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Hundreds Lose Job Here As New Wage, Hour Law Operates

Examination Announced For Local Postmaster Vacancy

Applications Already Filed By Several Local Men, It Is Understood.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination to fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster for the local office, in accordance with an Act of Congress, approved June 25, 1938. According to several unofficial reports five or six local citizens have already filed application to take the examination and several others are expected to make a

Many Applicants

It was learned this morning that twelve applications for the position of postmaster at Roxboro have been issued.

This does not necessarily mean that there are twelve applicants because some of the blanks could be thrown away or not used, but it must mean that there are approximately twelve applicants for the position.

bid before the deadline for applications, November 10.

In order to be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must have actually resided within the delivery of the post office for which the examination is held, or within the city or town where such office is situated, for at least one year immediately preceding the date fixed for the close of receipt of applications, and within the prescribed age limits. The competition is open to both men and women.

The Civil Service Commission will certify the names of the highest three qualified eligibles

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COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE ORGANIZED

Home Agent Calls Meeting At County Courthouse For Next Friday.

The organization meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in the courthouse here Friday, November 4 at 1:30 o'clock, Miss Velma Beam, County Home Demonstration Agent announced yesterday.

This council will be composed of the officers from each of the local chapters and its chief duty will be to act in an advisory capacity to the County Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Beam. At Friday's meeting of the council, plans will be made for home demonstration work to meet the needs of the entire county and to reach every family in the county through local organizations.

Another duty of the council, according to Miss Beam, will be to make plans for a County Federation of Home Demonstration clubs composed of all members throughout the county. The County Federation sponsors the county-wide plans for the various types of extension work needed and desired by residents of the county, she concluded.

BUSHY FORK PTA HOLDS BOOK WEEK

Drive For Increased Library Facilities Going On At Bushy Fork School.

Realizing the important part of a well-equipped library plays in the development of a well rounded education, the Bushy Fork P. T. A. is celebrating Book Week during which many new volumes will be added to the school library.

Members of the P. T. A. are urging all parents and friends of the school to contribute one or more volumes during this Book Week period, the donor's name to be placed in the book indicating gift and the time given. If a person wishes to place a book in memory of a friend, this can also be arranged. It was pointed out.

Letters are being sent to all people who originally lived in the community giving them an opportunity to take part in the celebration of Book Week. Contributions are asked from personal libraries or any other source available.

According to the announcement yesterday, 21 books have already been donated by two persons as soon as they heard of the plan and officials of the school feel that the drive will be successful.

WEST SPEAKS AT BETHEL HILL

Local Minister Addresses Students On "Key To Happiness" Tuesday.

Rev. W. F. West spoke to the Bethel Hill High School students Tuesday on "The Key to Happiness."

Introduced by Clyde Sullivan of the Class of '39, the speaker said of the rich, young, cultured, moral, upright ruler found in the tenth chapter of Mark, that he was unhappy because he loved gold better than God.

Using a real lock with different shapes and makes of keys, Mr. West illustrated that a lock can be opened only by a key that fits. "There is only one key to human happiness and the life more abundant," continued the minister, "and that is applied faith in Christ. The practical appreciation of true faith in Christ is the only key that will unlock the door to world peace and individual happiness."

Raymond Lester of the Class of '38 read the morning scripture. Frances Whitfield, of the Class of '39, thanked Mr. West in behalf of the entire student body for his visit and message.

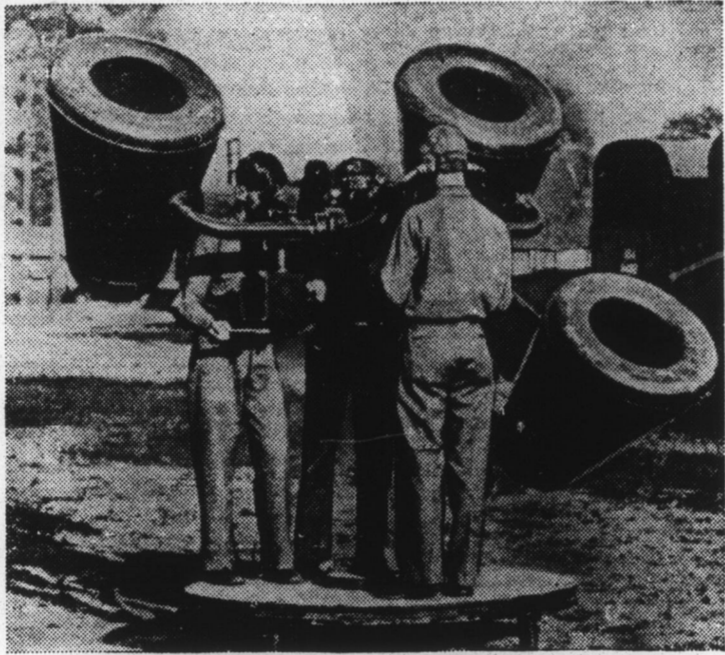
MRS OAKLEY IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. R. H. Oakley underwent an eye operation at McPherson's Hospital in Durham today. She will remain in the hospital about 10 days.

IT'S A BOY !!

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Church of Roxboro are announcing the birth of an eleven pound boy at 2:50 p. Monday. Both mother and son doing nicely.

"Ears" of Anti-Aircraft Artillery



Photograph shows one of the new streamlined sound detectors of the army tested during the air corps and aircraft defense maneuvers in North Carolina. The listening horns are made of balsa wood with rounded edges and a cellulose acetate covering. They have no greater hearing power than the old style, but are more effective in shutting out all but plane noises. Thus searchlights and guns of the anti-aircraft batteries can be trained more efficiently on attacking planes.

Hosiery Mill Seeks To Locate In City

Burlington Man Interested In Locating Hosiery Mill Here In Roxboro.

W. F. Wyatt of Burlington, N. C., was in Roxboro yesterday and conferred with officials of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce relative to the opening of a full-fashioned silk hosiery mill in or near this city.

Also present at this meeting in addition to directors of the Chamber of Commerce were J. A. Long of the Roxboro Cotton Mills, C. A. Harris of John Watt's Sons Co. and Jim Harris, City Manager.

Mr. Wyatt has had a large amount of experience in the mill business and stated that he was prepared to invest quite a sum of money in the proposition.

Those present at the meeting are now considering the proposition seriously and before Mr. Wyatt left several sites for the plant were looked at.

Details for the proposition are not yet ready for release, but if the proposal gains headway they will be released shortly.

The proposed mill would employ in the neighborhood of 100 people with a payroll of \$2,000 a week.

SPECIAL SERVICE HONORS TEACHERS

Dr. H. T. Hunter To Speak At First Baptist Service November 13.

Invitations are being sent out to all of the teachers of Person county to attend the morning service at the First Baptist Church in Roxboro, on November 13.

Dr. H. T. Hunter, President of the Western Carolina Teachers' College will at that time bring one of his instructive and inspiring messages, Rev. W. F. West, pastor, announced.

"Dr. Hunter is one of the most efficient and beloved Teachers of Teachers to be found anywhere

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NEGRO DOCTOR PRAISED HERE

Committee Of Own Race Express Gratitude For Services In County.

Dr. Walter Hughes, Negro physician of the State Board of Health, who came here about a month ago on the invitation of the local health department to carry on venereal disease work among members of his race has obtained excellent results according to Dr. A. L. Allen, health officer.

Dr. Hughes, Dr. Allen said yesterday, is connected with the Department of Epidemiology under which is set up the division of Venereal Disease Control. His job here has been to enlighten members of his own race regarding the nature and control of syphilis.

In a letter to Dr. Allen yesterday, a committee headed by H. L. Price, principal of the Person County Training School, expressed the gratitude of the Negro community for Dr. Hughes' services to the Negro race in this county. The complete letter of the committee follows:

"A committee, appointed during the annual meeting of the County-Wide P. T. A. of Person County, Saturday morning, October 22, 1938 at the Person County Training School, with the Supervisor of County Schools, Pearl Pittman presiding; wishes to express the gratitude of this immediate community and the gratitude of the entire county to you and the District and State Health offices for inviting Dr. W. J. Hughes to come to us and bring such valuable, indispensable and instructive service. We feel that the service of Dr. Hughes will mean great good to all of our people."

IMPROVEMENTS

Karl Burger, manager of Hotel Roxboro, announced yesterday that he had installed a new stoker in the hotel in order to give all guests better and more even heat. Other improvements, he added, will be made from time to time.

Allensville Church Plans Harvest Day

The members of Allensville church are having a harvest day Saturday at 10:00 o'clock for the benefit of the church.

Among the things to be sold at auction will be a pulpit stand, some old church benches, a variety of farm produce and a quilt. The quilt was started by the late Mrs. Jno. S. Gentry, and after her death the W. M. S. finished it. Stew will be served at noon.

COURT OF HONOR

The Boy Scout court of honor will meet at the Ca-Vel school Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced here yesterday.

Boy Scout Drive For 1939 Funds Gets Underway Today

Campaign Workers Hold Pre-Drive Banquet At Hotel Roxboro Last Night.

The annual boy scout drive for 1939 funds is on and eight or nine teams of two men each are in the field asking for donations from individuals and business firms.

This drive takes place every year in October or November and the response has always been good.

Individuals and firms are assessed a certain amount and are being given a card showing the amount of this assignment. When they pay they are given a card showing that they are honorary members of the scout organization.

Prior to the drive today the workers met at Hotel Roxboro last night where they were treated to a royal banquet and heard a few pep talks.

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Boatwright Stemmer Cut Off Completely Last Night

County Fair In Full Swing

The Person County Fair is now on in full swing and indications point to large crowds over the week-end.

Manager R. L. Perkins states that this is the largest and best that has been held in Roxboro in years and he believes that Person county people are really enjoying the event.

The fair is featuring exhibits, shows and rides and the crowds are thronging the midway each afternoon and night. The free attractions at night are especially good and are well worth a trip to the ground to see, observers have pointed out.

FIVE ESCAPEES STILL AT LARGE FOLLOWING BREAK

Eight Of 13 Recaptured Tuesday; Thorough In Investigation Promised.

Eight of the 13 prisoners who sawed their way to freedom and escaped from the Person County Prison camp Monday night had been recaptured late yesterday afternoon, Person camp officials reported.

Five of the escapees were taken into custody near Yanceyville during Tuesday's search by local and state prison officers headed by Oscar Pitts, superintendent of

Roxboro Prison Guard Is Fired

State prison division officials dismissed yesterday the guard who was on duty Monday night when 13 prisoners sawed their way to freedom from the Roxboro prison camp but added they still had found no reason for the epidemic of breaks which set 29 convicts free since Sunday.

Oscar Pitts, State Prison Supervisor, said the guard was dismissed on grounds of negligence. Pitts and R. G. Johnson, executive director of the prison division, spent some time investigating the Roxboro break.

prisoners, who hurried here shortly after the wholesale break Monday night.

The other three were captured by Patrolman W. A. Baxter and Gilbert Carver early Tuesday morning as they were attempting to make a getaway in an automobile, apparently stolen.

The quintet still missing are Edgar White, Michie McGuill, Lack Woodard, Harvey Dick and Inez Esckridge, all negroes.

No clues as to how the instruments were obtained by the convicts have been found, however, local prison attaches are of the opinion that they were probably procured by "A" grade prisoners. Two of the men were in stripes and were classed as "C" grade prisoners while the others were clad in the regulation plain convict uniforms.

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Between Three and Four Hundred Workers Believed Affected In County.

An estimated three to four hundred Person county workers have lost their jobs this week as a result of the new federal Wages and Hour law which went into effect Monday all over the United States.

Tobacco factory and saw mill workers were the heaviest hit in this county as all operators in these industries have shut down their plants pending adjustments.

The big Boatwright stemmer here shut off operations completely last night following two days of work this week under the act, William Collins, factory manager, stated last night. The stemmers were idle Monday but work was resumed Tuesday and yesterday before a final shut-down was announced last night. Approximately 150 employees were effected here.

Officials of both McWhorter - Short and Williams McKeithan Lumber companies located on the outskirts of the city announced that all saw mills had been cut off until lumber prices went up enough to permit compliance with the law. This was expected in about two or three weeks, it was indicated. Meanwhile, the companies are continuing to operate their planing mills here until existing orders could be filled.

An official of the Pope Lumber company said three of their planing mill workers were cut off Saturday but could make no statement concerning the saw mills. Between 200 and 250, it is believed, were effected by layoffs from all three companies.

The law sets a minimum wage

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SHARON W. M. U. TO PRESENT PLAY

Allensville High School Scene Of Three-Act Comedy November 12.

A three-act comedy, "Mother in the Shadow" sponsored by the W. M. U. of Sharon Baptist church will be presented at Allensville high school on Saturday night, Nov. 12 at 8:00 o'clock.

The play is under the direction of Mrs. Jack Adcock. Proceeds of the play will be used for the benefit of the church which has been recently built at Sharon. Before the play and between acts string music will be presented. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents for two and a quarter hours of entertainment.

The cast includes the following: Mable Thomas as Betty, Sophie McFarland as Lou, Mrs. Gertrude Daniel as Kay, Mrs. Robert Adcock as Nora, Thelma Denny as Lili. Sandra's friends, Inez Elliott as Sandra Carr, in search of happiness, Mozelle Williams as Muddle, the colored maid, Mrs. John Roy Williams as Sara Carr, Sandra's aunt, Fate Denny as Dick Bard, Sandra's beloved, Floyd Elliott as John A. Brownlow, Sandra's unwelcome suitor, Frank Laws as Eddy, Coy Daniel as Buster, Richard's friends, Carrie Leigh Williams as Jeannette Dooly and Hazel Laws as Emmy Arden, Sandra's mother.

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