

New Aberdeen Post Office Dedicated In Ceremony Held Sunday Afternoon

Presentation of an American flag by Rep. A. Paul Kitchin of Wadesboro, 8th District Congressman, to Miss Edna Maurer, acting postmaster, climaxed dedication ceremonies for Aberdeen's new post office building Sunday afternoon.

The Congressman, main speaker on the outdoor program in front of the modern structure at the corner of South and Poplar Sts., congratulated assembled citizens on the "community progress and enterprise marked by this important milestone." He was introduced by Dr. E. M. Medlin, former longtime Aberdeen mayor. State Rep. H. Clifton Blue was master of ceremonies.

The amazing growth of the U. S. Postal Service in 177 years, to an organization of over five million employees, a fleet of more than 85,000 vehicles and more than 36,000 post office buildings was described by Rep. Kitchin. He said the Postal Service is a testimonial to a basic American right—"the right of a free man to write a letter and mail it anywhere he pleases, saying what he wants, without government dictation or interference."

E. T. McKeithen of Aberdeen, who served as postmaster during the Wilson administration, presented a history of the post of-

ices which have served Aberdeen in the past.

His talk went back to the era before Aberdeen existed, when the area was served from an office established in 1832 at the home of Archibald Eutler on the Morganton Road, seven miles away. It continued through the establishment in 1887 of the post office at Blues Crossing, the community which was 10 years later re-christened Aberdeen.

He listed the postmasters who had served since that time: F. A. Ordway, Henry A. Powell, J. M. Johnson, E. E. McKeithen, A. A. McKeithen and others, down to Miss Maurer.

John Douglas, financial control officer with the post office Department in Atlanta, Ga., also spoke.

The Aberdeen High School Glee Club directed by Mrs. Frank Swaim, sang during the program, concluding with the national anthem. Dr. William C. Neill, pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, offered the invocation and the Rev. R. D. Spear, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, the benediction. The Rev. Brooks Patten, pastor of Page Memorial Methodist Church, gave the "Ode to the Flag."

Freshments were served by the Aberdeen Jaycees.

Kennedy, Kitchin Disagree on Whether Congress Should Bring in Industry

One topic this week for disagreement between the Democratic Congressional candidates, Incumbent A. Paul Kitchin and Challenger John P. Kennedy, was what a Congressman's function should be in relation to getting new industry for his district.

Kitchin told the Hamlet Rotary Club Tuesday, according to newspaper reports, that it is not a Congressman's duty to bring in new industry.

Kennedy, who has been mentioning the need for more industry in the 8th District, to help eliminate economically depressed areas of the district, then issued a statement Wednesday in which he said a Congressman should use the full prestige of his office to help the people of the district help themselves in acquiring industry.

The statement followed a conference between Kennedy and Lee Williams, a member of the Union County Industrial Commission, after an early morning handshaking tour in Union. Kennedy said Williams agreed with him

about a Congressman's function in industrial development.

Later Wednesday, Kennedy elaborated his opinion for the press as follows:

"I notice that Mr. Kitchin said yesterday that getting new industry for the District 'is not a congressman's duty.' I am not surprised that Mr. Kitchin feels this way but I am surprised that he is willing to express the feeling that stimulating industry is not of interest to a congressman.

"I feel strongly that it is a congressman's job to help develop the district, and I am particularly eager to see us develop the rural areas of our district.

"In these areas it seems to me that the great problem is one of providing local markets for agricultural produce. A congressman can certainly be of tremendous help in building public sentiment for attracting agricultural processing plants and other industry.

"If elected, I intend to spare no effort to stimulate the development of every area in our district, especially the rural areas."

May 15 Deadline Set To Apply For Crop Insurance

May 15 has been set as the last day to sign applications for Federal All-Risk Crop Insurance on tobacco in the Middle Belt Julian Mann, FCIC state director, announced today.

Although a final day has been established, applications cannot be accepted after most farmers start transplanting tobacco. Therefore, it may be necessary to stop taking applications before the 15th of May. If so, it will be done without notice. Thus, tobacco farmers in the Middle Belt who are interested in All-Risk Crop Insurance should apply for protection at once.

Closing dates for All-Risk Crop Insurance are controlled by planting practices. The Border Belt and Eastern Belt stopped taking applications in April. Also, the sign-up has been stopped for peanut, cotton and soybean protection. A closing date for tobacco in the Old Belt and Border Belt will be announced as soon as planting studies are completed.

Moore is among Middle Belt counties that will close tobacco applications May 15.

THEATRE SUNRISE

Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop have long been the nucleus of a closely knit group of friends in Hollywood. Their taste for each other's company, talents and sense of humor, brought them together last year in Sinatra's production of "Oceans 11." Now they appear again together in "Sergeants 3," opening Sunday at the Sunrise Theatre.

Adding to the all-star cast are Henry Silva and Ruta Lee, the only woman headliner in the cast. Miss Lee, a "champagne" blonde, was signed by Sinatra after he saw her in a television performance and was impressed with her acting and appearance.

The Crosby Brothers, Phillip, Dennis and Lindsay (Bing's boy) are introduced on the screen in the roles of cavalry troopers.

Buddy Lester, a nightclub comedian and another "Ocean's II" veteran, continues to show his versatile talents as a dramatic actor with his portrayal of a chief Indian scout. Another "Ocean's II" alumnus, Hank Henry, a regular fixture at Las Vegas' Silver Slipper, also has a role in "Sergeants 3."

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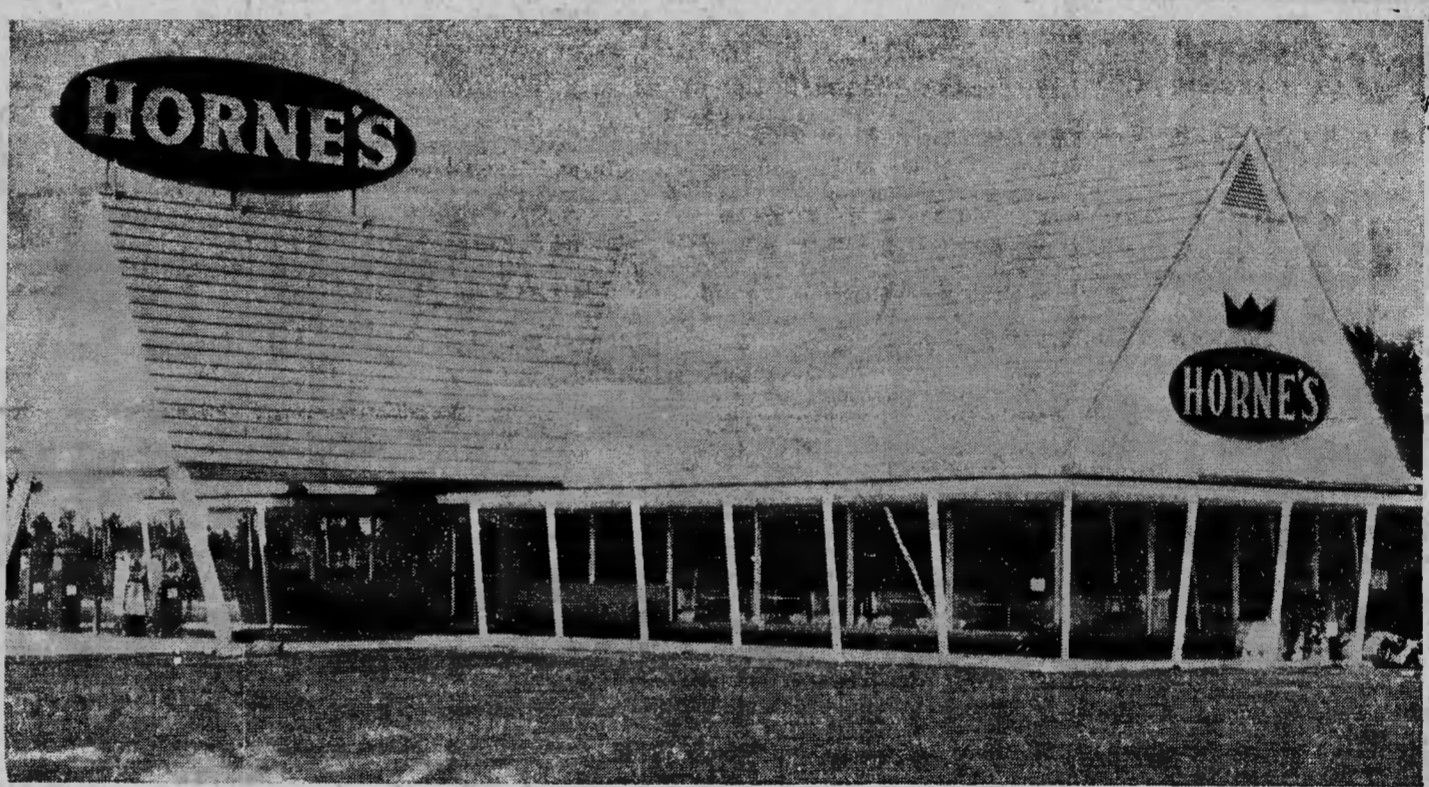


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