

Birthday for Air Mail

The nation's 30th anniversary of the initiation of air mail service this week comes at an opportune time for Carteret county. We're entering the second week of air service to this section and this is a splendid opportunity to show the civil aeronautics board, Piedmont airline, and local postal officials that there is tremendous potential here for air mail and express business.

There have been a few kinks in air service thus far and several express shippers have voiced complaints, but as with all new enterprises, many little details must be ironed out the first few weeks. Display of that seldom-found virtue, patience, is required and we're sure the greatest benefactors in the long run will be the businessmen and individual letter writers of the county.

To speed a letter to the addressee by air costs only a nickel. Postmaster Harold Webb, Morehead City, and Wiley Taylor, Beaufort's postmaster, pointed out this week that social or personal correspondence accounts for 70 per cent of letters going by air from both postoffices. As a matter of fact, postoffice statistics show that the individual letter writer deserves the most credit for the rapid growth of domestic air mail.

Because of the 30th anniversary of air mail this week, the mayors of both Morehead City and Beaufort have issued proclamations requesting citizens to do their part in this observance by making use of the county's airmail facilities.

Deadline for airmail at each postoffice is noon every day including Sunday.

and some Raleigh bosses have been heard to complain that their stenographers' night work is cutting down on their daytime efficiency in their regular employment. . . . Could be. . . . But since Governor Cherry will not call a special session to increase salaries of State employees, they must pick up change by helping out the candidates. . . . Latest reports have it that Scott and Albright are still after Mr. R. Gregg to call that session. . . . Johnson says he feels that he should not ask for a special assembly. . . . since he is a member of the Council of State. . . . He said a few days ago, however, that he did suggest to Mr. R. Gregg several months back that he call one. . . . But the Governor says he just can't recall this suggestion to save his life.

NEW TALENT — The talent scouts in the Johnson group report that they have discovered latent aptitudes in their man. That speech. . . supposedly written by Sunday schooler and Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill. . . in which Johnson accused Kerr Scott of bearing false witness, etc. . . convinced them, they confess, that they have a radio personality in their midst. And so, Mr. Charlie has been on the air rather regularly ever since. Statewide hookup dates were arranged last week for May 18, 21, 25, 28, and Johnson sponsorship of big league baseball games on Raleigh's new radio station WNAO! Also, several Johnson friends are expected to go on the air in his behalf.

COMMONISTS? — A filling station operator who lives between Spring Hope and Nashville was last week asked how he stood on the Governor's race. "Are any of 'em Communists?", he wanted to know. Told that they were not, he replied, "Well, then, I don't care who makes the grade. I just don't want no Communist running this State."

BOTTLE CAPS — The Kerr Scott followers were searching all over last week for \$1,800. With this money they wanted to do some effective advertising on milk bottle caps in several cities next week. . . . and on the day of the Primary in particular. At last reports, they could not find the cash. They had planned to place the campaign slogan "Forward with Scott" on these bottle caps, which would be read by the housewives on the A. M. of May 29.

NINE MONTHS SCHOOLS — Although Kerr Scott and Charles Johnson are now pleading the cause of teachers, R. Mayne Albright was first to come out for a \$2,400 starting salary for them. We have come a long way, for it was only five years ago. . . . the 1943 Legislature. . . . which made provisions for the nine months school from State aid. This helped to raise North Carolina up the educational ladder. The fight for an extra month was begun by the late Josephus Daniels, who ran a number of fine editorials in its behalf in his News and Observer. Those who opposed it in the Legislature would probably now be in favor of it. It is interesting to delve back into the records now and then. For instance, the Journal for 1943 shows that only nine House members opposed the bill on the third and final reading. They were Representatives Brown of Hoke, Burns of Person, Cook of Cumberland, Edwards of Greene, Falls of Cleveland, Pearsall of Nash, Richardson of Union, Taylor of Wayne, and Woods of Caswell. Despite this, however, Mr. Oscar Richardson became speaker of the House in the next Legislature, 1945, and Mr. Thomas Pearsall became Speaker of the House in 1947. Now they have changed, see their error, and are battling for the teachers.

It must be remembered, too, that if the matter had been left to a vote of the people, it likely would not have passed. The Legislature is often criticized, but it frequently is ahead of the people in progress.

OFF THE CUFF — It now looks as if Wake County will go for Kerr Scott, which is a bad omen, it would seem, for Wake has not been with the winner, save J. M. Broughton in 1940, in years. . . . Report of overheard conversation on Fayetteville Street last week, Mrs. Charles Johnson speaking: "I don't care what happens, I am not going to be bitter, resentful, or have hard feelings toward anybody. . . ."

John Barnes of Clayton in Wake County is Mayne Albright's manager, and a good one. . . . 32 years old. . . . instructor-pilot, heavy bombers in World War II, 1,800 hours to his credit. . . . is in the millwork business with his dad and brother, liked Albright's program, came with him. . . . "You want something to print. All right, tell the folks that I said the Scott and Johnson are both bums. . . . just bums. . . . Mayne was for better schools. They chimed in. He wanted to remove the sales tax off meals served in cafes and restaurants. Now Scott is preaching this everywhere. Another thing, those Johnson folks are sending out so much mail that they received more returned, non-deliverable letters this week than the actual mail received here at Albright headquarters. . . ."

They are calling Kerr Scott "Blacktop" because he is determined to "blacktop" all school bus routes. . . . "Then," he says, "maybe there won't be quite so much mud-slinging."



Teen Topics

By Imogene Long
I don't have much news for "you-all" this week, (and don't say what you're probably thinking), but here goes anyway:
The Beta Club has added nineteen new members this past week. All those who were invited consented to join. These new members were invited to the hayride the club had Saturday night. Not many showed up but those who went had a very nice time. (So I hear, I couldn't go either!)

Saturday night the Teen-agers had a jamboree at the recreation club and all the Teen-agers in the county were invited. Besides the usual dancing, bingo was played in the lobby. Around 3:30 the president held a short meeting and the mayor, along with his small daughter, made a little talk. Then the president, Grace Piner, presented

honorary membership cards to our wonderful publisher, Mr. Lockwood Phillips, and to our radio announcer, Mr. Grover Menden. Also a membership to the center was presented to Mr. Fred Lewis. Thursday night the weekly juke box dance is to be held at the center and we want lots of girls to go. Usually they have lots more boys because it's mostly for servicemen.

You know, I found out something Sunday. That sun over at the beach is "hot!" Ask somebody that knows, namely me!!
Be seeing you,
—Bye Now—

Training School to be Held
Training school for 4-H club leaders and family life leaders will be held at the recreational building, George street, New Bern, from 10:30 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. Friday. All leaders who do not have transportation should get in touch with Mrs. Carrie B. Gillikin, home agent.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I announce my candidacy for the office of Constable of Morehead Township subject to the voters in the Democratic Primary May 19th. I respectfully solicit your support.

HUBERT L. FULCHER

Pay Up or Else . . .

To satisfy curiosity as to whether town police in Beaufort were really checking up on motorists parking in the meter area, we violated a town ordinance by not dropping any money in the slot one day last week.

It wasn't long before one of the policemen strolled up with a pleasant "Pay up or else . . ." and we paid up.

So motorists who try to beat the parking meters may as well save themselves time, perhaps embarrassment, and, undoubtedly a fine, by parting with a penny or a nickel right away instead of hoping a cop won't catch up with them. Nine chances out of 10 he will when the little red flag is up.

Thoughts for an open mind. . .

If you are asking, "what's the use?" it means that you are in danger of allowing your life to become useless.

The world is largely a reflection of ourselves.

There is one war that is never over: the war with self.

Any time is a good time to start carrying out a new idea.

Good nature is an asset: a singularly rich art. Did you ever think of its literal meaning, its plunge to the sound core of a man? The "good natured" man is easy to please and hard to sour, because of his supple readiness to play any minor art or game that is going on.

He demands no leading roles, no monument of permanence.

His ready smile is the symbol of all this; it is the flag he flies whenever a game is begun, and adventure launched, or a return taken.

It is better to lose smilingly than to win whiningly. —Jim Morrill

Raleigh Round up

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

WITH THE WOMEN — Much of gubernatorial Candidate Kerr Scott's strength out in the counties is said to be coming from home demonstration agents, many of whom he became acquainted with while county farm agent in Ailance. . . . and others who are being brought around to his way of thinking by women in his headquarters who have worked with these home demonstration agents in all sections of the State.

On the other hand, Mrs. John D. Robinson, the charming Wallace lady who has played such an important role in club activities in North Carolina and who was in the forefront in most of the bond drives during the war, is doing fine work for Charles Johnson. A few days ago around 150 women from, it seemed, almost all areas gathered at the Hotel Sir Walter here for a big female Johnson rally. They seemed to enjoy it, too, heard talks by Mr. Thomas Pearsall and Mr. Oscar Richardson, had a good meal, listened to pleasant reports from Mrs. Robinson and went away happy, and, apparently, rejoicing.

THE QUEEN — Of course, the queen of all the women who are concerning themselves with politics this spring is Fran Albright. . . . or Mrs. E. Mayne Albright. . . . who by this time should have visited every county in the State

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