

Along the Way

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Many people complain about the postal service, but our society would face a major readjustment if the system was abolished. More than 200 people attended the 1950 opening of the Albertson post office, according to THE DUPLIN TIMES.

The Albertson post office was originally established May 25, 1818 but discontinued several times until 1950 when a postal building was constructed about 200 feet from the site of the original community post office. The first Albertson post office was operated in a three-story house which burned.

Opening ceremonies for the Albertson post office were held at Holt's Store with Hugh Wells acting as master of ceremonies. The Reverend Lauren Sharpe opened the services with a prayer and Judge Henry A. Grady followed with a brief history of postal offices in Smith and Albertson townships. Judge Henry L. Stevens added comments on the history of the United

States postal service. Stevens assisted Postal Inspector F.D. Condin of New Bern in administering the oath of office to the acting postmaster of the Albertson post office. Albertson is the 43,073rd United States post office and the 1,043rd post office in North Carolina.

The Albertson post office was first established in May of 1818, with Edward Albertson as postmaster. Samuel Davis became postmaster March 15, 1823, followed by Jason Smith, July 23, 1825; Benjamin F. Grady, February 28, 1832; James P. Davis, November 19, 1839; James M. Grady, December 15, 1845; Amos W. Simmons, April 5, 1845; Bryon D. Ford, September 10, 1857; discontinued and reestablished with James McR. Grady, May 3, 1890; Katie V. Gavin, May 14, 1914 and then discontinued until April 1, 1950.

Two other post offices had been located in the Smith township of Duplin County. The Resaca post office was

established Nov. 12, 1853, and Blaney Williams was named postmaster June 9, 1854. John Maxwell became the second postmaster of Resaca August 12, 1854 followed by Hugh Maxwell November 2, 1855; discontinued and re-established with John Flavius Maxwell, March 21, 1870; Gilbert M. Maxwell, November 1, 1897; John David Grady, March 2, 1911; Leslie A. Sutton, October 13, 1913, and discontinued January 8, 1914. The Resaca post office was named by Mexico Lewis Outlaw for the battle of Resaca on the Palma in which he took part as a soldier under Zachary Taylor.

The Buena Vista was the second Smith township post office and it was established April 6, 1857. Houston Maxwell and Martha E. Miller were named postmasters of Buena Vista, serving until March 12, 1861, when service was discontinued from the post office. Buena Vista reopened with Clarissa Smith as postmaster April 12, 1870, followed by Stephen M. Grady, Nov. 13, 1889; Catherine C. Smith, December 27, 1889; the name of the post office was changed to Leon in June 25, 1891, and Lizzie Smith served as postmaster until October 31, 1916 when service was discontinued. Captain Zack Smith named the original postal office Buena Vista for the battle Buena Vista in which he took part under the command of Zachary Taylor.

Changes In PCA And FLBA Financial Services

Production Credit Associations and Federal Land Bank Associations in the Carolinas and Georgia and Florida will undergo major changes in coordination of services and territorial realignments, according to John S. Smith, president of Farm Credit Service of Kenansville.

The 54 PCAs and 46 FLBAs operating in the Columbia district will be structurally realigned into 20 PCAs and 20 FLBAs with common territories over the next three years. Annual savings of approximately \$2.7 million in operating costs in the district are expected.

Smith pointed out, "A major means to adequately meet the demands of the future in agriculture will be merger of several associations of like kind into larger regional financial organizations. More specialized services are foreseen in the future, and financially stronger institutions will be necessary to maintain a staff of trained specialists, while at the same time maintaining professional management for better overview of such institutions."

The president emphasized, "There will be minimal impact on personnel through a limited number

may change positions and some may relocate to other offices. Employees will not be terminated as a result of mergers. A 10 percent reduction in personnel through attrition (retirements, etc.) is expected when the mergers and territorial realignments are complete."

Local association benefits will include easier coordination and loan packaging through improved communications, more efficient operations and better utilization of personnel. These changes will position PCAs

and FLBAs to maximize service and be more cost effective in the agricultural community. The principal objective is to provide farmers with sound, dependable credit at the lowest cost consistent with sound business principles.

The time frame for actual realignment and mergers be one that is practical for associations involved. Smith, president of FCS of Kenansville, and one association director will serve on an ad hoc committee to study and recommend procedures for

implementing territorial realignment plans.

Directors of FCS of Kenansville include James Sauls Jr. of Warsaw, Louis A. Brewer of Faison, Earl Wells Jr. of Burgaw, Glenwood E. Cavenaugh of Wallace, M. Sherrill Williams of Newton Grove, Albert D. Cox Jr. of Wrightsville Beach, Arthur Kennedy of Beaulieu, Woodrow W. Maready of Chinquapin, J. Ralph Britt of Mount Olive, Wilbur Earp of Winnabow, Charles C. Highsmith of Rocky Point and J.D. Patterson of Albertson.

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Classes are limited. If interested, contact either Douglas Judge, evening coordinator, in Kenansville, or Cleo S. Hobbs, instructor, Warsaw, for pre-registration.

Constitution Week

Sept. 17-23
196th anniversary
Signing of the Constitution

WHEREAS, Sept. 17, 1983 marks the 196th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the U.S.A. by the Constitutional convention; and

WHEREAS, To accord official recognition to this memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic exercise that will form a noteworthy feature of the occasion, seems fitting and proper; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No. 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the U.S.A. designating Sept. 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW THEREFORE, I

Donald E. Suttles by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Kenansville in the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim the week of Sept. 17 through 23 as Constitution Week and urge all citizens to pay special attention during that week to our Federal Constitution and the advantages of American citizenship.

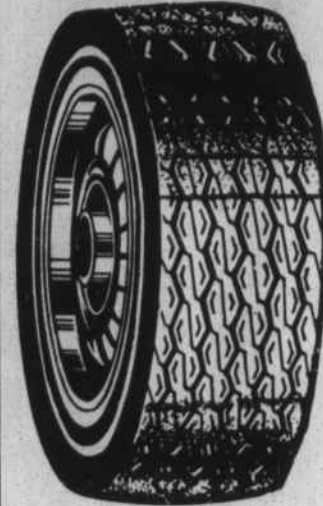
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Kenansville to be affixed, at Kenansville this 19th day in the year of our Lord, 1983, and the Independence of the U.S.A., the 207th.

Donald E. Suttles, Mayor
Attest: Mary Anne Jenkins, Town Clerk

\$1,000 Reward

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