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Section Two

HARGROVE WORLD PREMIERE TO BE HERE RECEIPTS - POST OFFICE SET RECORD



Both Month And Year At New Peaks

**Average Increase
\$10,000 Monthly**

Postmaster George E. Wilson Jr. celebrated his first anniversary as Charlotte's postmaster today at the close of the biggest month in local post office history and the biggest year in its history.

Receipts for December were \$162,137; for 1943, \$1,418,545.

The December increase over December of the year before was \$6,372.

The 1943 increase over 1942 was \$12,348—an increase rate of more than \$10,000 a month. The second highest month in 1943 was October, which had a total of \$131,776.

The increase of total receipts in 1943 over 1942 was 23.26%.

ORGANIZATION PROUD

The whole Charlotte postal organization was extremely proud of the increase for they were achieving over difficulties which at times seemed insurmountable. While mail was flying at a rate never before known here the epidemic of influenza struck Charlotte and numerous members of the organization had to fall out for brief periods. At the same time a large number of temporary employees were in service at the post office, requiring extra supervision on the part of the regular employees. Nevertheless, the mail went through without delay and on the day after Christmas the post office had clean tables.



NO. 1 PIN-FIN GIRL OF 1943—Little Miss Irma Lynn Linberger pulled a fast one on her family and doctor today by arriving nine days early to be the first baby born in 1944. The five-pound-15-ounce and nine-month-old girl arrived at 12:41 A. M. at the Presbyterian Hospital this morning, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Linberger of 1120 S. Graham St. Charlotteans are getting a good look at the youngster about as soon as her mother did. Mrs. Linberger had seen the little girl last night but for a moment. Her dad, an operator for Western Union, arrived at the hospital again in time to catch his daughter's photographic debut. (News staff photo)

Opening Scheduled For Feb. 8

**Film Based On
Columns In News**

"See Here, Private Hargrove," in these many months a best-seller and top-ranking favorite on the book shelves of America, has come to life at last on the screen and will be shown in its world premiere right here in Charlotte.

The gala opening will be held at 8:30 P. M. Feb. 8 at the Cavalier Theater under the joint sponsorship of the theater and The News, whence Marion Hargrove launched on his Army career and subsequently pole-vaulted to national fame with his whirlwind study of a lovely book private's life—namely Hargrove's.

Announcement of the forthcoming world premiere of the film version of Private—now Sergeant Hargrove—book was made today by Jack Austin, manager of the Cavalier Theater. Arrangements for the gala opening are being handled by Mr. Austin.

STARS OF FILM

The film, produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, stars Robert Walker of "Bataan" fame as the immortal Pvt. Hargrove. Donnie Reed, an up and coming Hollywood lovely, will play the part of the girl friend who served as the inspiration for some rare passages of humor in the book.

An able cast handles the portrayal of the book's somewhat wayward characters—persons dramatized. The book itself, it will be recalled, is based on columns written by Hargrove for The News while the immortal private was undergoing his military assignment in China and Europe.

Sgt. Hargrove is in the States now, having just completed a lengthy assignment in China and Europe.

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Tax Listing Office Busy As 1944 Begins

The tax listing office in County Courthouse did a brisk business today despite the fact that the rest of the Courthouse offices were closed.

Tax Supervisor J. Arthur Henderson and Officer Rufus Grier decided to keep the office open today to take care of persons who might find it inconvenient to appear later.

No figures were available about the number of persons who listed, but it was estimated that the number was at least 250.

The month of January is the annual tax listing period in the County. All persons owning real or personal property or liable for payment of poll taxes are required to list their holdings. There is a penalty of 10 per cent of the amount of taxes due for failure to list in January.

Residents of Charlotte and Charlotte Township must list at the Courthouse. Residents of the fourteen rural townships may list with special township listers or at the Courthouse.

Agnew Last Rites Set

MR. AGNEW

Robert E. Agnew, 44, of 124 Myrtle Dr., died yesterday afternoon at 5:30 at a local hospital. Funeral services are scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 3 at the First Baptist Church, with the interment will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Agnew was born June 10, 1899, in Donalds, S. C., and was the son of A. J. Agnew and Mrs. Willie Tribble Agnew. He was a member of the firm of Agnew & Agnew. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Agnew was a deacon of the First Baptist Church, and held the position of member of the Men's Bible Club of his church, and a Boy Scout commissioner.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Willie Agnew; two children, Glenn and Gladys Agnew, in the town of the University of Virginia; and one daughter, Mrs. E. Agnew on page 6B

L. Hartis Turns Up Calling "13" Lucky

RE-UNITED FOR NEW YEARS—L. John Glenn Hartis got together with Mrs. Hartis and baby daughter Glenda for New Year's Day after all, and it was a pretty happy reunion, considering that he was reported missing last summer over Italy. They're in Charlotte this week visiting L. Hartis' friends, and his sister, Margaret Little. (News staff photo)

With John wearing his attractive festive suit and young daughter, Glenda, in her new dress and a half-moon, the three of them traveled this week to Charlotte from 23 Louis, Mo., where L. Hartis has been since November in the Army Air Corps. Capt. Hartis' hospital, 17, which is under a doctor's care.

And all it takes to make them smile broadly, even Glenda, is mention the number "thirteen" for them. "It's our lucky number," "Yes," says L. Hartis, "that's the number for us. On my thirtieth birthday, I got a destroyer off Africa, on a thirteenth day I was struck in my plane—not that that's so lucky—I was thirteen hours on a life raft; rescued from a prison hospital after thirteen days; and Mrs. Hartis received a telegram Jan. 13, saying I thought was 'I've got'.

"We were shot down over Tripoli, Sicily, late one afternoon," recalls the lieutenant, "by enemy anti-aircraft fire. I was knocked out immediately and was exsanguinated at sea in the Mediterranean. I came to under the water—and the first thing I thought was, 'I've got'.

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Ration Stamps Will Expire

Brown Ration Stamps L. M. N. V. and Q will expire at midnight tonight. said Rationing Administrator J. A. Seagraves today, despite numerous reports to the contrary.

Mr. Seagraves said that some stores have signs posted which say that rationing will end tomorrow, Jan. 29, but that such signs are in error.

"Through some 'slip,' said Mr. Seagraves, the belief has become widespread that Stamp Q will not expire tonight, but he said emphatically that it will and that all retailers had to accept the stamp after today.

Busy Folks Eat 1944 Good Luck Groceries

Folks in Charlotte today were running around wishing other folks a "Happy New Year" and sitting down to heaping servings of peas and hog loins for good luck in 1944. Most of the bread-winners were getting the food for fortune in uniform eating places, however, for a majority of the working people are at work.

The uniform stores and grocers were open for business. Those who were given holidays were the employees at City Hall, Courthouse, St. Andrew's County Courthouse, bank employees and a few others.

Two Vera P. residents of the old-fashioned house of being the first person to be investigated vigorously an important uniform robbery last night in which thieves entered the clothing store of the Marion Davis Co., in the first block of S. Tryon St.

Thieves Rob Store Here

The complete list of stolen articles had not been made this afternoon, but it was known that they took these and cases, an adding machine and several men's suits and overcoats.

The entry was made some time after 11 P. M., and perhaps at the time of the blasting and shattering of a New Year's midnight. They entered by the back door, unobserved a bar which held it.

ATU Makes Hangovers That Bores Seize Stuff

Agnew-in-here T. Ed Patton Jr. of the North Carolina outfit of the Federal Alcohol Tax Bureau, is campaigning for the prevention of headaches and dizziness.

His men captured sixteen moonshine liquor stills with an average capacity of 30 gallons each, and created 32 alleged moonshiners in the process. Sixteen got away.

They also captured eight cars and trucks worth \$2,225, a sum included in the \$2,462 worth of property seized. They destroyed 186 gallons of white liquor.

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Wrong Name Used In News

In its edition of Monday, Dec. 27, The News erroneously and unintentionally used the name of Mrs. Paul Lippard, when the name of Mrs. Carl Lippard should have been used.

Mrs. Paul Lippard's name was used in connection with a story about charges brought against Mrs. Carl Lippard by C. A. Paul, News reporter and columnist, as a result of a visit by Mrs. Carl Lippard to the Paul home on Christmas Eve.

The News is glad to call attention to this error. Mrs. Paul Lippard had no connection whatever with the Christmas Eve incident at the C. A. Paul home. The use of her name was an error, which the News corrected in its last editions of Dec. 27.

First Baptist Church To Honor New Pastor

Members and former members of the First Baptist Church are invited to attend an informal reception on Friday, Jan. 7, from 8:30 until 10 P. M., honoring the new pastor, Dr. C. C. Warren, and his family. Guests will be received in the rooms around the auditorium of the Educational Bldg., with church officers and their wives acting as hosts and hostesses.

Readers Contribute Happiness To Poor Here On Christmas Day

By FRANK STROLES

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Five thousand Charlotteans will face the New Year with more courage because they were remembered by their fellowmen on Christmas Day. There are those who say that happiness has no price, but generous Charlotteans contributed \$2,724.43 worth of happiness to the underprivileged here and in Mecklenburg County during the holidays.

The Charlotte News-Enterprise Stocking Fund, for years Santa's right hand man, grew from 1937 to almost three thousand dollars from the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve. The fund is in donations received for their means for those less fortunate than they.

Two charity agencies, the Family Service Association and the Salvation Army, each receive a part of the money. The fund is distributed among the deserving poor. Each agency uses its own method of helping the underprivileged.

The Salvation Army gave three parties for young children who would not have been visited by Santa Claus otherwise. The youngsters were given candy, fruits and toys.

Volunteers in Charlotte had donated 1,168 dolls for poor little girls.

This agency also handed out around 750 grocery orders for poor people.

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Fighting Inflation Did You Know That

Price control is working, raise the nation many millions. This can be proved by comparison of prices of foods, clothing and material bought today with the prices of the same materials during the last war.

Price control—paid for by the Government—has saved the Nation a total of \$14,000,000,000 during the year ending yesterday. That's a lot of money.

It means this:

Costs improvement on a vast scale in all of the 717 counties in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee could be carried out with this huge fund.

The following table gives you the idea of what that fund would do for these states:

Scout Leadership Course Scheduled

A re-registration charter will be presented to the leaders of Boy Scout Troop No. 61, Negro organization, sponsored by the former association of the Fairview Home, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, was announced from Scout headquarters today.

The meeting will be held in the room with Mr. Rev. H. E. Carter, chairman of the troop committee, presenting the charter. Q. J. Ardrey, field Scout executive, will assist in the program.

Lewis Improving Art In Operation In New York

J. E. Lewis of 305 Ridgeway Avenue, well-known underwriter, consulted here with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for many years, has undergone an operation at the

Howe Discounts Old Wives' Weather Tales

The old idea that the first twelve days of the year forecast each in order, the first of which is each month of the year, with produce is not supported by scientific evidence. Howe, in his book on weather, says:

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