

With the opening of Birmingham's new post office, many people are getting more exercise than they had for years. Who says Uncle Sam does not look after people's leg muscles!

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PROSECUTOR NAMES AIDES

Allen, Augustine Appointed To Staff By Orr; Take Office Jan. 1

Two new members of the Oakland County prosecutor's staff are appointed today and will assume duties Jan. 1.
Freston Allen, of Royal Oak, and Curt W. Augustine, of Pontiac, were selected last week for positions as prosecutors by Norman C. Orr, prosecuting attorney-elect.
G. Edson Hallock, present prosecutor, will practice law, following the change in the staff.

MOTHER DIES AT HOME OF SON

Woman Succumbs At Home Of Willard Brown On Hazel Street

Funeral rites were held Saturday at 2 p. m. for Mrs. Minnie C. Noah, 55 years old, at the home of her son, Willard Brown, of 510 Hazel street. She died at her son's home Thursday, coming here a month ago for a visit.
Burial was in Roseland Park cemetery, Berkeley, with Rev. Orrin Van Loon, pastor of the Berkeley Community Church, officiating.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Thomas MacKenzie, of Berkeley, and a sister, Mrs. Annie Eaton, of Port Huron.

WIFE IS CHARGED WITH DESERTION

Mrs. Marguerite Clark Weston, of Birmingham, is charged with desertion in a divorce bill filed today in Circuit Court, Pontiac, by Archie V. Weston, of Detroit. The couple is said to have lived together only from Feb. 15 until April 9, 1926.

Des Hatch, 86, of Fond Du Lac, Wis., tends a garden by day and embroiders by night. He has done more than 400 pieces in colors.

KELLYGRAMS

By FRED C. KELLY

WHEN I was a youngster I carried newspapers, and one of my customers lived a mile from any of the others. He was an upholsterer named Ednor Rossiter, and he could talk fascinatingly with the contents of an entire box of tacks in his mouth. My weekly profit on walking that mile to and from his home, a total of 12 miles a week, was exactly three cents. It never occurred to me until this minute that it would have been better business to have lost him as a subscriber. The trouble with many an unsuccessful business is that the proprietor doesn't pause to figure what part of it is operating at a loss.

Your BROADWAY And Mine

By WALTER WINCHELL

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch To The Centric.
New York, a decade or so ago a rich New Yorker used his influence to bar an immigrant (who had picked in a big way down Wall Street) from residing on the same exclusive block. Whether it was because of the foreigner's religion or manner, we do not know. At any rate, when he learned that the prospective neighbor had had him barred, he determined to live there, and proceeded to fight. The locale is 86th Street near 5th Avenue.
Several months later he successfully put over the deal in some and erected an elegant two-story dwelling right next door to his unknown enemy and engaged the sculptor to sculpt some art over the front entrance. Now, when you inspect the art work you observe the likeness of the owner facing his neighbor's mansion. The miniature statue reveals a man thumbing his nose.

IN FEWER WORDS

They quote Frisco, the clown, as observing, "The Broadway night clubs are clicking—or do my ears hear clicks?"
HAVE YOU HAD YOUR IRONY?

You probably got a rough idea on how this corner goes for anything ironical. It is our greatest passion. Well, we were just reminiscing back to a year or so ago, when the Park Central Hotel opened. It wanted to attract attention, and engaged Natacha Natvov, the tiny danseuse, to climb its tall radio towers in nothing but a brassiere and trunks. The day before she climbed the management got cold feet, fearing an accident to the lass for which they might be held to blame. But Natacha went ahead with the stunt, drawing great crowds on Broadway, few knowing what or who was risking a life and why. She did high kicks on the way up, back bends and other acrobatic stuff practically in the nude, and it was a chilly day. But Natacha got no publicity out of it, nor did the hotel for not a newspaper was notified.

Now the hotel is pretty well known in New York. It was in one of its rooms that Arnold Rothstein was laid low with what some people jocularly say was a piece of a certain 50th Street restaurant's cheese cake.

ADD RACKETS

The new racket in music publishing circles is the theme song. Song writers have dropped everything to write these songs for

POSTMAN'S WORK GROWING AS CHRISTMAS DAY NEARS

Thousands of gifts and cards demonstrate the kindling of the spirit of Christmas in countless hearts at this time every year.

The inspiration of happiness and generosity resulting from Christmas-time is only a greater burden for the backs of a group of public servants.

Holiday sentiments mean little more than a deluge of work for the mail carriers who daily walk the streets of Birmingham with mail sacks filled to capacity and often running over.

The jam of holiday mail with its packages, letters and cards is well under way. It is reported from the post office, already postmen are carrying mail sacks filled to capacity and the weight will continue to increase.

The few days preceding Christmas and for a short time after furnish an excess amount of work. Two extra parcel post delivery men have already been put on duty and five extra carriers are expected to be used to aid in taking care of the mail which is expected to flood the new post office.

Temporary workers will be added as needed according to James W. Cobb, postmaster, who looks for the heaviest mailing season of all 'time in Birmingham.

The rush has started earlier this season, Mr. Cobb says. Probabilities are that it will continue to swell, rather than remain an even level, he avers.

The heaviest work is done by the parcel post department. However, small packages are carried by the carriers who go by foot from 10 to 20 miles per day. A multitude of cards will give them three times as much weight to carry, he says.

A happy "Oh, a package for me" greets the postman frequently these days. The enjoyment which he carries to every villager's home is multifold—"and," he agrees, "so is my work."

LIBRARY HAS A BIRTHDAY

Tremendous Growth Reported Since Occupancy Of Building A Year Ago

Baldwin Public Library starts on its second year of operation in the new building next Wednesday with records showing considerable progress.

During the year, a full time assistant has been added, Miss Gertrude Melody coming here to act as child librarian, and Miss Ruth Phelps has succeeded Mrs. L. H. Waldrip as assistant librarian.

Three students helpers are now employed. Formerly only one person was employed in such a capacity. The increased circulation has demanded the additions to the staff, Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, librarian, said.

Approximately 1500 books have been added to the shelves during the past year, Mrs. Thomas, announced.

The Saturday morning story hour, conducted by Miss Melody, is one of the activities introduced during the year.

Children's book week which was observed this year for the first time in Birmingham, attracted much interest, the library co-operating with the schools in bringing better books before the juvenile readers.

The new building has made possible many changes in the library policy. Library hours are now longer. For the past year the building has been open from 10 a. m. until 9 p. m. week days, while formerly the hours were 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m.

This marks the completion of the thirty-fifth year of the Baldwin Public Library Association, having operated for 34 years in a room on the second floor of the old municipal building.

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