



THIRD CLASS MAIL is sorted at the Michigan Bulb Company in Acton daily, since the post office authorities set up a temporary post office to cope with the amount of mail to and from the plant. Pictured above Mrs. H. Cook, left and Mrs. J. Chapman are shown during working hours sorting some of the third class mail for shipment. Thousands of bags of mail are sent from the Acton plant each week.



FOURTH CLASS MAIL, or parcel post as it is better known to most people, is sorted in the bag racks pictured above being used by Mrs. Wilma Chapman, staff employee in charge of the special post office set up in the Michigan Bulb plant. The largest shipment to date consisted of 960 bags of mail in one day.

Bulb Business Booms

So Much Mail, Set Up Temporary Post Office

Faced with the problem of sorting thousands of bags of mail each week for Michigan Bulb Company, two years ago Acton Post office authorities set up a temporary separate post office right in the busy plant on Flower Avenue to cope with the situation.

Today the business has skyrocketed to such an extent that three post office employees are kept on the hop all day long for two three-month periods each year, sorting and shipping bags of mail from the Acton plant.

The staff in their temporary quarters sort and ship third and fourth class mail which includes advertising and acknowledgements of orders as well as products.

One of the busiest days during 1958 included shipping 960 bags of mail. Since April 7th of this year, the small branch of the post office has shipped 37 baggage cars of mail to date.

Utilizing a portion of two floors in the Acton plant, the post office employees sort third class mail on the second floor and fourth class mail on the main floor. A regular pigeon hole system has been set up for third class mail distribution and five bag racks are consistently put to use in the fourth class mail division.

In April, 1958, business became so brisk it was necessary for the C.N.R. to spot a special baggage car daily on the siding at the Acton station in order to load mail from the plant during the day for shipment to eastern and westerly points.

Not One Complaint

F. Terry, local postmaster, noted this week that during the period of time the temporary post office has been in operation, there has not been one complaint or loss of a single article. The postmaster also pointed out that a full carload of empty mail bags at a time arrives for use at the Michigan Bulb plant.

Working at a feverish pace daily are Mrs. J. Chapman, postal clerk in charge of the temporary post office and Mrs. H. Cook and B. Stewart, assistants.

Bible Society's Work Reviewed During Annual Meet in Rockwood

Guest speaker at the 102nd annual meeting of the Rockwood-Everton branches of the Upper Canada Bible Society was the Rev. D. L. Walden, district representative for the society. The meeting was held in the Church of Christ's Disciples, Sunday, May 17, with a fair attendance.

Charles Harris introduced Mr. Walden, who spoke on the work being done by the society. "God the eternal and temporary speaks to man through history," he said, quoting the Moderator of the United Church in Canada, Prof. Thompson, who used the phrase in a sermon in Toronto in March.

Verse Heard

"Israel was a small nation when the Bible was written. There was hardly any reason why she should stand. But a voice was heard and it continues today. It was none other than the voice of God," he said.

As we looked out on the mission world today, there were many changes. There was a different set-up in comparing conditions, he related how in the old days, a rickshaw was drawn by a man. Today he has a device that is modern to draw it for him and sits as does his passenger. He now says, "Jack is as good as his master."

"It is a handicap that the Gospel is so closely related to Western civilization," he remarked. "One thing that confronts us is the tremendous poverty and great need for education."

Resent Whites

He said the feeling in Asia was, "Asia for the Asiaters. White man go home." Yet, they pondered too, on whom would they put the blame for their difficulties if the white man goes?

Mr. Walden told of the great increase in Bible reading. This year it was published in 1150 languages and dialects. Bibles are being distributed by the millions in Japan, Africa and South America, as those once illiterate people learn to read.

The churches had encouraged the distribution of Bibles as never before. "You people make it possible for people to have them," he said.

Wonderful Translations

He told of the wonderful translations done today by students in the great colleges who do not change for their labor. They gave their labor and talents as do so many others for the work of Christ.

Mr. Walden showed a film strip that illustrated the work done by the Upper Canada Bible Society and others in the distribution of Bibles. Through the efforts of many missionaries, living conditions had greatly improved for many native peoples.

Much of the film was of places in New Guinea. Mr. Walden told of the kindness the wounded American soldiers had received during the Second World War when the Japanese held a part of the island. This was due to missionary work before the war.

Charles Harris thanked the speaker for his interesting talk and film.



CAREFULLY PACKED plants and bulbs are piled up in bags by Barry Stewart, temporary post office employee at the Michigan Bulb Company, as he prepares a shipment to go to a special baggage car spotted at the C.N.R. station siding. A small idea of how many bags of mail are shipped daily from the temporary quarters can be gathered from the mail bags and parcels shown in the picture.



LOADING UP mail bags for shipment to various parts of Canada, Keith Massey, employee of the Michigan Bulb Company, is kept on the hop daily loading and transporting mail bags to the baggage car spotted on the C.N.R. siding in Acton. An average day's work consists of shipping approximately 500 bags of mail daily from the temporary post office in the plant.

New Executive

A short business meeting followed when the new executive were announced. They are Charles Harris, president, Ed Pearen, honorary president, Ross Gordon, secretary, Miss Pearl Hamilton, treasurer.

Other members of the executive that represent the four churches in the area are Dr. K. Waller, L. L. Hood, Mrs. J. Lloyd, Richard Harris, Peter Simms, Douglas McNamara, David D. Gray, Miss Eva Pearen, T. D. McCutcheon, Roy Hanley, J. Alton, W. Stuart, Mrs. Muriel Kingsbury, H. S. Hosking, D. McPherson, Gordon Ostrander, E. Barbour, Cecil Nellis, Miss Cecil Nellis and Russell Osborne.

The executive will meet next on September 1 when they arrange to canvass for funds to carry out the society's work. Mr. Harris remarked that they were a faithful group of canvassers.

NOT THE ANSWER

"Thou shalt not kill" is a law of God, and a law of society. But I had the right-of-way, can't I? Alton, W. Stuart, Mrs. Muriel Kingsbury, H. S. Hosking, D. McPherson, Ontario Safety League.

May Tea Sponsored By Ebenezer W.A.

Ebenezer United Church W.A. sponsored a May tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ward Saturday, May 2. The guests were received at the door by Mrs. E. F. Ward, Mrs. K. G. H. and Mrs. R. G. Thomas.

Providing over the silver tea service of a portable appointed table laden with a bouquet of yellow daffodils flanked by tall yellow candles were Mrs. P. Kitching, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. Ferguson, and Mrs. B. C. Page.

Serving the dairy refreshments were Mrs. J. K. to be, Miss M. Earls, Miss S. Booth and Miss J. Hayward.

Miss J. R. Henry was in charge of the receipts at the door.

Inviting the guests to the tea luncheon were Mrs. M. Malon and Mrs. W. Dunlop.

Assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. W. Earls, Mrs. A. Deacon, Mrs. M. Anderson, Mrs. H. Booth and Mrs. C. Thompson.

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Decoration Day, sponsored by His Worship, The Mayor and Members of the Council of the Town of Acton, the Canadian Legion, Women's Institutes, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Acton Fire Dept., Duke of Devonshire and Lakes de Chapais I.O.G.E., Acton Citizens Band, is designed to honour the dead of two World Wars by placing wreaths and flowers at the Centaph, Fairview Cemetery, St. Joseph's Cemetery and Pioneer Cemetery. Citizens are invited to participate in the ceremony and at the same time decorate the graves of their own loved ones.

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