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## Holidays Linger On At The Post Office, Where Annual Problem Must Be Solved

Birmingham has taken down most of its holiday decorations, and those that are still up are definitely for the worse for wear. Yet at the Birmingham Post Office, the effects of Christmas are still making themselves felt. Letters and packages of all kinds are still there, despite the huge volume of mail received and delivered by the local office during the Christmas rush. The extra mail, often in excess of 200,000 letters, is that which was sent with incorrect or insufficient address, often impossible to send on, but all part of the Post Office's annual rush and confusion during the holidays.

Speaking of Christmas rushes, an inferno is a very mild phrase indeed compared to a post office for at least ten days before Dec. 25. From Dec. 16 until Christmas Eve, well over 200,000 letters left the Birmingham post office for their many destinations, the postmaster estimated. The peak was reached on Dec. 20 when the post office handled almost 400,000 letters, which is one BIG pile of mail!

Outgoing letters are, however, only part of post office business. On Dec. 22, which was the day of the incoming rush, over 50,000 letters or cards arrived in this city, which is also a big pile of mail, especially when one thinks of all that must be done so that it can reach Uncle Willie and Cousin Constance before Christmas.

"A Good Job Done"  
"Last year every piece of mail was delivered before Christmas," said Postmaster Joseph A. Hyne. "You can imagine how glad everyone at the post office was when all the mail was taken care of. When, as sometimes happens, the men are forced to leave piles of undelivered mail at the post office on Christmas Eve, they are very disappointed."

The incoming mail is sorted at the rate of about 32 to 40 letters a minute and placed in one of 22 pigeon-holes, which takes care of city mail, general and rural delivery. When each division is full, the letters are taken to the individual carrier's racks and filed according to street and number. Sometimes two houses are listed together, but that still means that there are hundreds and hundreds of divisions on these racks. When the rare mistake occurs, and a letter is delivered to the wrong address, it is undoubtedly because the hurried carrier has slipped the letter into an incorrect division.

Mr. Tim Jones at 687 Blank street gets the mail that should go to Mr. Tom Brown at 685 Blank street.

**Shutting the Shutters**  
The rural mail carrier sorts his mail out in the same manner and during the holiday rush these men often work until 1 a. m., explained Mr. Hyne.

A large retail drawer is always ready to catch the mail as it drops from the carrier's bag. From the drawer the mail goes to the dispatching machine, a very neat contraption which cancels the stamps, dates the letters, records that this is letter No. 24658 and passes it on to make way for another card or letter. (The "dispatcher" who runs the machine, must, by the way, make a civil service examination at least a year before he can obtain a position with the United States Post Office department.)

The cancelled and dated letter is next "pigeon-holed" according to destination. A total of 148 pigeon-holes in the local post office provides for every state in the Union, large and important cities of the United States and foreign ports.

"We claim to have more variations for mail going to different destinations than any other post office of a corresponding size," explained Postmaster Hyne. During the Christmas rush 65 extra separations are added.

**Special Delivery**  
When each pigeon-hole is full, the letters it contains are tied in a little bundle with a facing slip (which has the time, date and often the dispatcher's name stamped on it) and placed in the big mail sacks. These in turn are locked when they are full and sent off to the station to be sped to all parts of the country. Special delivery letters are placed on the top of all the small bundles so that they will receive immediate attention upon reaching their destination.

"The Birmingham post office is very proud of the fact that a special delivery letter for a local resident is delivered within an hour after it has been received," said Postmaster Hyne.

**PRESENT LICENSE PLATES FOR AUTOS GOOD TWO MONTHS**  
The present black and green license plates may be legally used on motor vehicles until March 1, 1939.

Prior to 1938, the statute governing the motor vehicle license provided that the Secretary of State have authority to extend the deadline for the use of old plates to not later than March 1st, and this was usually done. Then the 1937 legislature, by resolution, set further extension of the final date that year to April 1st. The 1937 Legislature amended this act, fixing March 1st as the definite deadline for the use of old plates.

Reciprocity agreements with other states make it possible for motorists to drive outside the state with their present plates until the deadline established by statute. People who are expecting to purchase plates in the near future are asked to do so as soon as possible. Waiting until the deadline causes the hiring of additional help and expense to the department.

**Case and Effect**  
First Business Man—"How are things with you, now that you have stopped advertising?"  
Second Business Man—"Things are so slow that clock watchers aren't watching clocks any longer—they're watching the calendars!"

### SPEAKER



Mr. Montague

## 'MOUNTY' TO TELL EXPERIENCES OF 'SCARLET COATS'

To the world at large, the dashing, scarlet-coated "Mounty" still means little else than "Get Your Man." Few people realize that in the life of the "Mounties" there are other important activities. Few are aware of the numerous peace-time duties connected with the outfit of belonging to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

When Sydney R. Montague, better known as "Monty," of the "Mounties," appears in the auditorium of Cranbrook, Sunday evening at 8 p. m., he will tell the truth about the "Mounties" in his address, "Under Northern Lights."

In addition to Mr. Montague's lecture, the Cranbrook School band will offer a varied program, opening with Sousa's "Washington Post March," Schell's "Finlandia," followed by ballet music from Faust, including "Entry of the Cavaliers" and "Pas Seul" of Chopin. Other selections will be "A Night In June" serenade by King, and "Bravura," a march by Duple, which will conclude the concert.

This program will be one of a series of entertainments sponsored by the Cranbrook Institution. The second in the series will be "Riding A Magic Carpet," by J. Elder Blackledge, Jan. 21, 8 p. m. Mr. Blackledge is said to be one of outstanding musicians in the world today.

## LOCAL ARTISTS TO EXHIBIT AT CITY MARKET

David Frenthel, member of the faculty of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, is having a one-man exhibition at the Detroit Artists' Market, 108 Madison avenue, Detroit, Michigan, last Sunday, January. Frenthel first studied art at the Cass Technical High School, where he won a traveling scholarship offered by the Museum of Modern Art, and later received a three-year scholarship at Cranbrook, where he studied with Zoltan Spesky, who is chairman of the Professional Jury of the Artists' Market for the 1938-1939 season.

Frenthel was one of a group of artists represented in a traveling exhibition sent abroad last summer to illustrate contemporary American painting. He has just completed a mural for the New York World's Fair, and another of his murals is in the Naval Armory, Detroit. Last spring the artist was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, and he will paint in the southeast later in the winter. He exhibits regularly at the traveling Galleries in New York.

Some of the pictures in the current exhibition at the Artists' Market are Bloomfield Hills landscapes, and several paintings of the busy harbor for which Frenthel is celebrated are also included.

Following the present exhibition, which closes on Jan. 16, Marjorie Luelfoff and Fred Papsdorf will show their work at the Market. Mrs. Luelfoff's paintings, whose pictures are characterized by her highly original viewpoint, studied at the Chicago Art Institute, and lives on Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The galleries of the Artists' Market are open to the public daily except Sundays from 10 to 5 o'clock. A new activity of the market, which it is undertaking jointly with the Michigan State Division of the American Association of University Women, is the traveling exhibition of paintings, selected from its galleries, which is scheduled to visit eight Michigan cities during the winter and spring. Mrs. R. H. Bechtold of Birmingham, State Art Chairman of the A. A. U. W., is cooperating with Mrs. Clarence Wilcox of the Artists' Market and her committee, of which Mrs. Richard English of Cranbrook Road is a member, in making arrangements with the local A. A. U. W. president in each city on the list. The paintings are to be hung in high schools, banks, churches, libraries, and other buildings, to which the public has access.

## Extensive Picture File Is Established For Patrons Of Baldwin Public Library

A collection of nearly 20,000 pictures, to illustrate everything from how to ski to the coronation of a king, is now on file at the Baldwin Public Library. American history, tropical fish, and hundreds of different subjects are contained in the file, newly installed at the Library for the use of anyone who desires information.

Pictures in the file may be taken out, to be studied at leisure, just like books. They may be kept a week and renewed, if necessary. The file is available during the time the Library is open. Members of the staff will assist in the finding of any picture wanted. The file, however, is by no means complete, according to Miss Adelaide Cooke, librarian. New calls, she added, are coming in every day and only through the donation of magazines and other picture sources can the file's growth keep pace with the demands made on it. Those who have old magazines are urged to bring them to the library, where they will be combed for possible material to add to the picture file.

Educational in purpose, the file is designed to help students of all kinds, teachers, housewives and scientists. A commercial artist called the library recently in desperation, according to Miss Cooke, to ask if there were a picture of work elephants in action. Filing under "animals" were several photographs of elephants hauling oak wood, one of which proved to be exactly what the artist needed as a model for his drawing.

The countries of the world are arranged alphabetically, with sections devoted to the most important of the various peoples. The section on the United States contains extensive historical pictures, as well as detailed information on the army and navy, the National Parks, etc.

Other selections show costumes, fish, birds, trees, flowers and various ceremonies from all over the world. Housewives will find pictures of the most elaborate as well as the simple table settings. There is a section devoted to interior decorations, and one to ancient and modern furniture and glass. Gardeners will find pictures of such details as how to arrange flowers, or build a rock garden.

Miss Cooke and her staff plan to enlarge the scope and content of the file until every picture is a prize. They will take subscription calls at any time, to give information to the collection.

## SYMPHONY PLANS NEW SERIES OF 'POP' CONCERTS

With the opening of the new series of popular-priced Saturday night concerts, in Orchestra Hall, Jan. 14, and with regular subscription concerts scheduled for the two days preceding Jan. 12 and 13 the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, one of the busiest and most important periods of its current winter season.

Both Franco Ghione and Victor Kolar will be seen in action during the coming week. Ghione will conduct the Thursday night and Friday matinee concerts, the program being the same, while Kolar will be on the podium for the first of the "pop" offerings.

Robert Casadesu, considered by many to be one of the great masters of the keyboard, will be soloist in the Mozart A Major Concerto with the symphony at 8:30 p. m. Thursday and at 2:30 p. m. Friday. Head of the piano department at Fontainebleau, France, Casadesu has been a favorite of American audiences since his 1935 debut in New York.

Daniel Ericourt, among the conductors of the Costin's younger pianists, will be the soloist at the Saturday night concert, playing the Mozart D Minor Concerto, Winner of both the First Grand Prize and the Diemer Prize of the most elaborate as well as the simple table settings. There is a section devoted to interior decorations, and one to ancient and modern furniture and glass. Gardeners will find pictures of such details as how to arrange flowers, or build a rock garden.

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Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 739,149.02
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Federal National Mortgage Association	5,000.00
Other Bonds—	
State and Municipal Bonds	436,525.72
Canadian and Foreign Bonds	197,389.63
Industrial Bonds	126,312.58
Railroad Bonds	241,494.82
Utilities—Operating	202,892.29
Loans and Discounts—Secured—(Secured by Adequate Listed Collateral)	
Real Estate Mortgages—(All on Birmingham and Community Improved Property)	506,708.36
Overdrafts	.07
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	4,600.00
Banking House, Less Depreciation	39,947.29
Furniture and Fixtures, Less Depreciation	11,905.10
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased	191.93
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,869,634.71</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital—	
Common Capital Stock	\$82,800.00
Preferred Capital Stock	17,200.00
Surplus Fund	100,000.00
Undivided Profits—Net (not Accrued)	52,370.01
Reserves for Dividends, Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Contingencies	37,950.15
Dividends Unpaid	15,456.22
Other Liabilities—(Federal Tax and Expense Checks Outstanding)	13.25
Deposits—	350.31
U. S. Government and Other Public Deposits Secured by Pledges of U. S. Bonds and Other Securities	\$ 275,195.54
Other Deposits	2,369,127.29
Certified Checks, Cashier's Checks, and Bank Money Orders Outstanding	191,71.91
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$2,869,634.71</b>

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