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Postmasters Urge Early Mailing For Christmas

With record-breaking volumes of Christmas mail anticipated, postmasters of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills this week urged that all patrons mail as early as possible.

"We are prepared to expedite your packages and letter mail to the fullest extent possible and early mailing will assist in completing deliveries before Christmas," said Birmingham Postmaster Roland W. Reese.

The special slogan for Bloomfield Hills Postmaster Herbert J. Dyble this year is "mail early and often."

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DYBLE EXPLAINS that gift parcels for distant states should be mailed before or during the week of Dec. 2-7 to insure delivery before Christmas. Gift parcels for local and nearby areas should be mailed not later than Dec. 14.

Available in the lobby of the Birmingham Post Office are local and out-of-town labels for use in tying and labeling. Reese urges that the cards be sorted and tied with the labels facing out.

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HE ALSO suggests that all parcels be securely tied to insure proper delivery, with all addresses on the face of parcels—either printed or legibly written.

Dyble said that all articles should be packed in boxes of wood, metal, solid fiberboard or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard. He added that all fiberboard boxes should be wrapped in heavy paper and be tied with strong cord.

The Bloomfield Hills Post Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 16-20; and 8:30 to 5 p.m., Dec. 23-24.

The ZIP Code number in the Hills is 48013.

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THE ANNEX, at the eastern end of Cole in Birmingham, will be open to receive parcels for shipment and to sell postage stamps. Service at this location is expected to relieve congestion at the main post office.

The newly-designed Christmas stamp is in stock and Reese suggests that persons desiring the stamps purchase them as soon as possible.

The schedule at the main post office in Birmingham is 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 16-20; and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 23-24.

At the annex, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 9-20, and 1 pm. to 3 p.m., Dec. 15. The annex will be closed Dec. 21.

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Michigan Week Theme Announced by Gov. Romney

Gov. Romney has announced that the theme for Michigan Week, 1964, will be "Michigan, Great in Resources and Opportunities."

The annual promotional event will be held May 17-23. The Governor, who is honorary chairman, called on all Michigan residents to help focus national attention on Michigan's vast resources and opportunities.

"Michigan is at the threshold of the brightest era in its history," the Governor said. "Despite the great accomplishments of our past, there is enormous potential in the many resources with which we have been favored.

"Michigan has a mighty industrial establishment, a skilled labor force unmatched in the world, a large and growing body of scientific talent, cultural riches, the world's finest supply of fresh water, and natural beauties that are unsurpassed. These vast resources need to be recognized by our own citizens first if they are to be brought to the attention of the rest of the nation."

The Governor recommended the use of the Michigan Week theme on business letterheads, literature, advertising, metered mail and other communications throughout 1964 and by firms, schools and organizations.

The Michigan Week theme is chosen annually by the Board of Governors of the Greater Michigan Foundation. The theme for Michigan Week 1963 was "Science and Research for Our Future."

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Open New Parking Lot

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley moves aside the barrier to allow Lucy Mader of Royal Oak to drive her car into the new municipal parking lot in the block south of Shain Park. Miss Mader, whose auto was the first to use the new facility, was on her way to the Community House. The lot is a temporary facility pending the outcome of the condemnation suit involving the three remaining houses on the block. Parking spaces have been provided for 82 cars.

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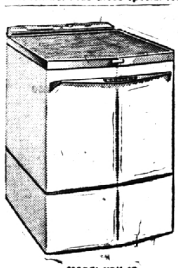

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1. Official Eccentric entry blank must be attached securely to each entry.
2. The entries will be judged on the basis of neatness, originality of thought and beauty. In making their selections the judges will take the age of the entrant into consideration. Children of employees of The Eccentric are not eligible to enter.
3. Paste or tape entry to a plain sheet of paper (such as typewriter paper). Entries must be mounted in this manner or they will be disqualified. They may be folded over, however, for ease in mailing. There is no entry fee of any kind.
4. You may submit as many entries as you wish, provided each is accompanied by a separate entry blank.
5. Fill out the entry blank completely. Have your mother or father go over it with you to be sure all the information is clear and distinct. Have your parents print (or type) your entry blank if necessary, so we can list your name correctly if you win a prize.
6. Mail or bring your entry to: Christmas Coloring Contest, The Birmingham Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham. All entries become the property of The Eccentric. No entries will be returned.
7. Judging will be done by Ethel Simmons, arts editor, and Glen Michaels, supervisor of the Cranbrook Young People's Art Center. The decision of the judges is final.
8. All entries must be in or postmarked by midnight, Thursday, December 12th. Winners will be announced in The Eccentric, Thursday, December 19th, week preceding Christmas.

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