

The year 1930 was a banner one for the Des Moines post office in many respects:

1. The total receipts for that year were the largest to date.
2. Seven months of that year showed receipts exceeding \$300,000.
3. Every month showed an increase over the corresponding month of the preceding year.
4. The best previous monthly total of receipts (\$332,169.63 in March, 1929) was broken twice—in December (\$364,960.88) and in March (\$366,020.31).
5. Des Moines led all the larger cities of the country in per centage of gain in three different months.
6. Des Moines was the lowest of forty-five larger cities in per centage of clerk hire to receipts.
7. Des Moines was the lowest in the same group in per centage of city delivery cost to receipts.²⁷

Since 1930, receipts have declined considerably, amounting to \$2,523,711.02 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933; probably increased postal rates and the depression account for this decrease. It is almost certainly true that when general business conditions improve, the Des Moines post office will again show a corresponding improvement.

READY MADE CLOTHING

The subscriber has just received from New York a large assortment of clothing, consisting in part of blue, black, brown and olive dress and frock coats; blue, black, brown and fancy colored pants; brown linen and gloss frock coats and roundabouts; Irish linen shirts, white and brown linen pantaloons; black, blue, velvet and fancy vests, for sale by E. Lockwood. Advertisement in the (Dubuque) *Iowa News*, July 15, 1837. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

²⁷*Des Moines Tribune*, July 1, 1930, and February 5, 1931.

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