

ASK FOR MORE MAIL CARRIERS

Birmingham Citizens Petition Government For Service Here

Petitions of citizens of Birmingham asking for the extension of the village postal delivery to their homes are in preparation while one is already on file in the office of Postmaster James Cobb. If this extension of service is granted by the postal department two new carriers may have to be appointed Mr. Cobb said yesterday.

The petition now on file is signed by 29 residents of west Maple Avenue who live on the north side. Those preparation will cover east Maple Gardens and the south side of west Maple avenue, that section west of Adams avenue, north of Oakland avenue, the Forest Hills subdivision, and south Pierce street.

At present these parts of the village are served by the rural deliveries of which there is one a day. This type of delivery is a street delivery and not a house delivery. Granting of the petition asking for city delivery would mean two house deliveries a day and would necessitate re-routing the present carriers.

Before any definite action can be taken, Mr. Cobb said, postal inspectors must go over the proposed extension districts and approve the idea. The postmaster expressed his belief, however, that the petitions would be granted.

Sports Done Brown

By NORMAN E. BROWN.

Mr. Edmund "Bing" Miller stands out as one of the bright spots in the disappointing showing of the St. Louis Browns under Ben Howley.

Miller is hitting the ball at better than a .300 clip and is playing a good game in the outfield.

Miller, you probably recall was passed on by both the Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics as being excess baggage — good trading material. And it may be of considerable satisfaction to Miller that both clubs have since regretted parting with him.

Right now the Washington club hasn't a single fly chaser who can match Miller hit for hit. Spiker Rice, Goslin and McNeely all fall short. The Senatorial outfield as a whole is hitting far below the level set for it.

Connie Mack is at present well supplied with gardeners who are hitting well but the dearth of base hits—and consistent hitting—in his outer works prompted him to go into the market for Zack Wheat and Ty Cobb.

The Senators ditched Miller after using him one full year in the outfield in 1921. He hit only .288 that year, it is true, but it was his first year up from the Southern League. He had been the property of the Tigers during the war years but had not broken into the team.

With the Mackmen he proceeded to find his batting eye. He hit .326 the first year while playing the full campaign, dropped to .299 the following year, hit .342 in 1924, collected a .318 average in

1925 and last year, playing with the Mackmen and later the Browns, carried in an average of .322.

The Senators seem to have a penchant for dropping good hitters. Joe Harris was tossed off by the Senators last winter because of an attack of neuritis, after he had hit .307 in 32 games, while bobbing between first base and the outfield. He proceeded to wallop the ball at a merry gait for the Pittsburgh Pirates beginning with the opening of the season and his average for the first 33 games was .385.

Oh, how Stanley Harris could use Joseph's log but these days!



W. E. BROWN

TRAFFIC VIOLATION BRINGS COURT FINE

W. J. Behn, 711 north Woodward avenue, paid a fine of \$10 in Justice court here last week imposed by Judge Floyd S. Buck who found him guilty of a traffic violation. It was revealed in court that Behn drove on the part of the Woodward avenue pavement under construction in front of his residence in violation of a special officer's command to dismount.

GERMAN CHURCH GETS HELP FROM STATE

Despite the fact that one of the eventual results of the German revolution of November, 1918, is expected to be the separation of Church and State, many millions of marks are still being paid out by some of the German States in support of the various recognized faiths.

In Bavaria last year the Evangelical Church received 8,300,000 marks (at 23.8 cents each) from the State; the Catholic Church, 32,800,000, and the Orthodox Jews, 60,000. In Wurttemberg the Evangelical Church got 7,500,000 marks, the Catholic Church 3,700,000, and the Jewish congregations 25,000. The State of Baden gave the churches 2,000,000 marks in 1926 and Saxony contributed nearly 1,000,000.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO ORDER TEXTS

Free Books, Approved at Election, Being Regarded by Department Heads.

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, and Louis Randall, business manager of the schools, are at work today selecting text books to be used by the students of the Birmingham schools this September, as a result of the passing of the resolution favoring free text books at the annual school election Monday. It passed by a vote of 311 for and 270 against.

The list will take several weeks to complete, so that the best book in each subject may be selected. Catalogues of books are being considered carefully by Mr. Vliet in his selections.

The installation of free text books in all the grades in Birmingham is expected to cost \$12,000, Mr. Vliet said. This computation was made from an average of cost in other communities of about this size. This will include the cost of the books, new, and the cost of a clerk to take care of their distribution.

Little repair has to be done on the books before two years, other communities have found, and then it is not very much. Birmingham voters feel that the free text book system will be more economical, inasmuch as the schools can buy big lots at a much smaller price than individuals can.

Standardization of the book used by the students is also more easily accomplished with free text books, and any embarrassment to students caused by their parents being unable to buy the necessary books is done away with.

The question of free text books has been under discussion for four

years by citizens of Birmingham, but this year was the first time it ever reached the ballot.

What He Wanted
Mose and Sam had just cut a nice juicy watermelon. Being



shees out to his companion, but to his surprise, Sam ignored good manners and chose the largest slice.

"Where is yo manna, nig-gah?" Mose asked indignantly. "Why, if you had offered dem to me, I would have took de smallest piece."

"Whatcha yellin' about?" returned Sam with a satisfied air. "Dat's what you got, ain't it?"

Ray Marsden, arrested for stealing a sacred image from a church in Carey, O., confessed to robbing and burning 22 Catholic churches in Ohio and Kentucky.

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