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MARKET OPENS ON 23RD

FOR THE SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO IN LOUISBURG.

Farmers Warehouse The First One to Announce Opening—To Be Run Under Same Management.

There has been an interesting change from the former plan in setting the opening day for the tobacco warehouses in Louisburg this season...

The Farmers Warehouse is the only one that has announced its opening so far. This will be on the 23rd—Wednesday.

An Explanation.

Owing to the fact that our publication of the receipts of the relief fund last week showed a collection of \$35.00 and the report in the News-Observer only gave credit for \$55.00...

A. F. JOHNSON, Editor.

Miss Sue Kelly's Itinerary.

Miss Sue Kelly of Henderson, who for the past two or three years has done very effective work in this county...

with many beautiful and suggestive pictures. All who attend her meetings will be amply repaid. She is doing this work under the auspices and direction of the Woman's Missionary Union...

Gen. Carranza to Retire and Run for President.

Laredo, Texas, July 30.—Venustiano Carranza is to retire as first chief of the de facto government of Mexico at an early date and will be succeeded by Gen. Pablo Gonzales...

General Carranza will enter the field as a presidential candidate at the forthcoming general elections, it was said today, apparently confirming recent unofficial advices from Mexico City...

The conference of Mexican generals with Carranza soon to be held in Mexico City according to these advices will arrange for the call for general elections and for the retirement of the first chief.

While no date has been set for the conference several high officers of the de facto government military forces have left the border within the last few days with the announced intention of proceeding to Mexico City to confer with General Carranza...

Discharged from Service.

The following men have been discharged from service at Camp Glenn under the War Department's "dependent family" orders, and will return home this week:

- Artificer John A. Riggan, Co. C, third infantry; Musician G. E. Wilson, Co. C, third infantry; Private Preston A. Wood, Co. D, third infantry; Private William E. Collier, Co. D, third infantry; Private Benjamin S. Alford, Co. D, third infantry; Private William B. Foster, sanitary troops third infantry; Private Henry C. Dickerson, Co. D, third infantry; Private Frank L. Lambeth, sanitary troops third infantry; Private James S. Strickland, Co. D, third infantry; Private Shirley Downey, Co. D, third infantry; Private James K. Brewer, Co. D, third infantry; Private Robert H. Jones, Co. D, third infantry; Private Benjamin C. Barnes, Co. C, third infantry; Private Eddie R. Lewis, Co. G, second infantry; Private Lineyar Woolard, Co. G, second infantry.

Buggy Turned Over by Automobile.

Reports were received here to the effect that on Sunday while on their way from Mapleville to Louisburg the buggy occupied by Mr. Hall Perry, Mrs. J. H. Uzzell and Miss Gertrude Boone was struck by an automobile driven by Miss Ovie Alford...

Over 6,000 women marched in the Boston preparedness parade.

FLIES AND INFANTILE PARALYSIS

The Best Way to Keep Them From Spreading the Disease.

"Infantile paralysis is 'catching' " advises the State Board of Health "and although full details of how it is spread are not fully known we know that it may be contracted by means of secretions from the nose, throat and mouth and from bowel discharges. If every case of the disease were detected at once and properly cared for, the disease would soon stop but in the case of some individuals the disease is not recognized at once and in some not at all. These are the cases that are particularly dangerous.

With open toilets and other possible sources of infection from this and other diseases the possibility of grave danger from the ordinary household is forcefully brought to our attention.

The first essential in fighting the fly is to screen him out not with extension or other ill fitting screens but close fitting screens or mosquito netting tacked over the entire outside of the window. Nor will screening the down stairs of a few rooms answer. Every door and window up stairs and down should be screened. The residual few that succeed in breaking through these outer trenches may then be readily swatted.

Around grocery stores where flies are abundant fly traps work very successfully.

Of course the ideal condition would be the thorough removal of all manure and other breeding material at least twice a week in order to prevent future generations of flies but since in practice this is not always done, thorough screening, is to be recommended as the best single agency against the fly danger.

Death of Mrs. Alice Boone.

Mrs. Alice Uzzell Boone, widow of the late Sheriff W. M. Boone, died early Sunday morning in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, following an operation on Friday afternoon. Her remains were brought here through the country by auto-hearse Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Boone has been in poor health for several months. About 18 months ago she had a very serious operation. Since then her health has been improving, and it was thought that she was sufficiently strong to undergo a second operation. She was 50 years old.

Mrs. Boone was a devout member of the Maple Springs church, where she lived until moving to this city a few years ago, and was a most estimable lady. She was quiet, unassuming, a keeper of home. A host of friends, as well as relatives, grieve over her untimely departure.

Immediate relatives surviving here are, three daughters Misses Alleen, Florine, and Gertrude Boone, one brother, W. E. Uzzell, and one twin sister, Mrs. O. H. Harris, all of Louisburg.

The funeral services were held at Maple Springs Baptist church and were conducted by Revs. Geo. M. Duke and W. M. Gilmore, on Monday afternoon in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. After the services her body was quietly laid to rest beside her husband in the church cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Wm. H. Ruffin, G. M. Beam, C. P. Harris, C. K. Cooke, B. T. Holden, M. S. Clifton.

Pills Vacancies.

At a meeting of the Trustees held on Friday Miss Lillian E. Fields, of LaGrange, was elected to fill the chair of Expression in Louisburg College made vacant by the resignation of Miss Elba Henninger, of Staville, who has directed that department here for several years. Miss Fields has had several years of experience. She is at present taking special work in Boston.

Miss Ruth Gatter, of Harmony, near Statesville, has been elected to take the place of Miss Lauraine Joyner as director of piano. Miss Gatter comes highly recommended also, having taught the past year at Trenton.

Proof Positive.

Gyer—That grocer on the corner is a regular sandbagger. Myer—How do you know? Gyer—I bought a 25-pound sack of his sugar the other day.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

Measures of Reform Introduced and Great Improvements and Extensions Made.

On the 17th of October 1900, there died in the city of Lexington a man who had made his mark in public life and left the impress of his personality upon the records of his time. William L. Wilson was the idol of his party in West Virginia and a great and commanding figure in the arena of national life. The people of his district delighted to do him honor, as successive elections to Congress rewarded the splendid fight he made for tariff reform by a seat in his cabinet, the position of Postmaster General.

When the body of this distinguished man was laid to rest at his home in Charles Town, ex-President Cleveland paid him the distinguished honor of attending in person the funeral ceremonies at his grave. At the close of a most touching and impressive address by the pastor, who dwelt upon his many engaging personal qualities, his public and private virtues, the tears coursed down the cheeks of Mr. Cleveland, a deep and silent tribute to the man he loved and whose loss he so greatly deplored.

The Beginning of Rural Delivery and Its Progress.

William L. Wilson was the father of rural delivery, whose benefits no one can fully describe, for it is without question the most popular administrative measure of the Government. For years there had been a growing discontent among farmers and the people in the smaller towns at the postal advantages afforded the cities and the more populous communities. They felt themselves deprived of the opportunities and benefits which others enjoyed, and the desire for recognition was outspoken and insistent and could no longer be denied. On June 9, 1896, the sum of \$40,000 was made available, and on October 1, 1896, the first experimental rural delivery was put into operation in Jefferson County, West Virginia. Service was established on three routes simultaneously, one from Charles Town, one from Uvilla, and one from Halltown.

At the close of business June 30, 1915, there were in operation from 18,813 post offices throughout the country 43,877 rural routes. Up to and including June 30, 1915, 26,950 post offices were discontinued on account of the establishment of rural delivery, representing a saving to the postal service of \$1,613,000 per annum and also a saving of \$3,482,000 on account of the discontinuance of star-route service. The period of greatest activity in the rural service was from 1900 to 1905, the appropriations running from \$450,000 in 1900 to \$21,115,000 in 1905.

Steps Taken to Extend and Improve the Service.

This administration has recognized the value of the postal service to the people to a greater extent within the past three years than for any similar period during the last decade. Mail facilities have been established and extended on mail routes in more than ten thousand localities, giving service to approximately 2,500,000 patrons heretofore denied this benefit. Six hundred and fifty-eight thousand families were added to the list from April 1913 to April 1916. The elimination of useless and wasteful methods have made it possible to do this and also pay out \$4,000,000 more to employees at an actual increased cost of less than \$1,500,000 per annum.

For twenty years there had been no readjustment of a vast amount of rural service. It was allowed to remain exactly as experimentally established. Consequently all sorts of special privilege had crept in and was found existing, such as double daily service to favored localities, unnecessary retraces to one family and not to all, duplication of travel by two or more carriers over a single highway, only one of whom performed service thereon, and many other similar forms of waste and extravagance. There was also neglect shown as to the value of the work performed by the carriers. They were paid solely upon the miles of road covered, regardless of the character thereof, the equipment necessary, the amount of mail carried or the hours of service rendered. This was as unjust and discriminatory in the payments made as it was in the distribution of mail facilities. Both needed remedy and the remedy was

applied, and who shall say that justice was done to anybody?

Measures of Reform Introduced

The introduction of any measure so nearly allied to the people and whose growth has been so surprisingly rapid must naturally be attended with more or less imperfection, which only practical inquiry into operation could fully disclose. If this practical inquiry, carefully made, developed irregularities which needed correction and the application of the just and equitable rules of proper administration, temporarily inconvenienced some and perhaps gave rise to criticism in others, it was but an incident to all reformatory processes and could be expected to disappear when the wider benefits sought and the greater advantages to be obtained made the object and the purpose clear and justified the wisdom of the action taken. For instance, if by the change of conveyance and the rearrangement of routes, more and better service could be given, should it not be done? Whenever and wherever such changes have been made it has been found possible to extend service to additional patrons heretofore denied this accommodation—from 500 to 1,000 in number. Surely the slight delay it might occasion to one or several patrons should meet with little or no objection when it was shown that this had been the means of obliging many others with at least a single delivery who previously had none whatever.

In the nature of things, the great desire of the people to obtain a benefit which its Government could provide and the willingness of the Government to give it and give it rapidly, conditions would develop which demanded both attention and consideration. If, therefore, it became evident in operation that by careful inquiry more could be accomplished than was being rendered, it was clearly the duty of those in control to investigate conditions with a view to possible betterment. "The greatest good to the greatest number" must ever be the motto of wise and successful administration and officials can only hope to win public approval when such motto governs their administrative acts.

The Policy and Purpose of the Department

It has been the policy and the purpose of this administration to make of the rural delivery and its partner in public benefit, the parcel post, all that its most sanguine projectors hoped to accomplish. The Postmaster General is deeply interested in both, and has used to the utmost the great powers of his office and his personal influence as well to promote in every possible way these two great factors in our national life. He wants the man away from the greater advantages of commercial opportunity to have an equal chance with his more favored brother in the cities, and gain for his industry, whatever it may be, the fullest measure of benefit that government can bestow. To this end the energies of the Department have been directed, the wisest counsels sought, and the greatest personal attention given. As important postal centers provide an easy market for the products of the farm and the rate of postage is reduced by the extension of local zones, motor delivery was established, whereby exchange was stimulated between producer and consumer, and both alike benefited. Delivery zones from these important centers will be, and have been, doubled; still others established, and the families tributary to these centers thus enabled to take full advantage of this enlarged opportunity to market the products of their industry to the best advantage.

The administration expects to greatly widen and still further improve this public benefit and advantage until all sections and all localities where rural service can be made operative shall have these conveniences afforded them and have them generously maintained. Petitions for service are no longer necessary. The recommendation of the postmaster brings an inspector who goes over the ground and if service can be made at all effective, it will at once be given. No considerations of administrative economy, no mere saving of money by miserly methods or parsimonious process, is to stand in the way of any benefit which the rural delivery can give or wise public policy can sanction. The common people, upon whom the burdens rest and upon whose toll the needed remedy and the remedy was

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW, SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Riff left Saturday for New York.

Mrs. G. L. Aycock left Friday for Norfolk, Va., to visit her people.

Mr. J. R. Bunn spent Sunday and Monday with his family in Apex.

Mr. T. W. Watson has returned from a business trip to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hudson left Saturday for a week's outing at Ocean View, Va.

Messrs. E. S. Ford and C. B. Clarke left Monday on a business trip to Mt. Olive.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pleasants returned Monday from a vacation trip to Ocracoke Island.

Miss Marion Hollingsworth returned the past week from a visit to friends in Raleigh.

Mr. K. P. Hill, who has been on a trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Frank Roth left Monday for Baltimore to purchase the fall stock of goods for I. J. Deltz Co.

Mr. C. C. Hudson left Tuesday for Baltimore, where he will purchase the fall stock of goods for his store.

Dr. Fred M. Hodges and wife, of Richmond, Va., visited his brother, Mr. J. A. Hodges the past week.

Mr. Geo. Spence, a prominent attorney, of Elizabeth City, was in Louisburg Friday on professional business.

Misses Sallie Louise Macon and Lonie and Susie Meadows left this week to attend a house party at Ax-tell.

Messrs. J. S. Strickland, W. E. Collier, B. S. Alford and Shirley Downey, returned home from Camp Glenn on Tuesday after having received their discharges from Co. D.

Mr. J. W. Harris, carrier for R. F. D. No. 1, returned the past week from Summit, N. J., where he has been spending his vacation. While away the patrons of his route was served by Mr. F. M. Fuller, his assistant.

Sheriff W. H. Allen and daughter, Miss Mattie, Mrs. E. F. Early and daughter, Miss Ruth, and Miss Mollie Strickland went to Raleigh Tuesday to meet Mrs. W. H. Allen, who has been on visit to her brother, Mr. T. B. Wilder, at Aberdeen.

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