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Mound City Origin

The indian mounds, which were striking and remarkable features of the landscape in the neighborhood of St. Louis, impressed all the early visitors to the place, and when it became a city, this distinguishing feature caused it to become known as the "MOUND CITY." The growth of the city has obliterated all traces of these artificial earth works of a prehistoric age, but they gave to St. Louis a permanent appellation, notwithstanding the fact that its significance is not apparent to the modern visitor. Thus the name "MOUND CITY" which we have applied to our publication.

The policy of the Editor and Staff will be to print the pure unadulterated truth briefly but still enlightening. We do not intend to side with any group nor do we intend directly to aid the promotion of any individual or individuals, politically, unless it is of National character and endorsed by the Branch as a whole. On the matter of politics, any candidate may employ our paper, to further his cause by purchasing advertising space not to exceed \$5.00 per month. It is also the intention of the Staff to persuade our readers to remember our advertisers when the opportunity arises because they have helped to make your paper possible.

Your Editor.

Annual Picnic

The annual picnic of Br. 343 will be held at 9601 Midland Ave., Overland, Mo. Sunday, June 25th. This will be a basket picnic for the Letter Carriers and their friends.

A program of children's races, Band Concert, Exhibition Softball Game, and Bingo Game will give everyone an enjoyable day.

Refreshments as usual at reasonable prices. Sandwiches and potato salad on the menu.

We have paid a total of \$9,600.00 on 32 deaths since the beginning of our Death Benefit Fund since July 1, 1948. The gratifying remarks of the beneficiaries more than justifies the effort put forth by the picnic committee to keep this fund progressing.

It is imperative that every member does his part. **Have You?**

DON'T forget—Basket Picnic. Sunday, June 25th, 1950.

Wm. Steele. Chairman.

Message for the Mound City Carrier

I have just been informed, that the Letter-Carrier's Organization, has inaugurated a monthly publication, and I want to offer congratulations and best wishes, for the success of this new undertaking.

Most of the Post Office organizations have these publications and it is a fine medium for keeping in close contact with the members and giving pertinent and interesting information.

I am in favor of anything that will advance the morale and efficient operation of the St. Louis Post Office.

Sincerely,

Bernard F. Dickmann,
Postmaster.

Legislation and Resolutions

Resolutions that were submitted at the State Convention, May 29th and 30th, 1950 by Branch 343.

Resolution:

Resolved: That the use of hemp twine be discontinued for the tying out of mail to Carriers.

Resolution:

Resolved: That the National per capita tax be increased to the sum of Five Dollars and Twenty-five cents (\$5.25) with the additional twenty-five cents (25c) being put in a fund to cover cost of holding the National Convention.

Resolution:

Resolved: That the National per capita tax be increased to the sum of Six Dollars and Twenty-five cents (\$6.25) with Twenty-five cents (25c) of the increase being put into a fund to cover cost of holding the National Convention.

Resolution:

Resolved: That the Post Office Department grant classified substitutes the same military leave and pay privileges as is granted regular employees.

Resolution:

Resolved: That employees be given full seniority when transferred to another position or city under certain age and service provisions.

Resolution:

Resolved: That the Post Office Department eliminate Form 3897 (carrier registry receipt book).

The President's Column

By James Stocker

Having served Branch 343 a decade as an officer I have been in a position to really see and make a study of the progress of the Branch and the N.A.L.C.

Prior to World War 2 a full paid carrier received \$2100.00 per year. Since that time we have seen the enactment of Public Laws 134, 386, 900 and finally Public Law 428 resulting in the top salaried carrier receiving \$3970.00.

Salary is not the only thing that counts in our everyday life. We have seen our working conditions gradually improved during the past decade. There is much more to be accomplished, such as to seek equalization of Annual and Sick Leave to that of other government workers, and greatest of all rescinding of the order of the Postmaster General of April 18, 1950, thereby restoring the Post Office as a SERVICE INSTITUTION.

We have gained some benefits in our retirement legislation, such as the passage of H.R. 4127 on February 28, 1948, but this bill was a long ways from being perfect. We still must wage an all out fight for the passage of S. 878 which will eliminate the inequities that still exist in the present Civil Service Retirement Law.

Branch 343 has made great progress in Labor-Management, as of today the Grievance Committee of the Branch and our Supervisors sit around the table and "iron out" our problems in a friendly manner resulting in satisfactory agreements. Not too many years ago this was unheard of.

Another step in the right direction was the establishment of the ~~Branch Death~~ Fund July 1, 1948. As of June, 1950 Branch 343 makes further progress with the birth of the "Mound City Carrier," this will be a monthly publication.

Now! Looking to the future, how about an office for Branch 343 ? ? ? A place where carriers may go to air their problems and discuss organization matters of interest, a place to consolidate the work of the officers of the Branch and in a more efficient manner. **Let's keep in step with the N.A.L.C. Support your N.A.L.C. Donate to the NATIONAL BUILDING FUND.**