

Stamp Sales Total \$140,511 In Two Big County Post Offices For Fiscal Year Just Ended

Stamp sales at the Chapel Hill post office for the fiscal year ending June 30 amounted to \$117,286, only three times the volume required to give the post office a first class rating.

Takeover of stamp sales during the same period at the Hillsboro post office was \$23,225, leaving a margin over the amount necessary for a first class rating, but falling short of the \$4,000 standard that makes a first class post office.

Figures from the three other county post offices, University, Harboro and Cedar Grove, were available. These have had a first class rating in the past years.

Postal ratings are based on stamp sales for the calendar year, not the fiscal year. However, these figures from fiscal year sales are fairly accurate indication of ratings that will be handed out after December 31. Stamp sales at the end of the last calendar year in Chapel Hill were \$114,444 in Hillsboro, \$21,639. Actual population of the two towns is about the same, but the 4,000 University students and transit population connected with the University account for Chapel Hill's leadership in stamp sales. Postmaster S. Hogan says that his Chapel Hill post office serves over 10,000 people, while Sheppard Strudwick, postmaster at Hillsboro, estimates that around 3,000 people depend on Hillsboro for their mail.

A new law recently passed by Congress and signed by President Truman removes the rule that ten per cent must be subtracted from the receipts of the post office before its rate is fixed. By the new law, the status of a post office is determined simply by the total stamp sales during the calendar year without any subtractions. All persons in the postal service have just received a substantial raise in pay by the new postal law just passed. Clerks and carriers receive a raise of \$400 a year, including rural carriers. Postmaster and other administrative officials receive a raise of somewhat similar proportions according to their classifications. This raise is permanent. The Post Office Department has been paying a \$300 year bonus to clerks and carriers in view of the large increase in living costs. This bonus was stopped on June 30.

Now employed in the Chapel Hill post office are five city carriers, three rural carriers, 13 regular clerks, one special delivery messenger, an assistant postmaster, the postmaster and three substitute clerks. In Hillsboro there are three carriers, two regular clerks, one substitute clerk and the postmaster. Chapel Hill reports a steady increase in stamp sales since 1942, and Hillsboro sales have gone above their normal average for the past three years.

Wilder Very Active



William M. Wilder, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilder of West Hillsboro, has been awarded the campaign ribbon with one bronze star for the liberation of the Philippines. He was a member of the ship's company in the assault wave of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and the resupply of that island some time later. He also participated in an assault wave of Okinawa, Shima, Ryukyu Islands, at which time his ship was credited with destroying two Japanese aircraft. Seaman Wilder has been on active duty with the U. S. Naval Reserve since August 1, 1943.

County Board Of Education Hires Beasley

The board of education has employed Mr. B. E. Beasley to assist with school transportation, the school book rental system and other work in the Orange county board of education office, it was announced this week by R. H. Claytor, superintendent.

Mr. Beasley has been employed with the state highway safety division for the past four years. His main duty was to certify bus work use. He made his home at Smithfield but covered a territory of several counties.

At present Mr. Beasley is living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richmond, but is looking for a home to which he can bring his wife and 5-year-old child to be with him.

Chapel Hill General Gets Merit Award

With the 27th (Tokyo Express) Infantry division on Okinawa (Delayed)—Major General George W. Griner, Commanding General of the 27th Infantry division, was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal Oak Leaf Cluster June 24, "for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service." The award was made personally by Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, Jr., Pacific Ocean Areas commander, following a tour of the 27th's area and a review of the divisions activities in the Ryukyus.

General Griner took command of the division in July, 1944, during the Saipan Campaign, led his men to the conquest of Machinato Airfield, and over the formidable Kakazu Ridge, the enemy's last coast-to-coast natural barrier on Okinawa. Both of these accomplishments were vitally important to the subsequent success of other divisions that carried the drive southward from a line below the Ridge. In addition, General Griner engineered the island-wide mop-up that continued even after the island had been secured, resulting in the extermination of all independent pockets of enemy resistance that had existed in sufficient strength to be dangerous to American forces on Okinawa.

General Griner had already received one Legion of Merit award for service in the European Theater in this war. He won the silver star there during World War I.

The general is a resident of Chapel Hill, where his wife and daughter still reside, the latter enrolled as a student at the University.

Around Orange WITH THE HOME AGENT

CARR-AYCOCK H. D. CLUB

The Carr-Aycock Home Demonstration club met at the school the afternoon of July 3. Mrs. Zeb Burton presided at the meeting. After a song and the club collect by the group, Mrs. Knox Woods, treasurer, made the treasury report. The treasurer was authorized to purchase the book "When We are Green We Grow" for the club to read and to later present to the Home Economics library. The group voted to present to the club treasury all money received from waste fats.

A community chicken fry and picnic lunch was planned for Saturday p.m., August 4th, from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock to be held at the school. The chicken will be fried at the picnic grounds. Mrs. E. F. Cude, recreation leader, will have charge of the recreation. Mrs. R. Y. Vaughn, poultry leader, made the July report on poultry. After reports, Miss Woodward Byars, home demonstration agent, gave the demonstration on "You and your appearance." At the close of the meeting, the president served light refreshments while the group chatted about canning peaches and making plans to send a truck from their community to the sand hills for peaches.

SCHLEY H. D. CLUB

The Schley Home Demonstration Club met in the afternoon of July 4th at the Grange Hall. Since club members had just eaten a big fish fry and picnic meal with all the community and lots of visitors from the community, business and the future was not of such great concern. However, the president, Mrs. Claiborn Wilkerson, called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted. Mrs. Allan B. Latta and Mrs. O. W. Mincey were appointed to work with Mrs. Marvin Phelps on an ice cream supper to be held in August by club members; the time to be announced later.

They hoped to demonstrate good old American ingenuity by using white syrup and prepared mixes and already sweetened fruits to make the ice cream, and not to sacrifice their own precious sugar. Unless such measures are taken many children of the present age will not remember the traditional ice cream suppers of this part of the country.

Mrs. O. W. Mincey, garden leader, made the July garden report and offered strawberry plants to anyone who would come for them. These plants are of the highly recommended variety. Miss W. Byars, home agent, gave the demonstration on "You and your appearance," covering points on good grooming and personal hygiene, after which the meeting was adjourned.

CALVANDER H. D. CLUB

The Calvander Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Marvin Cheek in the evening of July 4th. Mrs. Burroughs Hogan, president, opened the meeting with a song, and the club collect and a short prayer. Mrs. M. D. Pridgen was welcomed. Mrs. Henry Hogan, acting secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting for approval. The annual picnic was planned for July 28th to be held at Hogan's Lake at 6 o'clock. It is hoped this is a time that all club members can come. The demonstration on "You and your appearance" was given by the county home agent, Miss W. Byars, after which the hostess served refreshments while the group rejoiced with Mrs. Cheek over newly wired house for electricity. She says the first piece of electrical equipment she wants is an electric churn. Her neighbors, the Strouds, feel that they will derive more comfort and greater convenience from the electric pump and water in the house.

STROUD HILL H. D. CLUB

Mrs. Patty Ellinger was hostess to the Stroud Hill H. D. club Thursday p. m., July 5th. Mrs. Eugene Andrews, president, opened the meeting with the club collect. Two visitors, Mrs. Roy Kidd and Mrs. Roger B. Davis were welcomed. Mrs. Claude Davis, acting secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. W. M. Crook was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of treasurer. Mrs.

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Efland Hero Posthumously Awarded

Charleston, S. C.—The Air Medal has been awarded posthumously to Lieutenant John Frank Thompson, USNR, of Efland, for preventing a Jap plane from interfering with a rescue mission.

The Navy officer was pilot in a fighting squadron attached to the USS CABOT during a rescue mission near Formosa on October 12, 1944. He led a two-plane section on a rescue combat air patrol during the first day's aerial operation near the northeast tip of the strongly defended Japanese island. When an enemy plane suddenly emerged from a cloud cover, launching a vigorous attack at close range, he attacked it, shooting away the port wing and sending the hostile plane crashing ablaze into the water.

The citation which accompanied his award was signed for the President of the United States by James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy. It read in part, "An expert aviator, Lieutenant Thompson, by his quick decisive action, daring tactics and skilled marksmanship, prevented interference with vital rescue operations and his gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Navy pilot's brother, Clark Thompson, whose address is Box 98, Durham, is listed as his next of kin.

Harrison Gets Forty Years

Former Solicitor Leon S. Brassfield has withdrawn his notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court in the case of Harry C. Harrison, sentenced to serve forty years in the state's prison after conviction on a charge of second degree murder and larceny, resulting from the death of wealthy Mrs. May Higham of Raleigh, a distant relative of young Harrison. Mrs. Higham met her death Easter Monday.

The original sentence of 30 years for second degree murder was increased 10 years when the defendant pleaded no defense to a charge of larceny. Harrison has begun serving his sentence at Central Prison in Raleigh.

A former resident of Hillsboro, Harrison was living in Raleigh at the time of his apprehension. His mother resides at Scotland Neck.

Riley In Pacific



Pvt. Arthur Riley, husband of the former Miss Nancy Jane Blackwood, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Riley of Chapel Hill. Riley took his infantry training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., Mrs. Riley spending two weeks with him while there. Private Riley is now serving somewhere in the Pacific.

CANNERY OPENS

The cannery at the Hillsboro high school opened today under a temporary schedule, it is announced by G. A. Munn, acting supervisor.

The cannery will be open every Thursday between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. This is only a temporary schedule to find out what hours the cannery should stay open to fill the needs of the people throughout the county, who wish to make use of the adequate facilities.

The cannery is open to anyone who wishes to use it to do their canning.

Receives Discharge

Pfc. Charlie A. Carden, husband of Katherine Terrell Carden received an honorable discharge from the army, June 19, after receiving treatments at four different hospitals, the last of which was Welch's convalescent hospital at Daytona Beach, Fla.

He has received the expert infantryman's badge, good conduct medal, purple heart and one oak leaf cluster. Private Carden had been in the service three years on June 11.

Changes In Orange County School Faculties Announced

Efland

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VERY SUCCESSFUL

The Methodist church has just closed a very successful Vacation Bible school with 43 enrolled. The school was directed by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Measamer.

The teachers were Miss Marie Lloyd and Mrs. Woodrow Berry, Beginner-primary, Mrs. E. H. Measamer, Juniors, and Mrs. Robert Nichols, Intermediates. Rev. I. J. Strawbridge had charge of the worship program. These workers did a fine piece of work which was appreciated by all.

HOUGH WILL PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. T. B. Hough of the Mebane Methodist church will preach at the Chestnut Ridge Methodist church Sunday, July 22 at three o'clock in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. H. Measamer, who is on vacation.

MEN IN SERVICE

Sgt Dalton Riley of the U. S. Army Air Corps is spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Coye Riley. Sgt Riley was stationed in England and went on many bombing missions over Germany and France.

Pfc. Melvin Rice is spending his furlough with his parents. He has just returned home after serving overseas in France and Germany.

Charles and Franklin McAdams of the U. S. Army are spending their furloughs with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McAdams. Sgt. David McAdams has been at home for some time. Another son, Howard of the Navy is stationed somewhere in the Pacific.

Pvt. Woodrow Berry of the U. S. Marines is spending his furlough with his wife and daughters, Mrs. Ora Mae Berry and Judy and Peggy. He has just completed his basic training at Parris Island, S. C., and is stationed at New River at Camp Lejeune.

PERSONALS

Larry Miller of Mebane spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols. Miss Bettie Sue Lloyd has returned home to spend the rest of the summer after attending summer school at Elon College.

Mrs. Minnie Jones and daughter, Frances, spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. A. B. Lloyd and Mrs. Della Murray.

The Rev. E. H. Measamer and family are spending the week at Carolina Beach.

Several changes are being made in the faculty of the county schools this year with all vacancies having not been filled as yet. It is hoped that all the vacancies left by resignations can be filled by the beginning of the school term in the fall.

Three members of the Hillsboro high school faculty have resigned with only two being obtained to fill their places. Taking Miss Mary Susan Robertson's place is George N. Harward, a member of the Aycock faculty last year. Miss Robertson was English instructor. Filling the vacancy left by Miss Malvena Shinn, home-economics teacher, is Miss Helen Sorrell of Clayton. The position of mathematics teacher, filled last year by Remus J. Smith, has not yet been taken. Mrs. Margaret Phelps, seventh grade teacher, is being replaced by Mrs. W. P. Andrews, who taught at Aycock last year.

Caldwell high school is lacking a principal and three teachers; Aycock is minus two high school teachers and a third grade teacher; while Efland is minus a high school science teacher and one primary teacher. Miss Margie Lloyd has resigned as principal of the Orange Grove school and is being replaced by Mrs. Mary Bordan Dodson. Mrs. Dodson is a native of the community.

Figuring in the Chapel Hill high school are two changes in addition to the change of principals at the end of the last school term. Charles W. Davis, former superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids school is now principal. Miss Ida Gardener, formerly of Goldsboro, is replacing Miss Florence Mance as high school English teacher and Miss Margaret Lewis, last year at Roanoke Rapids, is replacing Mrs. Kathleen Barham as home-economics teacher.

6 Speed Demons Before Magistrate

Notice to persons with automobiles living outside the county: When driving through Hillsboro or vicinity, watch your speedometers! Magistrate C. H. Jones reports six speeding cases during the past two weeks, with all of those guilty of the offense hailing from outside Orange.

A fine of three dollars and costs was paid by each of the following traffic violators: Garland Lloyd, Graham; G. W. Vossler, Fayetteville; Willie Taggart, Greensboro; and A. L. Carlwell, Durham. For speeding to greater excess, two men paid five dollars and costs. They were R. H. Faulkner of Asheville and T. E. McKeel of Burlington.

Three of the cases had been disposed of in magistrate court during the first two weeks in July. Tom Browning, Cedar Grove, for assault with deadly weapon was bound over to superior court under a \$200 bond. The case of T. B. Wilkenson, Jr., of Greensboro, driving while drunk, was bound over to superior court under a \$100 bond. Jessie Wicker of Hillsboro, no driver's license, was charged costs of court.

Lt. James Spear Praised As Hero

Lt. Joseph L. Patrick of Lansing, Mich., pilot of "The pride of the Yanks", Flying Fortress on which Lt. James Fenly Spear, Jr., was the navigator, has written Mrs. Nell Spear of Chapel Hill that her son met his death when their plane crash landed on the North Sea.

Lt. Patrick said: "The boys and I have lost a very great friend and wonderful navigator. They all agree when I say we owe our lives (seven of a crew of ten were saved) to the fact that he did such a wonderful job navigating us out of Germany."

Lt. Spear, a former student at E.C.T.C., Greenville, and N. C. State College, Raleigh, received Air Medal and Purple Heart which have been presented posthumously to his mother.

COOPER COMPTON REUNION

The Cooper Compton reunion will be held at the American Legion hut in Mebane, Sunday, July 22. J. S. Compton, president of the committee, has announced. This is the first reunion held in four years due to wartime conditions. All relatives and friends are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTICE

Chaplain Cummings of the Carolina Pre-Flight school will preach at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, July 22. The service will begin at 11:30. Special music has been arranged by the cadet choir for the occasion.

Local Girl Is Heard Speaking From Manila

Hillsboro people tuned in to WPTF Tuesday night from 10:15 to 10:30 dropped their magazines and crowded close to the radio when "I'm from Hillsboro, North Carolina" floated over the waves all the way from Manila. The voice was that of Pvt. Dorothea Myers, WAC, daughter of Mrs. Eugene Terrell of the Fairview section. Dorothea sounded like a homesick young lady when she replied to the interviewer's question as to what she missed most with, "I miss the whole state of North Carolina." After eight months overseas, she sounded as if there were no place she'd run across in her jaunts around New Guinea, New Caledonia, Leyte and Manila that she liked half much as home.

"Any message you'd like to send to your folks?" asked the interviewer.

"Just that I'm healthy, so far," replied Dorothea.

The interviewer sounded an optimistic note when he brought out that she now has 41 points and may be coming home soon.

Dorothea's father, F. W. Myers, now dead, worked for many years with the Eno Mills. Dorothea herself was employed by Belle-Vue Mfg. Co. before entering the WAC's.

Teamwork In New Co-op Makes Flourishing Dairy

BY ANN W. INGLE

Cooperative is the word for the Latta Co-op Dairy, a farm-owned, non-profit organization which has been serving Hillsboro and the surrounding countryside since June 5. There is cooperation among all contributors, route men and workers in the new dairy from the time milk leaves the cows until it is delivered in modern square bottles, to retail customers or, in ten gallons cans, to a Durham plant.

On the farms, sleepy men are up well before dawn, milking their cows, cooling the milk and straining it into high cans. The farmers have to get up early if their milk out-put for the day is to be ready to roll when Latta route men come by. Most of these producers live north of Hillsboro. There are two on the Hurdle Mills mail route; the rest are within Hillsboro's RFD area.

Two types of milk, Grade "A" and Grade "C", are brought into the Latta Co-op from these farms. To produce Grade "A" milk, dairy-men must have cement floors on their barns, cows which have been tested and approved by state inspectors once a year, water under pressure (that is a large supply stored up), adequate refrigeration, well-screened dairy barns along with fly-free milking barns, and cows which have been checked regularly for bacteria count.

Milk is graded "C" when although the cows are state approved and pains are taken to see that the milk is free from harmful bacteria, the farmer may not have water under pressure or cement floor in his barn.

All producers share in the proceeds from the sale of their milk. This month over \$4,000 was paid out to the men who sent in milk, each receiving an amount in proportion to his total contribution. BRINGING IN THE MILK

The next step in this wide-spread cooperation is trucking the milk into Hillsboro. There are two route men, G. F. Linder and J. E. Latta, who start out at 7:30 in the morning to collect the shiny ten gallon containers. Linder, wide awake by this time since he's

been up for hours seeing that his own cows are milked, rattles along in a converted army command car, visiting about 30 farms and loading down his vehicle with 250 gallons of milk, or more.

Ed Latta is off every day on the same early morning mission, his International truck (a '40 model) taking its 200 gallon load without protesting. Ed is the largest single producer for the Co-op—his average contribution is 90 gallons a day. Besides his own, he brings in milk from 12 other farms.

CAREFUL PROCESSING

By nine o'clock both Linder and Ed Latta have pulled up at the back door of the Co-op building. When unloading is over, processing begins. R. B. Todd, manager of the dairy, takes over at this stage of the milk-from-producer-to-customer cycle. T. O. Ham, of Mebane, young Charles McMillan and the faithful colored man, James Nichols, are invaluable helpers in preparing the milk for consumption.

Processing can be broken down into three stages. In the first stage, a sample is taken—a small pipette full—from each milk can. Say one farmer had sent in three ten gallon cans. To sample his individual contribution, a little is taken from each of the three cans, combined to form a composite sample, and then stored until the test for butterfat is run on 15 such samples simultaneously. Todd makes these tests twice a month, and then the producer is paid on the basis of his average butterfat count for the month.

The next stage in processing is weighing the milk, pouring it into a receiving vat and pumping the milk out of this vat over a cooler. The cooler brings temperature down to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. After the milk has been cooled, all the grade "C" and that part of grade "A" which will not be sent to Hillsboro customers is poured back into ten gallon cans and sent to a Durham dairy. There is much grade "A" milk going in these wholesale lots to Durham that might be bottled and sold locally. As retail demands increase, less grade "A" milk will leave the

county. Ed Latta gets busy again to transport the Durham-bound cans.

Final stage in preparing milk for retail consumption is pasteurization. Only grade "A" milk goes through this stage. Pasteurization consists of heating carefully to kill certain bacteria which may have wormed their way into the milk. Following this, milk is cooled and stored. On July 5 larger motors were installed in the dairy's refrigeration system so that milk will now have little chance to "go bad" shortly after it is delivered.

DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY

Another member, a very important member, of this cooperative movement, is H. F. Latta. Latta acts as president for the organization, delivers the bottled milk and is general jack-of-all-trades around the plant. He served Hillsboro for 23 years from his own dairy, and it was his old customers who made up the first subscribers to the Co-op. Since pitching in with the new concern, Latta has seen daily retail sales pick up by 70 gallons.

Every other morning H. F. Latta turns on the switch of his Divo at six o'clock and starts delivery to homes in Hillsboro. Like Linder and Ed Latta, he has cows of his own to milk beforehand. Every other day delivery has been practiced by the dairy in order to cut down on gas-burning and tire-wearing. As soon as transportation facilities are better, the Co-op plans a retail route outside Hillsboro with T. O. Ham to drive the truck.

Keeping tabs on who sends milk and how the monetary intake is to be shared is Wilma Latta, daughter of H. F. Latta, who files and figures in the office all day. Others who have a hand in operation of the Co-op are Don S. Matheson, secretary and treasurer; M. A. Latta, one of the directors and G. W. Ray, another of the directoral board. And then, of course, every one of the milk contributors is intimately concerned with this dairy's success and is as anxious as the board of directors to see that Hillsboro benefits from this wholehearted cooperation.