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1951 Was Post Office's Biggest Year; Receipts Go Up, Airmail Is Doubled

35,000 Pieces of Mail Handled In Day During Christmas

Year-end figures of the Southern Pines post office showed 1951 to be its best year, with total receipts of \$58,422.06, according to A. Garland Pierce, postmaster.

During this period considerably more than a half-million pieces of mail of all classes passed through the post office, reaching a peak of some 35,000 a day during the Christmas.

Last year's postal receipts totaled \$50,598.25. The comparison of the two figures indicates a rate of gain somewhat higher than fact, however, as part of the increase is due to raised rates on parcel post as of October 1.

The rate change also makes impossible an exact comparison on business for the last quarter, for which a gain of \$3,320.54 over last year was recorded. Though the exact ratio of increase cannot be determined, it is certain that the final quarter of 1951 was the best in history and December was the best month.

Gains noted in other quarters over the previous year were as follows: January 1-March 31, \$2,662.71; April 1-June 30, \$1,476.56; July 1-September 30, \$364.

The unevenness of the figures for the three quarters is caused by the fact that there are now several users of metered mail in Southern Pines, and their purchases of several hundred dollars' worth of postage at a time are irregularly spaced. For this reason it may never again be possible here for quarterly comparisons to be an indication of the actual amount of mail passing through.

However, said Mr. Pierce, the year's totals may still be taken as a good indication of the community's growth, and state of business. Airmail in and out of Southern Pines practically doubled during 1951. Postal savings, which the previous year had gone into a slight slump, showed a small rise. Postal savings balance on hand December 31 was \$142,109, a gain of \$358 over that of the same date of 1950.

Alexander Is Acquitted In Shooting Case

Oleyn Alexander, Negro, of Pinehurst, was acquitted in Moore recorder court Monday of assault charges in connection with the near-fatal shooting of Marvin Quick at Taylortown, near Pinehurst, Saturday night of last week.

Judge J. Vance Rowe advised in court, however, that the acquittal cleared Alexander only of the charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, a misdemeanor in jurisdiction of the court. If Quick should die, he said, law officers or any others feeling grand jury action was called for could bring a new indictment.

Quick, also a Negro, is reported (Continued on page 5)

Two Basketball Games At Gymnasium Provide Thrills For Holiday Crowds

The VFW's All-Star basketball game Wednesday night for the benefit of the school bus was a tremendous success from the spectators' viewpoint, some good, and some brilliant, basketball being played.

Coach Robt Lee brought his famed Phantex up from Aberdeen to participate in the VFW event, and the girls passing and shooting with precision of Radio City. The Rockettes walked away with a 18-10 win. But the Southern Pines All-Star girls had a 45-24 victory. A vivacious pint-size Ann Flemming, winning with her terrific play on the court. Guards Ale Williams and standing in a last cause. Grey Smith.

EXONERATED

The tragic death of William Leak Harrington, elderly Negro, at Pinehurst last Wednesday night was termed "an unavoidable accident" by a coroner's jury meeting at Pinehurst Saturday afternoon.

Clyde Hunt, Pinehurst taxi driver, who struck Harrington while driving north on NC 211 about 6 o'clock, was exonerated of all blame. Evidence showed he was in his proper lane, observing all laws, when Harrington stepped suddenly in front of his car. The Negro, a resident of Jackson Hamlet, was said to have been instantly killed.

The inquest was conducted by Dr. Francis L. Owens, who was appointed acting coroner following the death of Hugh P. Kelly of Carthage.

Charles MacLeod New Justice For Sheriff's Office

Charles M. MacLeod, of Carthage, was sworn in Monday by Superior Court Clerk Carlton C. Kennedy as a justice of the peace, and is replacing the late Hugh P. Kelly as the justice officially attached to the sheriff's department.

He is now on full-time duty in the office adjoining that of Sheriff C. J. McDonald in the courthouse.

Mr. MacLeod said the appointment came as a surprise to him, resulting from the efforts of friends in his behalf. Though the work is new to him, he said he hopes to have all the necessary information mastered shortly and to perform his duties in an efficient and impartial manner.

General approval of the appointment was expressed about the courthouse this week. Mr. MacLeod, who was 33 the day before the appointment was made, is regarded as one of Carthage's bright young men, with exceptional abilities and an excellent record.

He is a professional draftsman, in which he was trained at N. C. State college, and worked as such for several years for the State Highway department at Carthage. For the past two years he has been working independently, though of recent months he has also been employed on a part-time basis by the Davis and Cole architectural offices at Sanford. He said he expects to continue drafting independently in his spare time.

He is a descendant of old Moore County stock on both sides, with plenty of Scottish blood in his veins. His grandfather, Duncan Murchison MacLeod, was also a justice of the peace at Carthage. His father was the late W. Curtis MacLeod and his mother, with whom he makes his home at Carthage, was formerly Miss Ruth Pleasants of Aberdeen.

He is single, a veteran of World War 2. In 1946 he made a good showing in his first and only polo. (Continued on Page 5)

Youngsters Ride To Hounds During Holidays



Start of the Children's Hunt, held each year during the Christmas holidays, as it left Mile-Away Farm last Saturday morning. Riders nearest the camera are, from left, Joanne Goodwin, Page Blackmore, Jean Safford, Peter Winkelman and Cappy Winkelman. A lively drag hunt was enjoyed by about 20 young people, who were then guests of the Winkelman boys at Lakelawn Farm for a hunt breakfast at noon. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

5,000 Wanted To Take Red Cross First Aid Courses

The Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, is starting the New Year with plans for the immediate organization of a series of first aid classes.

The chapter's goal for early 1952 is the instruction of 5,000 or more persons in approved principles of first aid, said Mrs. Audrey K. Kennedy, executive secretary of the Moore County chapter. This will mean the training of approximately one person out of every six, a good working average needed to insure proper care for the injured or sick in emergency.

New features recently incorporated in Red Cross first aid training in connection with atomic attack and civil defense will be taught.

Important also is the new "back-pressure arm-lift" method of artificial respiration which has been found more effective than the old method, and is superseding it in all approved first aid training.

Fifteen instructors are now available in the county, and these will each take classes of from 12 to 20 members for courses of 22 class-hours each, in three weekly sessions. Classes will be organized in various parts of the county as interest is expressed, and sufficient members enrolled. There is no charge. Everyone who can and will take the course is asked to notify the Red Cross chapter office here, or Dr. John C. Grier, Jr., chapter chairman of safety services at Pinehurst.

Field Trials Will Open At Pinehurst

The 34th annual Pinehurst Field Trials will open today (Friday) and run through the coming week.

There will be four stakes set for running over the multiple trial courses around the resort. Opening the program will be the Amateur All Age, open to all bird dogs handled by amateurs. The Shore Memorial trophy, a big silver bowl, goes to the winner of this event.

The second event is the Amateur Derby, also for amateur handlers, and limited to dogs whelped after January 1, 1950.

The other two stakes are the Free-For-All and the Open Derby, both open events for professional and amateur handlers.

The judges for the amateur stakes will be Harold Watson, Cornwall, Pa., and Ernest Newman, Sumter, S. C. For the open stakes, Watson will share the judging with Hoover Black, Charlotte, N. C.

The headquarters for the Trials is the Holly Inn in Pinehurst and the drawings for the amateur stakes will take place there at 8:30 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 3rd. Raymond Hoagland, Cartersville, Ga., is president of the Pinehurst club and James W. Tufts, Pinehurst, is secretary-treasurer.

The trials always draw a large number of bird dog owners from the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia and many other states. (Continued on Page 5)

March of Dimes Chairmen Undertake Annual Campaign For Polio Victims

COMMUNITY CHEST

West End's quota in the March of Dimes has already been met and "all we have to do is write the check," it was reported by Community Chairman J. F. Sinclair at the campaign dinner Wednesday. That is because West End has a Community Chest, unique in the county. One campaign is held in the fall, to which everyone gives for all drives to come up during the year. When the separate campaigns arise, the money is forthcoming from the chest.

There is one exception—the Red Cross, which by terms of its charter must campaign separately in March, in West End as everywhere.

In regard to the others, "We don't try to pass our quotas," said Mr. Sinclair. "We give what we are asked. We set a total goal, based on what we have been giving before. We've had the Chest two years and we've made the goal both times."

Negroes Organize In County For March of Dimes

Moore County Negroes, benefiting in the March of Dimes on exactly the same basis as whites, are setting up their own organization for the 1952 campaign, to repay this help in part.

H. L. Bryant, of Aberdeen, has accepted the post of county chairman of the Negro division, announced Moore Chairman H. Clifton Blue.

Mr. Bryant announced this week the following community chairmen: Mrs. Julia Evans, Southern Pines; William Harold Blue, Carthage; Z. V. Gordon, Pinehurst; Mrs. Johnson, Vass; E. U. Grant, Cameron; Mrs. Mamie Briggs, Aberdeen; Grant Campbell, Addor; Miss Betty Stancil, Jackson Hamlet; John Person, Mt. Zion.

No quota has been set for the Negro division. The contributions will be recorded separately, so all may receive due credit, but the figures will be totaled together for the county quota.

Negro children and young people of the county have been victims of polio in the epidemic year 1948, and since, in numbers greater than their population percent. (Continued on Page 5)

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Seaboard passenger trains stopping at Southern Pines have gone on their winter and spring schedule, with several changes effective until on or about May 1.

Daily northbound trains are listed now as follows: No. 8 (The Sunland), 6:17 a. m.; No. 4 (local), 10:10 a. m.; No. 10 (The Palmland), 7:20 p. m.; No. 6 (Cotton Blossom), 12:01 a. m.

Southbound: No. 5 (Cotton Blossom), 6:55 a. m.; No. 9 (The Palmland), 8:53 a. m.; No. 3 (local), 6:24 p. m.; No. 7 (The Sunland), 10:43 p. m.

Building Permits Top Half Million For Year

NEW YEAR BABY

Moore county's first New Year baby was Luther Owens Hines, who arrived at 12:20 a. m. Tuesday at St. Joseph of the Pines weighing in at eight pounds, 14 and a half ounces.

Young Luther is the son of Sgt. and Mrs. James R. Hines, of Pinedene. He has a brother, James Robert, Jr., two and a half. His dad is stationed at Fort Bragg. His mom is the former Miss Veda Bushby of Southern Pines.

Runner-up in the county sweepstakes was a daughter, name unlearned, born at 7:48 a. m. at Moore County hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James Young of Hoffman.

And it was "many happy returns" to the winners of the previous two years, also born at St. Joseph's—the little son of the J. C. Bertrands of Pinehurst, born January 1, 1949, and the little daughter of the W. K. Carpenters of Pinebluff, born January 1, 1950.

Sandhills Kiwanis Vocational Clinic Planned Jan. 18

Seniors of all high schools in Moore county will gather at Southern Pines High school Friday, January 18, for the annual Vocational Guidance conference of the Sandhills Kiwanis club, one of the club's most successful activities for many years time. Speakers representing various vocations will tell them the pros and cons of the business or profession they are in, as an aid to the students in mapping their futures.

The arrangements for the conference are being made by the club's Vocational Guidance committee, of which Arthur Welch, of Southern Pines, is chairman. Mr. Welch announced Thursday that a representative of the committee would visit the various schools next week and explain to the seniors the purpose of the conference. Juniors also will be eligible to attend the sessions provided their schools approve, he said.

The committee is busy lining up speakers to cover each line of business and profession insofar as possible, and will announce the list next week. The entire group from the 11 high schools of the county will meet in the Southern Pines school (Continued on Page 8)

Two Rotary Clubs In Battle For Attendance Prize

The Southern Pines and Carthage Rotary clubs are starting this month on a "repeat" of their highly successful attendance contest of last year, to continue through January and February.

The club having the highest attendance percentage during the two-month period will be guests of the losing club at a dinner.

Last year the Southern Pines club won by a fraction of a percent and was entertained by the Carthage club at a barbecue. This year it is reported, the Carthage club are "out for blood" and even been in training for the month, with a prize of their own.

Herbert N. Campbell, of the Southern Pines, reminds that just as the contest is kept them, the contest is kept them. "This year we won't let them win."

C. H. Bowman has again accepted the post of campaign treasurer, he added, asking that the chairmen turn their collections over to Mr. Bowman as rapidly as possible after they have the money in hand, not only for a full report but also so needed funds can be immediately available.

For the first time separate Negroes are being set up. Aberdeen has a number of a number.

Much Residential Construction Seen Within City Limits

Building permits in Southern Pines during the last six months of 1951 totaled \$266,205, bringing the total for the year to a whopping \$518,260, according to records of Everette V. Walker, city building inspector.

This covers a total of 96 permits, most of them for residential construction.

Forty-nine were for new dwellings and 29 for alterations and additions to existing residences, a number of them adding apartments.

The rest went for a church annex, business building enlargements and changes and for such structures as garages or boiler rooms.

The list does not include the new Knollwood apartments, which were completed during the past year. The permit was issued in the fall of 1950.

Largest building project on the 1951 list is the \$100,000 educational building of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Permit was given for only four new business buildings, though a number of old ones were enlarged.

Most of the residential permits were in the \$4,000-\$6,000 class, with only two for \$10,000 or more.

The permits were issued only for building within the city limits. That outside the city limits during the year would come close to doubling the total, it is estimated.

Two Accidents On US 1 Holiday Weekend

Two accidents on US Highway 1, one north and one south of Southern Pines, marred the holiday weekend. While considerable damage was done to several cars, only one person was reported injured, and his hurts were said not to be serious.

Maj. George Stanley Luketz, driving south near Skyline about 1:30 a. m. Sunday, got out of his proper lane and sideswiped a car approaching on the opposite side of the highway, according to the investigating patrolman. With Major Luketz, who lives in Southern Pines, was his wife. Driving the other car was Rupert K. of Mebane Rt. 1. It was a night and both cars skidded some distance on the road beyond the point of impact.

Indicted for driving on the wrong side of the road, Luketz was fined a total of \$34. Peace D. E. Pines.

Saturday night a car driven by Davis, in the town of a 10-10-10. D.