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Christmas packages to Birmingham service men and women overseas are leaving the local post office earlier and in larger numbers than last year, according to Mrs. Gladys Heinze, assistant postmaster. Monday. She said that every day found large numbers of Birmingham residents bringing in overseas packages. Mailing began promptly on Sept. 15 and is expected to be growing a bit heavier each day. The deadline is Oct. 15. The increase in overseas Christmas mail is expected to be around 350 per cent for the country as a whole, Mrs. Heinze stated.

If a stray honey bee happens to follow its owner over to the Bloomfield township hall on Telegraph road Friday night, thinking nothing about it, it's been keeping busy at the hall where the Oakland County Beekeepers' association will meet at 7:30 o'clock to hear a talk by Don Barrett, chief apiary inspector for Michigan. The speaker comes from East Lansing for Oct. 15. The big business item is to determine whether or not to hold a beekeepers' school for the Oakland county association next winter. Birmingham has a number of beekeepers.

That now famous Thorne miniature rooms display has finally come to Detroit and a lot of Birmingham residents are making plans to view the exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. There are 30 tiny, beautifully lighted rooms showing authentic European interiors dating from the fifteenth through the twentieth century. They were designed by Mrs. James Ward Thorne of Chicago, first as a hobby and later to be shown to the public. The rooms occupy an entire gallery in the museum.

Fall came to Birmingham Saturday, a day or two later than most folks thought it would arrive. The reason was Eastern War Time and the celestial variations. Fall really arrived at two minutes past midnight, Eastern War Time, Saturday morning. The dates most usually thought of in connection with Spring and Fall are March 21 and September 21, but the celestial changes allow them to arrive as early as the 20th or as late as the 23rd of these months.

Thomas Mack, 212 Brownell, was taken to St. Joseph hospital last week suffering from bad cuts on his arms and neck.

A Birmingham wisecrack today offered a bit of news on the track condition for the presidential handicap: "Muddy."

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Maybe more Birmingham owned dogs will soon find their way into war service. Captain William T. Armstrong, officer in charge of the Marine Corps recruiting for Michigan has issued an appeal for additional German-Shepherd and the German-Pinscher dogs to be trained for war service with the Marine Corps. They are needed by October 15.

Shoe sales will be looking up in Birmingham shortly. New shoe stamp is to become good Nov. 1. It has been announced by the OPA. The number of the shoe stamp is to be announced shortly, it was said.

Birmingham may not have many fatal home accidents but it has had a lot of home accidents that were really serious. Because of this accident that killed 6,000 workers last year seriously impeded the war effort, the Federal Security Agency endorses these safety suggestions: Starways; don't carry heavy loads on stairways; don't let children play on unprotected stairways; don't let doors become slippery or cluttered; never leave soap in bathtub; use non-skid mat to prevent slipping; use handrails on stairs; never touch an electric fixture and a grounded object at the same time; disconnect electrical appliances when not in use; don't smoke in bed; keep pins, needles and sharp tools away from children; never open garage doors when starting car; and use short ladders instead of stools, chairs or boxes in reaching for high places.

Those new A-13 gasoline coupons, the first in the new A books since the war, became available last Friday. They will continue valid through Dec. 21, each coupon being worth four gallons. The coupons are yellow with a serial number in black and are on a paper which the government believes will be harder to counterfeit. Birmingham drivers who did not apply for new A books at the schools or the Birmingham ration board, the OPA has declared, when these new coupons are gone and one wishes to apply for more gasoline it will be necessary for all persons to produce the stub they received in connection with the issuance of their new gasoline coupons, according to the OPA. The old tire record will not be accepted.

Noting that many Birmingham motorists have not received their new A-13 gasoline mileage coupon books, the local OPA office today urged immediate application for these books to prevent a last minute rush. Officials pointed out that five days to one week is the time required for the boards to act on applications and mail the books to the car owner. New books became valid as of Sept. 22.

Remember Hank Greenberg who used to play first base for the Tigers? He often came out to Birmingham to visit his friends. Well, Hank, now serving his country with the armed forces in far away India, has been day dreaming about the time he can return to these native shores and play a bit more baseball down at Briggs Stadium.

Police reports continue to contain names of speeders and this week they list two for driving their cars in 50 or more miles an hour. Few persons appear on the speeders list twice. Records also disclose names of those for drunk and disorderly conduct.

Birmingham autolists are being told there is not much chance for more good premium gasoline for some little time ahead. The nation suffered a serious loss of territory recently in an explosion and fire at one of the big lead manufacturing plants. The Allied air forces must get that badly needed high test gasoline for quite some time yet, Birmingham autolists will tell you. "After we get through with Berlin and Tokyo you can have it but right now we need it for our planes, tanks, ships and other purposes."

Don't forget that Birmingham wants a record-breaking paper pickup on Oct. 5. The Boy Scouts have been making a survey of the city to learn what homes are saving paper for the war effort and to gear their services on pickup day. Save that strong string for use in tying up bundles of paper and magazines; clean out the attic of old paper, magazines, music, and such. Get it all ready and have it out of the curb by 8 a. m. on Oct. 6.

Here are some football games in which Birmingham fans are expressing interest: Indiana at Michigan, Wisconsin at Northwestern, Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh and Michigan State vs. Scranton. Unfortunately, the game of these days has supporters right here in Birmingham. Most of the fans, however, plan to see the game at Ann Arbor.

Have seen those little Xs and Os marks on the sidewalks about the city and wondered who was marking spots here and there? They mark the spots where sidewalks are broken and are to be repaired. No one is to mark the marks. The person who hopes to find a good meal, but are rather indications of good sidewalks on the way.

Mayor Ray Palmer will lead a group of city officials to Jackson Friday for the closing session of the Michigan Municipal League. On that day problems of various city departments will be up for study. City Manager H. H. Carson will head up another party which will attend sessions on both Thursday and Friday.

Special Delivery Mail Rate To Be Increased Three Cents on Nov. 1

A bill increasing the special delivery mail rate, decreasing postal insurance and revising collection-delivery charges was signed last week by President Roosevelt. It is according to Joseph A. Byrne has received no notice of these changes.

Also included in the new act is a flat 33 1/3 per cent increase on return receipts for registered mail and a sliding scale for C.O.D. charges ranging from 40 cents for less than \$10 to \$140 per \$1,000 on all classes of mail. Insurance decreases are as follows: packages valued from one dollar to \$5 from 10 to three cents; \$5 to \$25, 20 to 10 cents; \$25 to \$50, 30 to 15 cents; \$50 to \$100, 50 to 25 cents; and \$150 to \$200, 70 to 25 cents.

Mrs. C. W. Moyer Is Chairman Of Girl Scout Leaders

Girl Scout leaders, assistants, troop committee members and Council members held their "Homecoming Day" at the Scout room in the Community House on Friday, Sept. 22, from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Luncheon was served at 12:15 to 50 women.

Mrs. George Finch was chairman of the day and Mrs. C. W. Moyer was elected general chairman of the Leaders' Association. Mrs. Molly Huntington was named vice-chairman of Intermediates and Mrs. Fraser Pomeroy and Mrs. F. Gordon Davis vice-chairmen of Brownies.

Council members acquainted leaders with their duties and the where information could be obtained. Mrs. Robert F. Kohr is registrar; Mrs. E. L. Huskard, Mrs. Craig H. Richey, registration; Mrs. Marc Patten, program; Mrs. E. P. Brumbaum, membership; Mrs. Carl Exsery, Juliette Low; Mrs. A. W. White, cabin; Mrs. W. C. Ailbe, courtesy; Mrs. E. D. McLesne, organization; Mrs. Edward Faulkner, secretary; Mrs. E. W. Barney, public relations.

The day ended with an inspiring talk by Mrs. W. C. Ailbe, president of the Leaders' Association of Detroit and chairman of the United Way fund of Detroit who led a candle ceremony and blessed the new Council members, leaders and assistants.

STORM WARNING SERVICE

The newly organized Severe Storm Warning Service, now operating in the plain states and the southwest where twisters are most prevalent, is expected to spread to other parts of the country next year and to become a permanent service. The warning service—a joint operation of the Army Air Forces Weather Service, the Government Weather Bureau and the Office of Civilian Defense—has a network of reporting stations, heavy thunderstorms, hail, strong winds and cloudbursts. If warnings come soon enough, emergency measures will avoid much damage. The OGD is now recruiting speakers to man observation posts in the area served by the warning service.

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