



Postal Inspector Making Survey For City Delivery Here

All Houses Must Be Numbered Before Approval Is Given

Routes Being Outlined

Postal Inspector J. M. Risley arrived here Tuesday to spend several days in making an official survey of Southern Pines for the possible installment of city mail delivery service.

The survey is being made in response to a request by Postmaster A. Garland Pierce, following a ballot taken at the post office Saturday, April 16, under sponsorship of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce.

The ballot, in which all post office patrons were asked to indicate their approval or disapproval of the inauguration of city delivery, showed an overwhelming public sentiment in its favor. Of some 900 ballots signed, only 26 were against the delivery service.

Inspector Risley, starting his survey with the aid of a map of all city blocks of Southern Pines and West Southern Pines, said he knows of no other town in the state—or anywhere, for that matter—the size of this one which does not have such service.

Many towns much smaller, such as Louisburg, Clayton and Franklinton, have mail delivery.

Must Number Houses

However, he said, the postal department does not go by size, but by the wish of the people, as indicated by their willingness to go to some trouble to get the service. The town government has to help, by seeing that all streets are plainly marked; and householders must see that their homes are correctly numbered. He suggested that citizens who do not have numbers on their houses put them on at once, as this is necessary before approval can be given.

The service, once installed, appears to be extremely flexible, in many ways yet to be learned here. For instance, Mr. Risley said patrons wishing to have home delivery may have it, and also retain their boxes for Sunday use if they please.

However, one object of installing the service would be to release boxes of those the delivery routes would serve, for the use of those they would not. Many here have been on the waiting list for a box for two or three years, with small prospect of getting one under present circumstances.

Mail Routes

Inspector Risley will check all well-populated streets to lay out tentative mail routes. These will go in areas 50 per cent or more built up, where streets are paved and marked, and houses numbered.

Patrons living off the mail routes will have the choice of (1) a box at the post office; (2) general delivery; (3) putting up a mailbox along the route, with permission of the property owner.

Inauguration of mail delivery service will also bring parcel post delivery by truck to the home. The inspector could give no estimate as to the time it would take to get the service going, once his survey is completed and postal department approval secured.

NOMINATION

Who in Southern Pines thinks John L. Lewis would make the best of presidents?

On "Gabriel Heatter's Mailbag," MBS network program heard over WEEB here at 12:45 p. m., daily, the commentator last Friday remarked, "Many of the letters I receive have presidents as their targets. For instance—here's one from Southern Pines, N. C., which says, 'Hooray for John L. He'll make the best president we ever had!'"

The letter writer's name was not given, and the "quote" was not elaborated further. So, to paraphrase Heatter himself—"your guess is as good as ours."

Rotarians Present Check To Help Pay For Band Uniforms



Here J. G. Womble (in white suit), director of the Southern Pines school band, receives from Russell Lorenson a check for \$229.68 to help pay off the balance of the cost of the band uniforms. This was the profit of a successful June event held by the Southern Pines Rotary club—a chicken fry at Mile-Away Farm, of which Mr. Lorenson was chairman.

The presentation was made at last Friday's Rotary luncheon meeting, held at the Village Inn. Guests were Director Womble, P. J. Weaver (extreme right), school superintendent, and band members Garland Frank Pierce and Jane Lorenson, children of Rotarians.

Among Rotary members in the background may be seen, between Womble and Lorenson, Morris Johnson, who supervised the cooking at the chicken fry, and President Harry Lee Brown; and, glimpsed just behind Jane Lorenson, Garland Pierce, program chairman for the presentation meeting.

Director Womble spoke of the educational value of the band and its contribution to the community. Superintendent Weaver expressed appreciation to the Rotarians, and said it was a pleasure for a schoolman to work in a community which gave the school such interest and support. (Photo by Humphrey)

Aberdeen Dam Saved from Flood By All-Night Labors of Citizens

Janet Menzel Is Peach Queen

Janet Menzel, lovely 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Menzel of Southern Pines, upheld the glory of her home community at the Rockingham Peach Festival Wednesday by being crowned its queen.

She was awarded a silver trophy and will be given an all-expense-paid trip to Florida, with chaperone to attend the Orange Festival at Fort Lauderdale next month.

The contest of 19 young ladies was held in the Rockingham athletic park, overflowing with a crowd estimated at 16,000, as climax to a day filled with exciting events.

A large delegation went from Southern Pines, and came home hoarse from cheering on their favorite. The contest was conducted by the elimination method, securing utmost suspense. "Janet was a natural from the beginning," several of them reported later.

Her poised, her queenly bearing and radiant smile set her off from

the start—she won hands down!

Governor Is Present

The open arena was arranged with shrubbery and garden furniture like the garden of a handsome home. A vine-entwined staircase served as a backdrop for the limelighted events—a fashion show, a real wedding and the beauty contest. Even Governor Scott, who was present as a guest and spoke during the afternoon, played second fiddle at night to the Sandhills beauties.

For the night events, in which she was chosen Peach Queen and crowned by Miss Ann Steadman, of Rockingham, 1947 queen, Janet wore an orchid taffeta dress with sparkling rhinestone choker. Her dress for the afternoon parade, in which the beauty contestants rode on open floats, was yellow organza.

Janet, a June graduate of the Southern Pines High school, was sponsored in the contest by the local Chamber of Commerce. Her

(Continued on Page 5)

W. Va. Forestry Students To Visit Here Wednesday

A group of 40 forestry students, accompanied by two professors, will pay a visit here next Wednesday as part of a forestry inspection tour, according to announcement by J. A. Pippin, of Rockingham, district forester with the N. C. Forest Service.

Mr. Pippin has arranged for the group to inspect the Weymouth Estate forestry operations here, the Colin G. Spencer forestry operations at Carthage, the Rice Estate timber operations at Pinebluff, the General Crescooting company at Gulf, in Chatham county, and miscellaneous forestry operations in Lee county.

They will reach Southern Pines at 10 a. m. Wednesday, meeting at the post office to start their tour of the Boyd estate with Don Traylor, Weymouth forester, as guide.

An outdoor lunch is being planned for them, probably at the fire tower, after which they will visit the Rice estate at Pinebluff.

Before leaving about 4 p. m. they will be given a demonstration of forest fire suppression and equipment at the local tower of the N. C. Forest Service by the county crew.

They will come here after visiting Chatham and Lee counties on Tuesday.

Assisting with the inspection tour will be Moore County Forest Warden Woodrow Davis, Lee County Forest Warden A. C. Farrell and Chatham County Forest Warden A. B. Clark, also Mr. Pippin and others of the district office at Rockingham.

The student group is traveling by special bus. The field trip on which they are in charge of George C. Marra, associate professor of forest utilization at the University of West Virginia, is part of their general forestry training course.

While in North Carolina, the students are making their headquarters at Duke university, traveling out each day in their bus on a different inspection.

September 7 Set For Opening Of County Schools

Moore County schools will open Wednesday, September 7, according to announcement made this week by H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent of schools. The opening will follow closely on the Labor Day week end.

A total of 191 teachers—the same as last year—has been allotted to Moore schools by the state. However, this represents a gain of two for the white teachers, to 141, and a loss of two for the Negro teachers, now numbering 50.

The teacher situation, which has been extremely tight during the war and postwar years, is considerably improved, he said. There are fewer vacancies than in midsummer has been in any year for some past, and a large number of applications have been received. No difficulty is anticipated in filling the vacancies.

No changes of principals have been made so far except at Vass Lakeview, where John McCrummen is succeeding W. H. West, resigned. No other resignations of principals have been received, Mr. Thomas said, and none is anticipated.

Staffs of the Negro schools, which have never had the severe teacher shortage the white schools have experienced, will see few changes. Among these teachers, applications outnumber available jobs.

School buildings of the county are undergoing their usual summer repair program. Some major repairs have been the re-roofing of the Westmore and Robbins schools, and the Carthage elementary school will also get a new roof. At the West End school, the old plaster ceilings have been replaced by ceiling tiles throughout. Some major repairs are also to be made to the Aberdeen High School building.

All school buses are being overhauled preparatory to being returned to their routes. A driver training school is scheduled to be held toward the end of the summer.

Application has been made for eight new school buses for the county fleet, but it is not definite yet if all of these, or how many, will be granted by the state.

No plans have been made as yet for use of the state funds promised for school buildings and building additions. This will be employed according to state directives, said Mr. Thomas, following a survey to be made in each county under state auspices.

Enlistments Made In Local Battery of National Guard Now Being Organized

Much Interest Shown: Many Jobs Are Open

Recruiting for a Moore County unit of the N. C. National Guard, to be headquartered at Southern Pines, started last Saturday as soon as announcement was made that the lists were open. Within a short time seven men were sworn in as the battery's first members, and about 10 applications are pending, said Capt. Clifford Carpenter, commanding officer, this week.

Both Captain Carpenter and Lieut. C. S. Patch, Jr., who have been appointed as the battery's first officers, expressed them-

Moore Soars Past \$98,000 Quota In Opportunity Drive

Moore county has done it again—passed its quota in a U. S. savings bond campaign, this time the biggest peacetime one of history. With a quota of \$98,000 in the Opportunity Bond drive which ended its eight-week campaign last Saturday, Moore citizens had by July 9 bought \$110,887.50 worth of Series E government bonds.

This figure represents 113 per cent of the quota achieved in 93 per cent of the allotted time, according to a U. S. Treasury report received by E. C. Stevens, of Southern Pines, county chairman of bond sales. The final report, made following conclusion of the drive, is expected to show a considerably higher figure.

Region 7, consisting of Moore and six other counties, scoring 109.2 per cent, had the highest percentage of quota achievement of all the North Carolina districts, it was reported. With a goal of \$475,000, bonds sold by July 9 totaled \$518,812.50. Hoke county was the first to make its quota. Moore, Lee, Montgomery and Scotland are now well over the top. Only Anson and Richmond are still trailing.

Moore and the region were both well ahead of the state percentage, it was revealed. With a quota of \$12,000,000, the report showed North Carolina to have achieved 95 per cent, with total sales of \$11,401,946.25.

Forty-nine counties and the municipality of Rocky Mount were shown to have passed their quotas, four were between 93 and 99 per cent in achievement and the rest were below 93 per cent.

selves as greatly pleased over the interest which was immediately shown.

Sworn in as recruits during the first week were Richard Patch, John O'Callaghan, Jack Ruggles, Proctor Goldsmith and Dalton McNeill; and, as private first class (the rank of their military service discharge) two young veterans Royal A. Stutts, Jr., and Jack Bogle. All are from Southern Pines.

Bogle is a former marine. Present indications are that army, navy and marines will all be represented in the battery, said Captain Carpenter.

30 Men Needed

By next week half the minimum of 30 men required for a start will probably be sworn in. On reaching 30 the battery will receive federal inspection and start immediately on its training and other duties. Drill sessions, for which each man receives pay (from \$2.50 up, by rank) will be held once a week.

A recruiting table, to give information and receive applications, will be set up at the post office each Saturday from 9 a. m. to 12 noon until the required number is reached.

The officers pointed out this week that those who enlist now, and are battery members at the time of federal inspection, will date their seniority from that time. This has an effect on promotions, assignment of jobs, etc.

It was emphasized also that men from the entire Moore area are eligible to join the battery. Inquiries have been received from Pinehurst, West End, Carthage, (Continued on page 8)

Ruggles Heads State Committee To Set Up Alcoholics Hospital At Butner

Sworn in Tuesday as a member of the State Hospitals Board of Controls, John S. Ruggles, of Southern Pines, said later it became immediately apparent that the job is not to be one "in name only" but will involve a great deal of real work.

A job handed him almost at once was that of chairman of the committee for setting up and administering the new state hospital for alcoholics at Camp Butner.

Governor W. Kerr Scott, speaking to the group following the swearing-in ceremony at his office in Raleigh, complimented the board on its past labors and emphasized the greater ones which lie ahead, as the state hospitals undergo a vast expansion program.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacey. The local man was sworn in as representative from the Eighth district, instead of member-at-large according to his original appointment. Since the appointment was made the Eighth District representative, Senator Ryan McBryde of Raeford, has died. Mr. Ruggles will fill out the unexpired term.

H. W. Kendall, of Greensboro, was then given the appointment of member-at-large.

First Meeting

Two new members and three reappointees were sworn in on the 15-man board Tuesday, and (Continued on Page 8)

DEWBERRY MARKET

The Cameron dewberry market will operate for at least one more year, according to an announcement made by L. B. McKeithen, manager of the market which for many years was the world's leader in its field.

Sharply diminishing product and sales during the past few years had brought ideas of abandonment. However, said Mr. McKeithen, through the expressed wish of the present growers and agreement of the buyers, plans are now being made for a 1950 sale, barring some unforeseen occurrence.

Mr. McKeithen reported that 6,850 crates of berries were sold on the market in May. Buyers had anticipated 7,000—an estimate not far off. Average price was \$4.50, which was considered good in view of the poor quality of the yield this year. Growers expressed themselves as pleased with the sales and felt their efforts had been worth while.

Moore Tournament Set For August On Pinehurst Course

The annual Moore County Golf championship will be contested at Pinehurst Country club during August, with True Cheney in charge.

An 18-hole qualifying round will be played, starting Sunday, July 30, and to continue through Saturday, August 6. Lowest sixteen will qualify for the championship. There will be at least a second sixteen.

Match play rounds will start Sunday, August 7, and the first round must be completed by Saturday, August 13. The usual schedule of one round per week will be in order. This should provide all players with an opportunity to support the county championship.

Perhaps the favorite this year will be George Pottle of Southern Pines, because of his excellent showing in the state championship at Fayetteville last week.

Bill Woodward of Robbins will defend his title. Bill has won the county a number of times. This year he will have plenty of competition. Among the county's top golfers expected to play in the tournament are C. Brook Wallace, Jack Carter, Louis DeLone, Kenneth Kennedy, Carlos Fry, Harry Davis, Ray McMullen, Watt Smith, Carl Kivett, H. G. Phillips, Clarence Edson, Floyd Phillips, Frank McCaskill and others.

There will be an entry fee of \$3 and no green fees while playing in the qualifying round, or match play rounds of the championship.

The county championship is the foremost event of these golfing communities during the summer. All Moore players are eligible to enter.

Pinebluff Dam Washed Out By Torrential Rains

Waters Erode City Streets

Torrential rains of late Friday afternoon, climaxing a week of frequent showers, cost the county one beautiful recreation spot when the dam of Pinebluff lake washed out, while the cofferdam impounding the waters of Aberdeen lake while the permanent dam is being built was saved only by the heroic action of Aberdeen citizens.

Showers falling off and on all day Friday turned into a blinding downpour about 6 p. m., continuing for an hour and a half, according to old timers, "as hard as we have ever seen it."

Eating away at the board-reinforced dirt dam at the concrete gate, the waters of Pinebluff lake gushed through despite the efforts of Boy Scouts, who cut a spillway at the side. It was not large enough to carry off the flood.

Aberdeen citizens, who had been keeping an anxious eye all day on their huge dirt cofferdam, soon after the storm eased up saw the swollen waters washing up and over its top. An SOS to all citizens went out and soon about 50 of them were there, to work all night at the monumental task of saving their lake.

Sand Hauled

The pile-driver, which was on the dam at just about the place the waters began to wash over, was moved to the bank. Town trucks and others were commandeered and dozens of truckloads of sand were hauled, to build up the top of the dam some three or four feet. A little way up from the dam on the highway side the waters cut a natural spillway, relieving the pressure somewhat.

This spillway and the top of the dam were shored with sandbags, filled by the citizens as employees of the Aberdeen Sand company worked in cooperation with them all night at the sand pit.

Mayor Forrest Lockey headed the action, and just about every able-bodied citizen in town was on hand at one time or another during the night.

When day came they knew their success was only temporary if the cloudy skies continued to pour forth rain. However, only a few more drops sprinkled down during the day and by afternoon the sun was shining.

It shone on a sad sight at Pinebluff, where a narrow stream trickled across the mudflat where for 30 years or more a lovely lake had lain, built long ago through the cooperative endeavor and financial contributions of village residents. The lake area belongs to Theo Berg, who is quoted as saying he sees no prospects at present of replacing the dam.

Many Fish Trapped

Hundreds of fish, caught in the muddy shallows, were retrieved (Continued on Page 8)

Lustron Homes Will Be Built At N. C. Sanatorium

Eight Lustron homes will be built at McCain on state contract, as homes for members of the N.C. Sanatorium staff, according to information received from M. A. Lyons, of the Carolina Engineering company at Pinehurst.

The Lustrons for the Sanatorium are part of a group of 34 ordered by the state, for use in various sections.

Mr. Lyons, whose company is in charge of sales and erection of Lustron homes in this area, said large crowds have continued to visit the model recently opened for display near the Moore County Hospital Nurses home. It is open from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p. m. daily, under sponsorship of the Pinehurst Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the Pinehurst recreation program.

Many have visited the "modern miracle" bungalow four and five times, and sales of several are pending to be erected in this locality. The one on display was sold as a winter home before it was built, Mr. Lyons said.