 and 15,342; Tennessee, 3,704 and 3,979; Virginia, 109,678 and 117,819; and North Carolina 175,429 and 183,451.

Local Young Man Marketing Game

As its inventor, Billy Mercer, local young man, is marketing through a New York toy manufacturer a unique football game under the title of Quarterback with Choo Choo Justice.

The game, based largely on the ability of one player to outguess or outmaneuver the other, was placed on sale in the Firestone store here a few days ago and the supply was quickly bought up. Repeat orders have been made and additional games are expected shortly.

Child Struck By Auto Yesterday

Ed Purvis' seven-year-old boy, was struck by a car on the main street here yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock just before Santa Claus came to town.

The little fellow dashed into the street and into the path of the car and was knocked down, landing about ten feet away.

Examined in a local hospital, the little fellow was found little worse for the wear and tear, and he insisted that he be allowed to return up town and see Santa Claus.

He was carried to the hospital by Miss Marie Peel, driver of the car, and Mr. Joe Blythe.