### POSTAL RECEIPTS HERE GREATEST IN OFFICE'S HISTORY

Gain of 11 Per Cent. Shown Over Year 1937

1938 RECEIPTS \$15,782.91

Volume of Incoming and Outgoing Christmas Mail Also Reached New High

MAIL 26,880 GREETINGS

Postal receipts for the year 1938 were the greatest in the history of the local postoffice, it was announced Wednesday by French W. Graham, postmaster, showing a gain of \$1,582 25 over 1937, an increase of 11 per cent.

Receipts in dollars and cents for the two years were as follows: 1937-\$14,200.66; 1938-\$15,782.91

The month of December, 1938, amounted to \$2,395.05 in postal revenue, which is a record for one month as compared with \$2,112.75 for December, 1937.

The largest quarterly gain in receipts for the past year was reflected in the September quarter showing an increase of \$704.91 over the corresponding period for 1937. The increase for the December quarter was \$672.57 over 1937 receipts.

The volume of both outgoing and incoming Christmas mail was the largest ever handled by the local office this past December. For the five-day period December 20 to December 24, inclusive 26,880 Christmas greeting cards were cancelled and dispatched. The work incident to handling the heavy Christmas mail was taken care of without a substantial increase in the clerical force, Mr. Graham said, due to improved postal equipment and more commodious office quarters.

### **PLAN 4-COUNTY CAGE TOURNEY**

Annual Event Will Start February 22; Sponsored by Elkin High School

24 TEAMS TO TAKE PART

Preliminary plans for the third annual Elkin 4-County Basketball tournament, sponsored here by Elkin high school, have been announced by Coach J. S. Bum-

According to present expectations 24 teams will take part, with 12 boys' teams and 12 girls' teams showing action. On this basis, the tournament, which is to begin February 22, should continue for seven nights, with four games nightly until the seventh night. At that time only two kinville and Maxine Taylor of the games will be played, and these Smithtown, companions of the for the girls' and boys' champion-

Tournament officials are planning to mail invitations and entry blanks to the various schools at a near date. It is hoped to make the tournament even more year, which saw good attendance and high interest each night. The Copeland girls' and the Boonville boys' teams are present 4-County champions, having won out over Boonville and Elkin respectively in last years tournament.

Attractive trophies will be preented the champion teams at the conclusion of this year's tournament. Trophies will also be presented the girls' and boys' team which are in runner-up position. Following the tournament, two all tournament teams will be selected, one from each division. and each player thus selected will be given a gold basketball.

The games will be played in the Elkin symnasium. Gene Hall, W. G. Robbins, Hamptonville. who last year aided in conduct- One brother, W. P. Robbins, Sr., ing the 1938 tournament, will again this year aid school officials in staging the event.

P.O.S. OF A. OFFICERS INSTALLED MONDAY

Officers were installed Monday vening at the regular meeting of the P. O. S. of A., to serve for the year as follows: Past presiIs Re-Named



Rev. J. L. Powers, above, has unanimously elected for the sixth year as pastor of East Elkin Baptist church. The membership of the church has grown from 144 to 204. Rev. Mr. Powers is considered one of the best pastors in the Baptist association. The public is invited to attend any of the services held by Mr. Powers'

### DRIVER IS PLACED UNDER LARGE BOND

John Williams Required to Post \$1,000 Bail as Result of Accident

HEARING FEBRUARY 4th

Yadkinville, Jan. 10.—(Special.) -John Williams, 21, was placed IS INDICTED under a \$1,000 bond here Monday afternoon on a charge of hit and run driving and reckless driving, which grew out of a wreck three miles west of East Bend Sunday night when Williams and three women were carried to hospitals for treatment. The wreck occurred about 6

o'clock when a car operated by

Williams and one driven by Mrs. Fred Norman collided in the center of the highway. Williams disappeared after the wreck and was located Monday morning in a Winston-Salem hospital. After he was discharged Sergeant S. H. Mitchell took him in charge and turned him over to Sheriff A. L. Inscore of Yadkin county. He gave bond and will be given a hearing February 4, before Magistrate Joe Williams. Also arrested was Elmer Thomas, companion of Williams, but no charges have been preferred against him, since Williams admits driving the car. A small bond as a material witness will be required of Thomas, who was placed in

jail Sunday night. boys, were carried to the hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises as was also Mrs. Norman, who as was also Mrs. Norman, who was alone in her car. None are MRS. C. DARNELL seriously hurt.

Williams is a son of W. A. Williams of Union Cross, while Miss successful than the one held last Zachary is a daughter of Mr Yadkinville and Miss Taylor is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor of Smithtown. Thomas lives at the home of Calvin Fletcher, near Union Cross

> JAMES M. ROBBINS IS TAKEN BY DEATH

> James Madison Robbins, died at his home in the Shilo church community of Yadkin county early Wednesday morning.

> He is survived by five children, Charles R. Robbins, East Bend; Mrs. B. L. Brannock, Hamptonville; Thos. W. Robbins, Ronda; Preston Robbins, Jonesville and Robbins and Mrs. Matilda Triplett, all of Hamptonville, also

Funeral services will be held this morning at 11 o'clock from the Shilo church, in charge of OSCAR HUFFMAN SAID Rev. J. M. Wright.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTEND STATE MEET

board of education.

State and Nation

MAY EXECUTE WHILE ASLEEP

> Raleigh, Jan. 10-The possibility that capital felons may be "put to sleep" before they are executed at North Carolina's central prison appeared today as legislators prepared to consider a bill which would substitute electrocution for asphyxiation.

Governor Hoey disclosed that the possibility had been proposed, and that he believed "it is worth looking into."

BELIEVE WAR TO BE CERTAIN

> Washington, Jan. 10-General European war before summer over Italy's demand for French colonies was predicted today by the American ambassadors to France and Great Britain in secret testimony before congressional committees which will weigh President Roosevelt's \$2,000,000,000 national defense program.

It was learned from an unimpeachable source that Joseph P. Kennedy, ambassador to the Court of St. James, and William C. Bullitt, ambassador to France, informed a joint executive session of the House. Senate and military affairs committee that they believed a general conflagration inev-

JACK BENNY

New York, Jan. 10 - Jack prison fires." Benny, radio star and gagman, was indicted by a federal grand jury late today on a charge of smuggling jewelry in conspiracy with Albert N. Chaperau, pseudo-diplomat and convicted smuggler who has entangled other notables in customs violations.

The three counts in the indictment against them charge importing, illegally smuggling, transporting and concealing two gold clips and a gold bracelet-all diamond-studded

WORLD'S MILITARY BILL HUGE ONE

Geneva, Jan. 10 - The world's 1938 military expenditures bill was estimated today at about \$16,000,000,000 by the league of nations armaments yearbook. The yearbook estimated the costs last year exceeded those of 1937 by \$2, 500,000,000.

Seven great powers - the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Japan and the soviet union — accounted for 78.7 per cent. of the total, with expenditures READY FOR SIGNATURES position. estimated at \$12,528,000,000

# DIES MONDAY P.M.

and Mrs. Gurney Zachary of Cool Springs Community Woman Had Been Ill for the Past Ten Weeks

RITES HELD TUESDAY

Mrs. Jemima Wishon Darnell, 54, wife of Click Darnell, died Monday evening about 6 o'clock at her home in the Cool Springs community, following an illness of two years. She had been critically ill for the past ten weeks.

the Cool Springs section and a the petition for the restraining house committee was the first daughter of the late Mr. and order and that it probably would executive-legislative fight of the Mrs. Winston Wishon. For a be ready for the signature of the number of years she had been a county devout member of the Cool Thursday. and two sisters, Mrs. Emmaline Darnell, husband of the deceased, is well known here having been employed with the E & D

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HURT IN AUTO WRECK

juries were not learned here.

SINCLAIR ORDERS **SURRY GRAND JURY** INVESTIGATE JAIL

THE ELKIN TRIBUNE

Prisoners Break Out and Burglar Breaks in

INCLUDES CAMP, PRISON

Someone Enters Jail at Night and Steals Jailor's Pistol and \$30 in Cash

SAYS SHOULD HAVE LAW

Following the escape last week of four men from the Surry jail at Dobson, and the more recent robbery of the jail Monday night in which someone entered and departed with sleeping Jailer Emmett Gillespie's pistol and \$30 in money which was said to belong to a prisoner, Judge N. A. Sinclair, presiding over criminal court at Dobson, has ordered an investigation of conditions at the jail by the grand jury.

The grand jury was also in-structed to investigate all county institutions and the state highway prison camp and CCC camp, both of which are located near Dobson.

Judge Sinclair declared Tuesday that North Carolina should have a law forbidding any prison to be left unguarded at any hour of the day or night. "No one." he said, "who has the custody of a jail or prison where human beings are incarcerated has the legal or moral right to leave the prison locked up at night without a guard on duty.

"It is his duty to see that they don't escape and also to protect them while they are lock up. There have been several instances of men being burned to death in

The judge also said that it has come to his attention that Surry Sheriff Harvey S. Boyd had refused to install Jailer Gillespie, a recent appointee of the county board of commissioners, as a responsible for anything that has

County jailers are usually appointed by the sheriff, but a special act of the legislature two years ago removed this office from the sheriff's jurisdiction in this county and placed it under county authorities.

Gillespie took ofice the first of the year, succeeding Luther C. Cassell, who had been appointed by and served under Sheriff Boyd for the past two years.

YADKIN SEEKS TO BLOCK DAM

Expected to File Petition for Restraining Order in Effort to Halt Job

hydroelectric power project, it was been learned. WPA rolls because of the cut.

The President said, unfortun-

sioners, is expected to sign the individual human beings, men, petition Thursday or Friday. It women and children who needed then will be entered in Yadkin help.

county superior court. date of the first term of court.

quested to hear the action. D. L. Kelly, Yadkin county at-

torney, said Tuesday that he had mainder of the fiscal year. The deceased was a native of been working steadily to draw up commission chairman

> MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT DOBSON

> The following marriage licenses have been issued during the past week by the Surry county register of deeds at Dobson:

Wiley Thomas Frye, of Greensboro, age 30, to Miss Connie Minshort distance east of Elkin on the Elkin-Dobson highway is said to be in a Bluefield, W. Va., Master; president, S. O. Master; vice-president, S. O. Master saley, E. E. Hayes and S. O. ing of the North Carolina state actual extent of Huffman's in- Miss Adeline Hauser, age 20, also term as a member of the house of of Yadkinville.

**Ambassador Presents Credentials** 



Washington, D. C.-Kensuke Horinouchi leaving the White House with Stanley Woodward of the State Department after presenting his credentials to President Roosevelt as Japanese Ambassador. In presenting his credentials Mr. Horinouchi said. "I shall strive to the fullest extent of my capacity to increase understanding, promote good will and further the valuable relations existing between our two countries."

Roosevelt Ball To Be Held Here On January 30

The annual Roosevelt Ball, staged each year on the President's birthday, proceeds of which go to fight infantile paralysis, will be held here this year at the school gymnasium on Monday, January 30, it has been announced by Sam Atkinson, who has been named as chairman of the ball.

Further details and a complete list of committees, which will aid in putting the ball over, will be announced next

board of commissioners, as a RELIEF FUNDS ARE **CUT BY COMMITTEE** 

> Slashes \$150,000,000 from Requested WPA Appropriations; Riles FDR

WOULD MEAN JOB LOSS

Washington, Jan. 10 - President Roosevelt late today cracked back at a house subcommittee which slashed \$150,000,000 from his requested WPA appropriations, inferring that the legislators had placed dollars above human needs.

A bare two hours after the nouse appropriations committee staged a revolt to knock the President's relief fund from \$875,000,000 to \$725,000,000, the President wearing his fighting togs, emphatically stated his op-

Petition for a restraining order his voice, he said that if he were will be filed in Yadkin county this a newspaperman he would find and failed. week in an effort to halt construc- out how many needy persons tion of the \$6,500,000 High Point would have to be dropped from deadly weapon, judgment of the

It was estimated the commit-It was understood from a re- tee's slash in funds would force liable source that a hearing on the the lay-off of almost 500,000 order likely will be held before WPA workers throughout the February 27, although that is the country. The amount the President asked would carry an av-There was an indication that a erage of 2,800,000 relief workers special term of court might be re- until July, while the committee's sum would only care for 2,360,-000 WPA workers through the re-

The President's clash with the house committee was the first infant session, foreshadowing a running battle over the relief issue between Capitol Hill and the and larceny, capias issued. White House.

HENRY DOBSON IS ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES

been named on several important the Elkin Kiwanis club

representatives

**JUDGE SURPRISED** AT LIQUOR CASES

Presiding Jurist at Dobson Court Says Surry About Worst in His Experience

TRY NUMEROUS CASES

The regular term of Surry county superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened Monday morning at Dobson before Judge N. A. Sinclair, and numerous cases, mostly minor ones involving violations of the prohibition laws, had been heard up until yesterday at noon.

Judge Sinclair, in looking over the docket, stated that he was surprised with Surry county having so many liquor cases on docket. He said that Surry had as many or more liquor cases on docket than any court over which he had presided.

The following were named to serve as grand jurors: O. J. Johnson, foreman; W. E. Jarrell, A. L. Love, C. W. Callahan, Garner Ramey, I. A. Parks, R. L. Creed, D. M. Smith, G. N. Gilbert, Grover Wright, G. M. Walters, Albert Johnson, C. L. Jarvis, P. N. Taylor, R. F. Johnson, Nelson Whitlock, John Park, and M. S.

Nichols. The court has disposed of the following cases up until Wednes-

State vs. Ernest Allen, violation of prohibition laws. Judgment of the court that the defendant pay a fine of \$25.00 and the costs.

Selvon Martin, abandonment. LARGE TRUCK TURNS ment of the costs.

William Oneal, operating car With a note of bitterness in intoxicated. Capias to be issued. Jimmie Burns, forgery, called

Walter Carter, assault with court that the defendant be confined in the common jail of Sur-D. A. Reynolds, chairman of the ately, he had to think not only in ry county for a term of six Yadkin county board of commis- terms of dollars, but in terms of months, to be assigned to work under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission

Kelsie Calloway, judgment of the court that the defendant be confined in the common jail of Surry county for a term of 12 months to be assigned to work under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works of the Modern Food Store, is Commission. Paul Sechrist, assault with a

deadly weapon, \$25.00 and costs. Carl Boyd, operating car intoxicated, guilty, defendant is placed in custody of the sheriff.

Wilmer Lawson, larceny and receiving, called and failed. Marvin Martin, house breaking

KIWANIANS ARE TO INSTALL OFFICERS

An interesting program which Henry Dobson, representative featured a pictured lecture on to the North Carolina General salesmanship and merchandising, Assembly from Surry county, has was presented at the meeting of Oscar Huffman, who lives a Harry Lee Dobson, age 20, of short distance east of Elkin on Rockford, to Miss Hattie Cockerthe Elkin-Dobson highway, is have one of the company of North Wilkesboro; house committees, it has been Thursday evening by Chal Mclearned here. The committees of Neill, of the Coca-Cola Bottling
the Elkin-Dobson highway, is have one of the committee of Neill, of the Coca-Cola Bottling

has been prepared.

### LARGEST BUDGET FOR STATE CALLS FOR \$154,514,899

PUBLISHED WEEKL

Governor Hoey Recommends Very Few Changes

BILL IS SENT TO HOUSE

Increase in Beer and Liquor Tax One of Principal Changes in Revenue

TAX EXEMPTIONS LISTED

Raleigh, an. 9.-A record budget calling for state expenditures of \$154,514,899 during the 1939-40 beinnium went to the legislature tonight with Governor Hoey's recommendations that very few changes be made in the state's

The budget compared with a recommended \$140,419,146 two years ago, when the legislature voted to appropriate \$146,985,302 Four years ago the recommended budget for the 1935-37 biennium was only \$114,428,523, but many changes were made, resulting in actual expenditures in 1935-36 of nearly \$11,000,000 more than the budget recommendations had been. The budget statement set forth that a balanced financial sheet was expecte on the basis of recommendations, but it showed that the general fund would end the 1939-41 biennium with only \$39,693 in surplus while it was figured it would start the period with \$2,000,000 carried over next June 30.

Tax revenue estimates were based on the assumption that business during the entire biennium will be at the levels of 1937-38, when the state got the greatest receipts in its history.

Principal tax changes were proposals to increase the beer tan by 50 per cent., making it one and a half cents a bottle instead of one cent and the liquor tax nearly as much, raising the rate from 7 per cent. of the retail price to 10 per cent.

The use tax on building materials, automobiles and the like would be extended to cover "tangible personal property . storage, use or consumption in this state" at the 3 per cent. sales tax rate, with a top limit of a \$15

tax on any single purchase. Ice and medicines would be exempted from the general sales tax, in addition to bread, sugar, coffee flour, meal, meat, lard, milk, molasses and rolls which were ex-

empted in 1937. The report asserted that "it is imperative" that the provision to allow diversion of highway funds, appropriations, be continued on the basis of a 3 per cent. sales tax on gasoline. There has been no diversion this biennium.

## OVER ON DOBSON HWY

A large truck, operated by the Tower Transport company, loaded with cotton and waste goods enroute from Pauette, S. C., to Wheeling, W. Va., overturned Wednesday morning on the Elkin-Dobson highway. driver, Leo Grob, said a hit-andrun driver forced him off the road. The truck, of the cab and trailer type, was not damaged to any great extent, nor was its contents. The driver was uninjured.

NICK TEAGUE ACCEPTS JOB WITH McDANIEL'S

Store, being associated with the

men's department. Prior to accepting his new position, Mr. Teague was traveling for a nationally known firm located in Richmond. His erous friends here will be glad of his return to Elkin.

Tax Expert to Be Here Feb. 24-25 To Aid Returns

Notice has been received here from C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue, that February 24 and 25 have been decided upon here as the two days in which a represent-

ative will be present to assist local income tax payers in filing their returns.

The tax representative will be at Hotel Eitin during the assist everyone needing he they will call at the hotel