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Postal Business Over Last Year By 33 Per Cent

Postmaster Leslie B. Paddock Reports Largest Volume in History

Surveying a practically empty post office yesterday morning, Postmaster Leslie B. Paddock happily but somewhat wearily reported the successful conclusion of a Christmas season exceeding by one-third that of a year ago when the previous all-time high for the local office was set. Only a few days ago huge mountains of mail rested in sacks and pouches and was being worked at sorting tables and at carriers' desks—a volume half again as large as that handled in 1938 and several hundred per cent greater than normal. Considerably handicapped by lack of space, this mail however was moved on schedule.

At times there was some congestion of 1¼-cent cards and circulars, but first class mail both incoming and outgoing moved on time and there was little delay to mail of any class. Near the end of last week, as incoming mail grew in volume, it seemed that carriers would be unable to complete deliveries before Christmas, but when the last carrier walked out for his final trip on Saturday afternoon the last piece of mail in the office that could be delivered was on its way to final destination. It was absolute capacity business, however, and plans are already under consideration for some temporary increase in space for the 1940 rush.

Postal receipts for the period Dec. 15-26 were $2,793.08 compared to $2,104.73 for the comparable period in 1938, an increase of more than 33 per cent. For the entire December quarter to Tuesday night postal receipts were $110,189.85, an increase of approximately 21 per cent over the $8,406.87 for the same period a year ago, which will be close to the average ratio of increase for the entire year, the postmaster reported. These figures, it was stated, include metered mail and second and third class postage paid in money. Stamps sales alone for the same period in 1938 were $6,627.05 and this year were $7,880.54.

Statistics on the amount of mail handled during the holiday rush in former years are not available for comparison, but conservative estimates based on man-per-hour hours used at distribution cases placed the mail at 50,000 pieces a day, in and out, on peak days last year. This year the peak was approximately 75,000 pieces.

Estimates based on weights, canceling machine records, and actual counts show the volume of mail of all classes handled during the Christmas period to be 325,000 pieces.

For the active period of Christmas mailing, Dec. 18-23, 86,909 pieces of mail were run through the canceling machine, an average of over 17,000 pieces daily, to which must be added metered mail, permit imprint postage paid in money and by means of precanceled stamps, second class matter, parcel post, and considerable first and third class matter which because of its size, bulk, or for other reasons, was hand-canceled. On the peak day for outgoing mail 26,604 letters and Christmas cards were machine canceled, and on the same day, using proven factors applied to weights, incoming letters and 1¼c Christmas cards

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R. Plagge Home Wins Xmas Lighting Prize

R. G. Plagge, 545 Grove avenue, was declared first prize winner of the home lighting contest conducted in Barrington during the community Christmas program. Judging of the homes, which numbered upwards of 30, was done by members of the Village Garden club Saturday night. Mrs. Joseph Friedlander, Mrs. L. L. Higgins and Mrs. Walter Beaverson served on the committee.

Second prize award was made to Thomas Owen on Linden avenue in Jewel Park and third place went to J. A. Fletcher, 205 Station street.

Sponsoring Movie

The Junior Woman's club of Barrington is sponsoring a benefit movie at the Catlin theatre on January 2, 3 and 4. Deanna Durbin, star of the movie, is featured in "First Love. Mrs. Raymond Jahnke is chairman of the club committee handling the details.

Many Prominent Speakers Coming for Town-Warming Series

Shown here are pictures of six national speakers and a brief resume of the part they are to take in the presentation of the second annual Town-Warming series which opens at the school auditorium January 7 and continues through January 16.

January 7—Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, who appeared here last year, will be the opening speaker of the series. His topic is "Abraham Lincoln."

January 8—Channing Pollock, noted author who was here last year also, will again appear on the program. Topic: "Wake Up America."

January 9—David Seabury of New York, noted psychologist, will speak on "Social Change and Individual Growth."

January 11—Leila Blomfield, a native of New Zealand, will discuss conditions of her country in a lecture, "Democracy Down Under."

January 15—Slim Williams of Alaska will furnish a lighter vein to the meetings. A noted traveler, he will lecture on "Blazing an International Trail by Motorcycle."

January 16—Dr. Allan A. Stockdale, who opened the series here last February and was voted one of the most popular speakers, will talk on "Where Do We Go From Here."

The remaining four speakers who are not pictured here include Norman Thomas, Socialist party leader and candidate for the office of the president of the United States on several occasions, who will speak here January 10 on "Communism and Facism: Resemblances and Differences." Alvin M. Owsley, former national commander of the American Legion, is coming on January 12. His topic is "America in 1940." John Temple Graves II, of Alabama, noted educator, newspaper editor and lecturer will discuss "Not Made to Die" on January 13 and John D. Kennedy, editor of the magazine, Commentator, a radio personality and movie newsreel commentator, will speak on January 14.

The Town-Warming series will be held at the public school auditorium and are free to the public.

SLIM WILLIAMS

DR. EDGAR DEWITT JONES

LEILA BLOMFIELD

DR. ALLEN STOCKDALE

CHANNING POLLOCK

DAVID SEABURY

Highlights of 1939 Recorded in Review Files Summarized

Chronological Report of First Six Months Is Published

The Review has prepared a chronological report briefly summarizing the more important events occurring during 1939.

A resume of the first six months follows. The series will be concluded next week.

January

$2000 fire threatens Barrington Flour & Feed Co. mill . . . F. Stanley Schaefer committee chairman, dies . . . Burpee Can Sealer Co. Inc. decides to locate in old Skinner mill . . . Bell telephones go into use at Wauconda and Lake Zurich . . . Arnold Kohlmeier installed as head of I.O.O.F. . . . Emil A. Picke, veteran Elgin town supervisor, dies . . . Mrs. Ida Schmidt installed as oracle of Royal Neighbors . . . J. M. Friedlander re-elected president of First National Bank . . . Mrs. Herman Stevard seated as Rebekah lodge noble . . . Relief Corps seats Mrs. Marie Yanke as president . . . Arnold H. Sass re-elected president of First Federal Savings & Loan association . . . Ray M Jurs heads St. Paul church council . . . Town-Warming series opens with capacity crowd present to hear Dr. Allan A. Stockdale, first speaker . . . Village trustees ask bids on stop and go lights at Northwest highway and Hough street . . . 5725 persons attend first four meetings of Town-Warming series . . . O. D. Eiters heads Townsend club for third term.

February

Traffic tied up by 13-inch snow fall . . . 15,828 persons attend Town-Warming meeting during 14 nights . . . Candidates open campaigns for township and village offices . . . A. A. Electric Co. low bidder on traffic light project . . . H. V. Kaltenborn voted most popular speaker of series . . . Mild epidemic of flu reported . . . Infantile paralysis fund drive netts $53.25 . . . Local committee campaigns for federal building here . . . Five candidates file for village offices

March

Mrs. H. W. Blood elected president

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Mail Out Copies of This Week's Review, Committee Invites

Many residents of Barrington will want to acquaint relatives and friends in other communities of the coming Town-Warming series and to give them an idea of the prominent speakers on the program. Arrangements have been made to send copies of this week's issue of The Review to those persons free of charge.

Residents of Barrington are asked to send the names and addresses of the persons whom they wish to have receive the papers to C. N. Watkins of Jewel Tea Co., chairman of the program publicity committee. The papers will be mailed out free of charge.

Of interest to nearly everyone is the article by Frank L. Perrin on last year's Town-Warming. It is reprinted this week from the December issue of the Christian Science Monitor and will be found on page 5.

Zana's Acres Estate Sold to Oak Park Man

J. S. Acworth of Oak Park has purchased the Zana's Acres estate on route 22 in Cuba township from F. C. Fleming of Jewel Park. It was learned this week. Mr. Acworth is associated with the General American Transportation Co. of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Acworth have made their home in Oak Park for many years.

Business Houses to Observe the Regular Holiday Schedule

The usual holiday schedule will be observed in Barrington by the majority of business houses this week-end, a survey made Wednesday revealed. The First National bank will be closed on Monday, New Year's Day, and will follow the usual schedule of banking on Saturday.

The Barrington post office will also follow its regular holiday schedule. A window will be open for one hour, 9 to 10, Monday morning and the lobby will be open from 7:30 until 11 a. m. There will be no delivery by city or rural carriers on that day, L. B. Paddock, postmaster, announced. There will be one dispatch of mail at 8 a. m.

The majority of other business houses will observe curtailed holiday schedules.

Construction Total For 1939 Is Third Highest Since '29

Building Permits Issued by V. D. Hawley Amount to $137,125

A compilation of building permits issued in Barrington during the past 12 months reveals that the year's total is the third highest since 1929 when the boom figure of $1,262,975 was reached. The amount of work done in 1939, which does not include any municipal construction, was $137,125. In 1937, it was $149,450 and in 1938 the amount was $233,900. This year's total represents a substantial increase over 1936 when the work amounted to $59,725.

The high figure for this year refutes the prevalent pessimistic attitude that home construction in Barrington was in the doldrums. Nineteen new homes went into construction this year, making it the biggest home building year since 1929.

The total amount of money invested in the 19 homes was placed at $103,851, according to building permits issued by V D Hawley, building commissioner. There were only five new business structures created during 1939 for a total of $7550. What the new business construction may have lacked was compensated by the fact that seven places of business were remodeled or improved to the extent of $14,675. Among the leaders in this group was the addition to the former First State Bank building by Dr. B. P. Graber for $10,000, the remodeling of Hoffman's Service station on East

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Authorize Committee to Secure Snow Plow

The village board at a special meeting held Tuesday night authorized the street committee headed by Trustee Rudolph L. Berg to purchase a snow plow in the immediate future. The committee reported on several kinds of plows under consideration and was given power by the board to complete a deal before a heavy snow arrives. The present plow is not adaptable to the present street truck.

Week of Prayer Services Start Here January 3

Cooperating Churches Join in Annual Event; Will Give Play

By many of the churches and cooperating church groups throughout the land the first week in January is set aside for the observance of the annual Week of Prayer services. The cooperating churches of Barrington will again observe this week. However, due to the fact that the dates come so close to the holiday season and just preceding the ten nights that will be given over for the Town-Warming meetings, the services at the church will be held on only three nights, January 3, 4, and 5.

The beginning service, on Wednesday evening will be held at the Salem church. A one act play, "White Christmas," will be given by a cast of nine. Although the subject of the play suggests a Christmas play, it is more than that. It is missionary in spirit and also brings a lesson concerning the right relationship between people of various races.

This play, the first one to be presented by the Chancel Players of Barrington, is being directed by Rev G. P. Ellerbrake. The Chancel Players is a new organization in Barrington with the membership made up of folks from the various church groups. The action of the play takes place in a living-room of the house of William Marshall, a man of wealth.

The personnel of the cast follows: William Marshall, Rev W. A. Stauffer; Mrs. Kate Marshall, his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Berghorn; Bob Marshall, their son, age 18, Eddie Parke; Carolyn Marshall, a 20 year old daughter, Dawn Landwer; Janie, a young daughter who loves Christmas, Charlotte Adams; Charlie, the Marshall's Chinese servant, Harry Wiedenkeller; Jake Liang, to whom Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, the Christ, Gerry Wilkins; the Small One, Charlie's little daughter, Betty Mae Peters; Mrs. Milton Craig, a lady of position, Ardith Weeks.

The Thursday evening service will be held at the St. Paul church. Messages will be given by the Rev G. T. Nesmith, pastor of the Methodist church.

The Friday evening service will be held at the Methodist church. The sermon will be given by the Rev C. R. Drussel, pastor of the Baptist church.

Each of these services will start promptly at 7:45 o'clock. The entire community has been invited to attend all of them.

$3400 Estate Left by Palatine Woman

Mrs. Lydia Vogt of Palatine, who died in Elgin November 10, left a $3400 estate, according to a will which was admitted to probate in Chicago Friday. She left the estate in trust with her husband, Charles Vogt, as trustee. He and her two daughters are to have the income.

Joseph Gahlbeck, 29, Seeks Release From House of Correction

Hearing on a petition for the release of Joseph Gahlbeck, 29, of Palatine, from the Cook county House of Correction was continued until January 3 following a hearing in the court room of Judge William J. Lindsey in Chicago Wednesday.

Gahlbeck, who was sentenced last December to one year in jail and fined $500 for leaving the scene of an accident in which a Chicago man was killed and two women were injured near Wheeling on August 28, 1937, is claiming pauper rights in seeking to be released from the county institution.

Shortly after his arrest in connection with the accident, Gahlbeck walked into the side of a passing freight train at Palatine and suffered a fractured arm.

His counsel now contends that Gahlbeck is unable to pay the fine levied on him last December and is in need of medical treatment for his arm. The one year sentence has been served.

Judge Lindsey indicated he would permit a physician to visit the Palatine man in the House of Correction but was not inclined to give him his freedom, stating that the sentence originally was lighter than the conviction warranted.

Woman's Relief Corps to Install Officers Jan. 3

Mrs. Harry Wewetzer Heads General Thomas Sweeney Unit

Mrs. Norma Ogan, past department president of Chicago, will be the installing officer at an installation of officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, General Thomas W. Sweeney No. 85, to be held at Odd Fellow's hall, 117 E. Station street, Wednesday, Jan. 3, starting at 8 o'clock. The installing conductor will be Hazel Haedike, department treasurer of Des Plaines.

Elected officers to be installed are as follows:

Mrs. Harry H Wewetzer, president; Mrs. Joseph Kinsella, senior vice president; Mrs. Benjamin Clinge, junior vice president; Mrs. Harold Kuhlman, treasurer; Mrs. William L. Lanke, chaplain; Mrs. Hyle Bartholomew, conductor; Mrs. Ann Bauer, guard.

Appointive officers will be installed also. They are as follows: Mrs. Ann Bauer, junior secretary; Mrs. August Scherf, musician; Mrs. Charles Weaver, assistant guard; Mrs. William Dranden assistant conductor; Mrs. Louis Thacher, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Ann Bauer, correspondent; Mrs. Leo LaPointe, director of junior clubs; Mrs. Herman Kuhlman, Mrs. August Reuter, Mrs. Arnold H. Sass and Mrs. William Poelschow, color bearers.

Confined to Home

Kenneth Shoup, proprietor of Shoup's Place, has been confined to his home for the past several days due to a cold.

Interest Created in Coming Town-Warming Series

John B. Kennedy, Editor, to Be Here on January 14th Program

Interest in the second Town-Warming series in Barrington which will open at the public school auditorium on January 7, is becoming wide-spread among residents of this and many nearby communities. The list of speakers who will come here on the ten consecutive nights of the series ranks equally well with the group that appeared here last February. The one open date on the program has been filled. John B. Kennedy of New York, editor of the Commentator, a radio personality and movie newsreel commentator, has been secured for the night of January 14.

The wide-spread publicity this community received from the first Town-Warming series last February can best be pointed out by the article by Frank L. Perrin which was published December 29 in the Christian Science Monitor and which appears in full in this week's issue of The Review.

Mr. Perrin is highly commendatory of the program held here and also the book of the talks which was published later. That his column appears in what is ranked as the fourth best newspaper in the world with a wide circulation is evidence that Barrington is receiving national attention for the unique plan being undertaken.

The Town-Warming series will be held in the school auditorium and is free to the public. A campaign has been started to underwrite the expense of the series but a person attending the meetings is not obligated to pay, it was pointed out. The meetings start January 7 and continue through the 16th.

Sue to Have Will of Palatine Woman Set Aside; $3000 Estate

Suit has been filed in the Cook county circuit court by Edward, Rose and Mathilde Kuhlank and George Pease, all of Palatine, against Anna Fiedler of Augusta and Albert Sunderlage, in an effort to set aside the will of the late Anna Kellam, who died in Palatine on October 20.

The complaint alleges the deceased woman was incompetent when she made the will which gave her entire $3000 estate to Anne Fiedler. Undue influence is also charged. The estate consists of interests in Chicago real estate.

Barbara Willson Sues for $10,000 Damages for Crash Injuries

Miss Barbara Willson, daughter of Mrs. Leonard Karcher, of Barrington township, has filed suit $10,000 for alleged injuries and damages sustained in an auto accident at the intersection of the Cook county line road and Brinker road last August 9. Defendants in the suit are William Lesnak, driver of the car, a minor, and his father, Chester A. Long, 319 Liberty street.

Miss Willson suffered lacerations of the face and body and her automobile was heavily damaged, it is claimed.

Transplanting Work Begun by Jewel Tea to Save Elm Trees

Due to the prevalence of the disease which has been creating havoc among elm trees, Jewel Tea Co., Inc. this week began a transplanting program which will bring about the removal of many of the elm trees throughout Jewel Park. The move is being made to prevent the disease from reaching and spreading through the park trees. The elms being removed are being replaced with maples and honey locusts. John L. Bell is doing the work.

Dismiss Sales Tax Suit on Local Man

The suit for judgment on a claim of delinquent state sales tax payments against Paul Miller, operator of Speed's Tavern on Northwest highway, Barrington, has been dismissed from the records of the Lake county circuit court, it was reported this week.