

## With Our Rural Letter Carriers.

Conducted for the N. C. R. L. Carriers' Association by Ed. D. Pearsall, Cor. Secretary, Rocky Point, N. C., to whom all communications should be addressed.

### WHAT THE R. L. C. ASSOCIATION STANDS FOR.

Fraternal Assistance and Association Better Service and a Wider Field of Usefulness.

Dear Bro. Pearsall: The first requisite for success in our organization is that we have work to accomplish. No organization can succeed without this. Our purpose, my friends, is high and noble. Beginning only a few years ago, our little band has grown to an army of more than 39,000 devoted men and women who make their daily rounds to the homes of upwards of fifteen millions of people, spreading the news of the world, and uplifting the life of the rural communities.

In the performance of our duties, it is true, we earn our daily bread, but above and beyond this, we have a grander purpose. We, as rural letter carriers, are building up the waste places, shedding light in the darkness and bringing pleasure, happiness, and enlightenment to millions of our fellow countrymen.

It is through the work of our system that country life is being brought into closer touch with the outside world. No longer isolated from his fellows, the farmer takes renewed pleasure in beautifying his home and making it attractive, and wherever our boys go we see the country-side assume a more inviting aspect.

Nor is this all. It was at the demand of our organization that the movement for better roads was inaugurated, and from all over the Union we hear the cry for improved thoroughfares.

Our band is growing in strength and importance. Our work is too grand to be carried on in a slipshod manner. Every carrier should become a member of some county association and help bear the burden, if burden it be. I rather deem it a pleasure.

The question sometimes arises, "What is organization for?" Well, that is easily answered. You very well know that the Department sanctions no organization unless it has for its objects the doing of those things that will result in better service, or the fraternal welfare of all its members. We have for our object the fraternal welfare of the members, and we should use the word "fraternal" in its most significant sense; in the sense that we are not only brothers in the service, but brothers in life—in a common occupation, with common interests, with common perplexities, and working under the same conditions in general. Then we are organized to seek improvement in the condition of all the members. This does not mean that we are to clamor for an increase in salary, as some might suppose, but we seek to instruct each other by exchanging views on matters pertaining to our duties, by being polite and kind to our patrons, and seeking to increase our efficiency as public servants. Then, we are to co-operate with the Department for the advancement of the free delivery service. In the work of co-operating with the Department we have gained the confidence of the officials to the extent of having with us in our conventions

(both State and National) representatives from the Department.

With best wishes for all the carriers, The Progressive Farmer (the best agricultural newspaper in the Union), and all,

Sincerely,  
J. M. BALLARD.

Newton, N. C.

(Bro. Ballard is a "wheel-horse," and his letters are always gladly received. He has pinned his faith to the organizations of State and National Rural Letter Carriers, and his faith and works always go in unison. We truly hope every carrier that reads our State Organ will both read and re-read his article. And it won't hurt our patrons to read it and ask their carriers that have not joined the "procession" why they are not members of their State Rural Letter Carriers' Association.—E. D. Pearsall.)

### An Alliance Revival in Old Johnston.

Bro. H. M. Cates, lecturer for the State Farmers' Alliance, has just closed a lecturing trip in Johnston, where he has done much good. He organized one new sub and strengthened the old ones. Brother Cates is an up-to-date farmer and a fluent speaker and can capture almost any crowd. I wish that every farmer in the State could hear him speak. I think that they would feel that they were made better farmers.

H. C. WILLIAMS.

Beasley, N. C.

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