

placed with Vern Wallace or Louise Baker. After the business meeting, members and their husbands to a total of about sixty went out with green bags to pick up trash in PKS and along Salter Path. Things are getting better. The first year ninety bags were collected, last year 65, and this year 55 to 60. That is progress, not enough improvement, to be sure, but still progress. And after the trash was collected, everyone went back to Kay and Curt Johnson's for a chili lunch.

New neighbors - PEGGY and REA CARROLL are living on Beechwood across from Hall Haven while their new home is being built on Sycamore and Birch Court. When Rea retired, they moved to Raleigh but soon found that Pine Knoll Shores was much more their type. They love the trees, the breeze, their nearness to the ocean. As Rea pointed out, Bogue Banks is a resort area but in PKS you would never know it. Before his retirement, Rea was with U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh. He used to manage Little League, but now he enjoys most walking the beach and swimming. Peggy is, her husband reports, a good bridge player. Also, she is interested in china painting. Oh yes, Rea also managed Pony League, too. They are finding PKS residents very friendly and are rapidly getting acquainted with people they meet on their walks through the town.

PRE-UNION PROVES PLEASANT: From readers HARRY and LIBBY SCHLIMPER of Baldwin, New York, comes the following: "We recently had a 'Pre-union' -- not a re-union -- of future tar-heelers at the home of BARBARA and CHARLIE SPANSKIE in Seaford, N.Y. Barbara and Charlie own property in Barnsfield on the mainland (editors' note: that's our N.C. mainland). We got to meet our future neighbors on Loblolly, JACK and MIDGE HOFFMAN, and neighbors once removed, BOB and EVELYN ERATH. Also, we met PAUL and MARY HEIM, who will be living on Sycamore. It all came about because Barbara, Bob, Paul, and I work at Grumman Aerospace. Have all purchased property in the Morehead City/PKS area for retirement purposes. Needless to say, a glass or two was raised in toast to our future homes, and many wishes were wished that we were there now!" Thanks, Schlimpers: we look forward to your arrival!

IT'S FALL. Do you sometimes think that much as you love the ocean and the sound, the fishing and shelling, you would like to see the mountains and their fall coloring? It is an easy trip up to Boone and Blowing Rock and the Blue Ridge Parkway or into Tennessee on Route 321 which a girl at the motel in Boone told us has "right many curves." She was right, and steep climbs and colorful valleys, and Watauga Lake with its lovely picnic areas. And on your way to the mountains, take the time to see Old Salem with its memories of the Moravian settlers. This is a three or four day trip. It may be late for foliage this fall, but there will be new leaves, rhododendron, and trout fishing in the spring. Given a little more time, you can drive down from Elizabethton, Tenn., through the Cherokee National Forest to Ashville. And if you want to see still more mountains, you can go on to Great Smoky Mountains National Park where Clingmans Dome rises to 6642 feet, the highest point in Tennessee.

We talked with RAY SCOGGINS, the town's building inspector about housing starts. Ray tells us that building permits through the third quarter this year had an evaluation of \$1,930,481. There have been 61 permits to date this year. The average residence permit this year has a value \$42,075.

Building inspectors from Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, and Onslow counties are now meeting as a group. By comparisons of their findings, they are working toward uniformity of interpretation. Through their group they can more readily keep updated on all requirements of the building codes. Code work is handled through the Department of Insurance, Engineering Division.

Ray has given us these short items which all of us would do well to note: During the winter months is a good time to clean up your lot. Cut all brush, bramble, grapevine, undesirable weeds, etc. You may clear your lot and cut out small trees not to exceed 2" in diameter without a permit. Burning can be done within 100' of your home without a permit, but:

1. Only a small controllable fire can be started.
2. A hose or water must be available.
3. Fire must be attended at all times.