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POSTMASTERS WARN MAILERS

"Send Cards And Parcels Early," Birmingham, Hills Residents Advised

Warnings to postal patrons to mail their cards and packages early, wrap carefully and address plainly were issued yesterday by both James W. Cobb, Birmingham postmaster, and Mrs. Florence Stumm, postmaster in Bloomfield Hills Village.

"During the holiday time the volume of mail increases approximately 20 percent," they said. "It is a physical impossibility to handle this great mass of mail matter efficiently and promptly within a few days.

"Do your Christmas shopping so that you can mail your gifts, greetings and letters to relatives and friends at least a week or 10 days before Christmas, according to the distance. This will not only make it certain that they are received on or before Christmas day, but will be a great aid to your postal service and to postal employees and enable them to spend Christmas Day with their families.

Addresses should be complete, with house number and name of street, post-office box number, route number, and typed or plainly written in ink, they warned, if the missives are to escape the dead-letter-office. They also emphasized that all parcels must be securely wrapped or packed, using heavy paper and heavy twine.

Beginning next week, the Birmingham postoffice will be open evenings until Christmas time, Mr. Cobb said. There will be no definite closing hour, but the office will remain open as long as there is mail to be served.

In Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Stoll said, the office will be open evenings until 8 o'clock, beginning next week. Two extra employees will be added to the regular staff beginning today, to handle the Christmas mails.

Extra help will be added in the Birmingham office as the need is felt, Mr. Cobb said, and will be chosen entirely from a waiting list of persons who have passed the civil service examination.

Use of the mails in Birmingham so far this month is about equal to that of last year, Mr. Cobb said, although both October and November showed smaller volumes of business than the corresponding month last year.

SCOUTS TO HEAR WILLIAM B. STOUT

Aeronautical Engineer To Address January Court Of Honor Banquet

William B. Stout, organizer of the Stout Engineering Company and the man who induced Henry Ford to produce his tri-motored all-metal airplane, is to be the principal speaker at the Boys Scout Court of Honor banquet to be held in the Community House Jan. 29, it was announced yesterday by members of the Boys Scout District Committee.

Mr. Stout, who has been engaged in aeronautical research for years and is president of the Airplane Model League of America, is said to be a speaker of special appeal to boys.

The banquet is being planned by the committee as an effort to acquaint the community more intimately with Boy Scout activities. All Birmingham service organizations are being asked to send official representatives, all local clergymen and village officials are being invited, and the Detroit Council and possibly the regional Boy Scout office will also have representatives present, according to the committee.

The various Birmingham troops are working now to have as many scouts as possible eligible to receive their eagle badges at the banquet, which is also planned as a "father-son" affair, with the parents of Birmingham Boy Scouts the guests of honor.

An attempt is also being made to assemble all former eagle scouts, scoutmasters, leaders and former district committee members at the banquet to lend the spirit of the occasion on which the committee was organized on Oct. 2, 1924.

Those who attended the organization meeting and who will be specially urged to go are the banquet next month include W. W. Sreen, W. W. Raymond, Lloyd

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Depression Only Adds To Library's Business, Reports From Baldwin Show

That periods of unemployment and business depression work distinct boomcranks on the public library by stimulating the reading habits of citizens of the community who turn to books both for amusement and self-improvement is again proved conclusively in comparative circulation figures for Baldwin Public Library released yesterday by Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, librarian.

In November of this year, 10,296 books were issued from the library, as compared with 8,904 during the corresponding month a year ago, or an increase in circulation of 1,392.

From June through November of 1930, Mrs. Thomas' report showed, a total of 44,455 books during the corresponding month of the same period this figure mounted

to 51,519, or an increase of 7,064 for the six months.

"These figures bear out a well-known fact," Mrs. Thomas said, "that in subnormal periods like these, libraries are used much more extensively than in normal times. People not only have more time for reading, but they realize that by putting their idle moments to best advantage they will be better equipped to accept the opportunities of the future."

During the past month, Mrs. Thomas said, 118 new registrations were made at Baldwin Library, increasing the total number of registrations to 4,967, or about 52 percent of the total population of the village. A total of 119 new books were added. There are now 13,452 books in the library, she said.

BEAVER MISJUDGES TREE'S FALL, DIES

Lansing.—A beaver, intent on his work of cutting down a tree, underestimated the velocity of the wind and the creature was crushed as the trunk fell and caught him before he could escape.

William Bellows, Traverse City, a member of a deer hunting party, found the dead animal and carried it to camp. Then, against the advice of others, who warned him he would be arrested for possessing a beaver pelt out of season, William Lovv, also of Traverse City, turned the dead animal over to Julius Thorson, district conservation supervisor at Newberry. Lovv was thanked for his courtesy.

It was the first instance recorded in Michigan of a beaver misjudging the fall of a tree.

Royal Arch Masons Name New Officers

Wagner Succeeds Cornwall As High Priest; Installation Ceremonies Held

Henry Wagner, 880 Ridgedale avenue, was elected to succeed Oliver Cornwall as high priest of the Birmingham Chapter No. 93 Royal Arch Masons, at the annual meeting held in the Masonic Temple Monday night. Other officers chosen were:

Alvin Mudge, king; Stanley Treatwell, scribe; Ralph Wilton, treasurer; George Forester, secretary; Alvin Hull, captain of host; Claude Morrow, principal song-leader; John Harmon, royal arch captain; Vernon Griffith, master third vail; Ernest Flatman, master second vail; Jack Wilson, master first vail, and Charles Kamin, sentinel.

Following the election, the officers were duly installed. Past High Priest B. J. Scirew acted as grand installing officer and Past High Priest Ralph Bricker as grand captain of host.

A special meeting of the new officers is called for Monday evening, Dec. 22, for the purpose of organization.

L. Stanley, R. J. Coryell, Robert Hulbert, J. F. Wenzel, C. D. Carr, J. T. Gattil, R. H. Mann and James J. Martindale.

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LANCEY ELECTED D'MOLAY HEAD

Other Officers Named; Members Planning To Attend District Conclave

William Lancey was elected master councilor of Hassberger Chapter, Order of DeMolay, at the recent annual business meeting, Detroit. He is a member of the Detroit chapter. Hal Simmons, junior councilor; Gordon Lawton, scribe, and William Guckelberg, treasurer.

Several members of the chapter are planning to attend the Memphis, Tenn. district DeMolay conclave to be held in Ionic Masonic Temple, Detroit, Saturday, celebrating the 10th year of DeMolay in the Detroit district. The Birmingham chapter is represented in the District Council by William Shelton, past master councilor of Hassberger, and present senior councilor of the district.

The chapter is also making plans for a New Year's Eve dance to be held in the Community House, featuring the Memphis Rhythm Girls.

CONCERT RECEIPTS TO AID SHOE FUND

Needy Students To Benefit From Baldwin High School Program

A concert for the purpose of raising money to aid needy pupils will be staged at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening in the Community House auditorium by the Baldwin High School band and orchestra. The concert is sponsored by the Birmingham Teachers Club.

Mrs. F. A. Protheroe will assist with a group of vocal solos, and the Boy's Glee Club, directed by Miss Mae Brumsted, will also sing.

The band and orchestra have been drilled thoroughly by A. W. Berndt for the past two weeks in preparation for the event. The admission charge is 25 cents and the entire receipts will go to the shoe fund.

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