

Thomas is Named Trenton Postmaster on 25th

Postmaster Marvin Thomas was named Postmaster of Trenton in a ceremony in the United States Post Office which was held in North Carolina.

Thomas has been stationed with the Highway Patrol in Trenton for the past five years. He will succeed Acting Postmaster Stanley Millard who has held the post for the past four years, since the retirement of Postmaster C. C. Heritage.

Thomas has not yet taken over the duties of the Trenton office but it is presumed that he will come there this month.

Lenoir Politics Remain In Rumor Stage; Only Two Announced

Right in line with the weather, Lenoir County politics is cool, to cold.

Out of the many county jobs to be filled with elections this year only two candidates have publicly made an appearance, and both of these are in the same department.

Ernest R. "Buck" Wooten has announced his willingness to succeed Recorder's Court Judge Albert Cowper who has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election and in the same court incumbent Solicitor Phil Crawford has quietly announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself.

Rumors are running, of course, what else?

Still in the "studying" process as a likely opponent for Wooten is Attorney Jimmy Brooks, who currently is serving as solicitor of the Recorder's Court.

Brooks' announcement, one way or the other. An announcement from Brooks is expected, however, in the very near future.

Opposition is also in the rumor stage for Solicitor Crawford. Here again it is in roughly the same category as for the judge race. Attorney Lamar Jones is the rumored opposition to Crawford but he is still "giving it serious study". Once again an announcement is expected shortly, but not nearly so soon as the Brooks' decision.

Attorney Harvey Turner who twice failed in attempts to occupy a seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives is reportedly now eyeing a seat in the other end of the Capitol Building as one of the two senators from the district which includes Green, Lenoir, Jones, Craven, Onslow and Carteret counties.

Those jobs are currently held by Carl Hicks of Green County and Ed Summersill of Onslow.

Opening Game For Eagles April 19th

The eight team class "B" Carolina baseball league will open its 154-game 1966 schedule April 17th and will operate through labor day.

The schedule approved in Durham last Thursday by League Directors calls for two all-star games and seven regularly scheduled doubleheaders.

The opening day schedule will have Wilson at Danville, Durham at High Point - Thomasville, Kinston at Greensboro and Winston - Salem at Fayetteville.

Home openers for the other teams April 19th will find Danville at Kinston, The Hi-Toms at Winston - Salem, Greensboro at Wilson and Fayetteville at Durham.

The league's Regular all-star game July 11th will match an all-star squad against the team in first place in the league after the July 4th games.

A second East - West game August 13th will match players from Kinston, Wilson, Durham and Fayetteville against a squad of players from Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Danville and Hi-Tom.

The Directors adopted a new rule banning more than one trip by a manager to consult with any one pitcher during a game. The rule, already adopted by the American League, is designed to speed up the game.

Expensive Sprinkler Prevents Much More Costly Fire Monday

An official of the Austin-Carolina Tobacco Company Mon-

day said that the \$15,000 spent for a sprinkler system in its large stemmery in South Kinston.

The worries are over now since the system prevented a fire that would have been a dozen times more costly early Monday morning.

A fire had started in a conveyor duct sometime during the weekend period and appeared to have been burning for at least 24 hours in that confined area before breaking out to where it became hot enough to touch off the automatic sprinkler and its attached alarm bell.

Because of that mechanical fireman the estimated cost of the fire was put at \$500. The building is valued at \$75,000 the official pointed out and its machinery and stored tobacco are valued at more than \$1,500,000.

Ten years have passed since Lenoir County last had one of those

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Mighty Good Care!

Extension specialist agree that management is one of the weakest links in Eastern Carolina farming. Generally speaking this is certainly true, but there are exceptions to all rules. Quentin Stroud reports this week on one of the most unusual bits of excellent farm management in many years. Roscoe Stroud was in Quentin's store and casually mentioned that he had just finished fixing his tobacco plant beds. Roscoe remarked that the new plant bed cover "worked mighty good". Nothing unusual up to that point; but then Roscoe added that this was the first NEW plant bed cover he had bought in 17 years. Mrs. Stroud was there to corroborate her husband. Some record!

Suspended Sentence For Jake Koonce in Pistol Assault Case

On Monday Judge Cowper found Jake Koonce of the Comfort section of Jones County guilty of shooting Ernest Rhodes, Happersville filling station operator, in a hassle at Rhodes' place on January 9th.

Koonce admitted that he and Koonce had gotten into a tangle and he admitted hearing a gun fire, but he insisted that he did not have a gun of any kind.

A News Feature

A Severe Case of "TV"

By Jack Rider
Doctors have described many real and some imaginary ills that may have foundation in the abject slavery to television which has swept the nation in the past few years. Eye trouble, muscular pains, ulcers and wife-beatings are some of the many diseases that doctors have seriously or laughingly attributed to this gadget which monopolizes such a big part of the lives of so many of us today.

Tuesday night, however, I saw a new kind of TV - it's.

A friend who owns several farms in Lenoir County called to ask if I had a few minutes to spare after supper. He baited his trap by saying he thought he had something that needed a little publicity. Naturally, that's like waving a bone at a hound dog, so off we went.

No Foul Play Ruled in Herman Suggs' Death

Last Friday afternoon at about 6 o'clock the lifeless body of 45 year-old Herman Suggs was found in a shack he occupied alone near Gray's Mill in the northern end of Lenoir County.

There was some feeling in the area that Suggs might have not died from natural causes. This led to a thorough investigation of the death by Coroner Raymond Jarman and the Sheriff's Department.

After this investigation was completed Coroner Jarman ruled that Suggs died from natural causes.

Rhodes and other witnesses to the scuffle gave practically the same version, each denying that a gun was ever seen.

Rhodes suffered a .32 caliber pistol wound in his right hand, which may result, he said, in partial loss of use of at least two of his fingers.

Judge Cowper sentenced Koonce to serve a one year jail term but suspended the prison term on the condition that Koonce pay Rhodes \$200 to cover his medical expenses and not violate any law for a two year period. Koonce gave notice of appeal and was released under \$500 bond pending trial of the case in Superior Court.

Huge Still Destroyed In 'Dry' Wayne County

Lenoir County ABC Officers Clarence Bland and Paul Young last week assisted ATU Officer P. A. Landell of Goldsboro in the destruction of one of the largest bootleg whiskey rigs found in this part of the woods in recent years.

This Wayne County distillery was located about one and a half miles from Seven Springs. Two men working at the still fled as the officers approached and were too fast afoot for the three officers.

The still included a 500-gallon coke-fired boiler with a forty-foot smokestack, one 500 gallon still and 37 mash barrels of 250 gallon capacity each. Thirty two of these huge barrels were filled with 8,000 gallons of mash. Also destroyed were 187 gallons of white lightning that had just been run and 75 cases of empty fruit jars that were waiting to be filled.

Three Kinstonians At Airport Meet in Farmville on Monday

City Manager Roy Robinson, Conservation Board Member Leo Harvey and Chamber of Commerce Manager Charlie McGulley represented Kinston Monday at a meeting held in Farmville to explore the needs for a major commercial airport to serve 18 Eastern Carolina towns.

The meeting had been called by the Board of Conservation and Development's Industrial Committee in an effort to fill one of the big gaps in the potential industrial development of the eastern half of the state.

The discussions Monday were almost totally concerned with the need and the possible best location for this facility. No discussion was had on the possible methods of financing the central airport.

erator, six stool chairs and all other household and Kitchen furniture of each and every description. Amen.

The Sheriff's Department had served the paper and we were told that a truck would arrive in a day or so from the Dunn outfit to cart off all of these items enumerated above - except the corn and tobacco.

Deputies in the Sheriff's Department assured us that it was all perfectly legal and proper. My friend admitted that there was nothing illegal about it. But, he added, it's sure as hell immoral if it's not illegal.

Let's take a second look at this legal action.

My friend said he had seen a truck belonging to the Harnett County company around his farm last spring, but he hadn't dreamed that they were selling anything like that amount of goods to his tenants.

So we rode out to talk to the tenant, who is now a day laborer rather than a tenant because of the cut in this year's tobacco acreage.

The tenant came out of a darkened house. I said, "They've probably got the lights down low, watching that expensive TV set for one last night."

My friend explained, "Not hardly. Their lights were cut off

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This is pre-view of the renovated and greatly enlarged Holy Trinity Catholic Church on West Vernon Avenue. This extensive expansion and renovation program is now well along

toward completion and it is hoped by the congregation and the builder, George DuBose Company, that the "New" Holy Trinity will be ready for use by Easter.



This view of Rhodora Avenue looking east from the corner of ... and ... shows ... of the widening project