

HARD TO KEEP PACE WITH MAIL BUSINESS

Winnetka Post Office Volume Constantly Ahead of Facilities, Says Postmaster

The Winnetka post office not only enjoyed the largest holiday business in its history, but it is also closing the largest year's business, Postmaster Elmer E. Adams reported this week.

Since 1921 the office has shown an average increase in receipts of about \$6,000 annually, and the twelve months terminating with this week, has not been an exception to the rule, Postmaster Adams states.

Despite the fact that the post office force, by heroic efforts literally cleared the office of Christmas packages by last Friday night and also made one delivery on Christmas day, yet so many belated packages arrived Saturday afternoon and Sunday that it was necessary to keep an extra truck in service Monday and Tuesday to complete the distribution of Yuletide gifts. The incoming mail was exceedingly heavy, Postmaster Adams said, and as a result a part of the force was compelled to work all day Sunday.

Work Outgrows Force

The Winnetka carrier force now numbers twelve men, and, in addition, a parcel post carrier. Two of this number were added only last spring, but by the time the request of Postmaster Adams for additional help was granted, the business had grown to a point where even with the two additional carriers, the situation remains about where it was before. An auxiliary route is now being arranged and a carrier will be added to the force as soon as the necessary office equipment for the additional service can be obtained.

The insuring of parcel post packages, now so generally practiced by the public, requires additional time in the delivery of this class of mail. The Winnetka postoffice usually has from 600 to 800 insured packages a day. One carrier recently had sixty packages of this nature. Furthermore, there is an average of 20 C. O. D. packages a day to be delivered, and that requires additional time to stop and collect the money and obtain the necessary signatures on the receipts. The registry business of the Winnetka post office is exceedingly large. An average of eighty money orders a day is but another of the many items increasing the growing volume of business here.

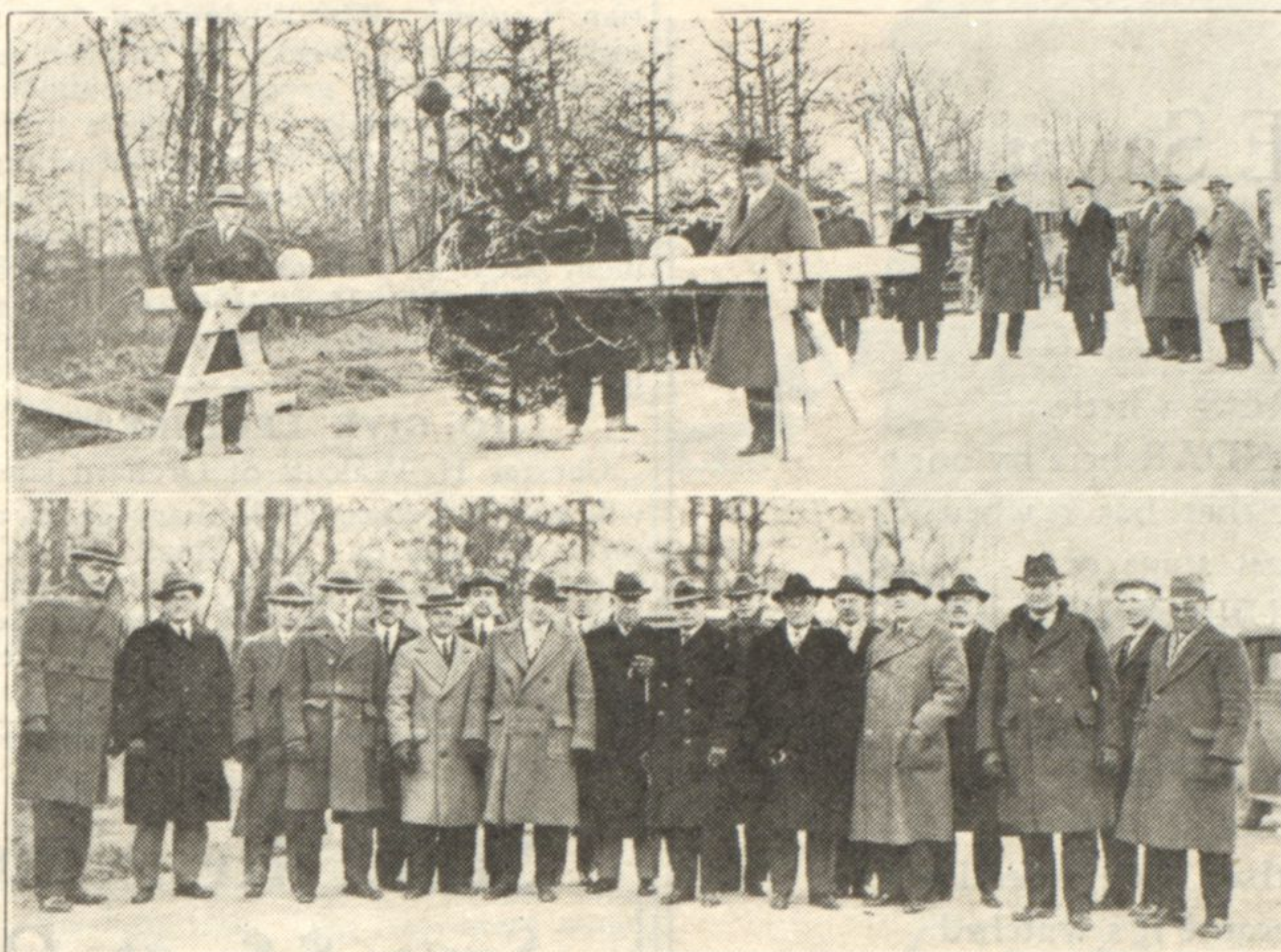
In New Home Soon

Winnetka residents also have the distinction of being great readers of magazines. Tons of this sort of mail fairly pour into Winnetka, and this is said to be one of the factors which reduces the maximum number of residents apportioned to a carrier from 1,000, to about 850 in Winnetka.

By the time the holiday rush of 1927 rolls around, the Winnetka post office will be installed in much larger quarters, in the new Meyer block now being erected at the northwest corner of Elm and Chestnut streets. The new post office room will be 36 feet wide, fronting on Chestnut street and will be 85 feet deep. The present room now used is only 32 by 67 feet. The new quarters will comprise a large well lighted lobby, a large private office and fire-proof vault, rest rooms for the clerks and carriers and a spacious work room with large loading and unloading doors reached by a driveway leading off Chestnut street into an inner court.

Mrs. S. Edwin Earle and family, 922 Tower road, left for Coronado Beach, Cal., New Year's eve to spend three months.

Open Sheridan to Traffic



Photos by Lehle

Above are two views of the opening of the recently completed section of Sheridan road in Glencoe. The upper photo shows H. C. Wells, E. E. Farmer and J. C. Walther removing the barricade at the north end of the road. Below reading from left to right are H. C. Richard, J. A. Williams, H. H. Sherer, C. H. Wells, D. E. Marsh, L. G. Quigly, M. B. Walsh, J. C. Walther, Gen. J. V. Clinnin, Samuel Hastings, E. E. Farmer, George I. Hicks, F. A. Windes, H. H. Woolhiser, H. F. Keator, F. A. Sager, W. J. Schultz, M. A. Stockley, and Arthur Brooks, who participated in the ceremony.

Building Active As 1926 Passes Out of Picture

The closing days of 1926 did not witness a let-up in the number of building permits issued in Winnetka, where, in the past weeks, permits have been issued to Arthur Luke for two \$18,000 residences of brick veneer on frame, which he will build for the market, one at 217 Woodlawn avenue and the other at 403 Sunset road. There will be a garage at each place costing \$1,000, according to permits issued at the same time.

George F. Gonsalves has taken out permits for four residences of brick veneer on frame, which he will build for the market, one to cost \$9,000, the other three, \$8,000 each. The one costing \$9,000 will be located at 50 Brier avenue; two of the others will be at 38 and 44 Brier avenue and the fourth one will be at 510 Meadow.

W. S. Traweck has also taken out a permit for a \$20,000 residence at 454 Cherry street.



New-laid eggs direct from the farm are one of the inexpensive luxuries enjoyed by readers of the Classified Columns:

FOR SALE — NEW LAID EGGS will be delivered to you weekly, if you will write to Paul Beem's Poultry Farm, Zion, Ill.

AN INVITATION

An invitation to all boys and girls—

On New Year's day I always try to do something that I am a bit proud of, something different. We are making it possible for you boys and girls to do one of the finest things that can be done on New Year's day. Slip out of the house as quietly as can be and come in the early morning light to worship God. The service will be simple and short. It will give us a chance to wish each other a Happy New Year in a holy place.

Clothes don't count. You can come in your party clothes, if you are just getting home. You can come in an old sweater and, if you want to bring Dad along, he doesn't have to shave.

Of course you can bring your parents, but be sure to let them know that it is your service and that they are your guests in the House of God. You are going to have a good deal to do in this service. Let's not ring the bell, there might be some people who are not well and should not be disturbed so early.

Oh, yes, it is 7 o'clock in the morning of New Year's day. Some of the grown folk have told me you wouldn't come so early. I believe in you.

—Chief.

P. S.—The service will be over so that you can go home and get breakfast by 8 o'clock. It will be a nice way of asking a blessing on the year.

(Editor's Note: Just in the event you've a stranger—this service is at the Winnetka Congregational church).

MIDWEEK SERVICE

There will be a mid-week service at the Winnetka Congregational church, Wednesday, January 5, the first of a series. For this meeting the ministers ask the members of the church "to gather together and talk about their hopes and ideals for the life of the church in 1927."

OPENING OF SHERIDAN REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

State, County and Municipal Officials Formally Open Glencoe Stretch Friday

Coming as a Christmas present to the motoring public and residents of the entire north shore, the recently completed section of Sheridan road, between the north and south limits of Glencoe, was officially opened to traffic at 3 o'clock last Friday. Built through the joint efforts of the Village of Glencoe and the Illinois State Highway department, it marks the re-opening of Sheridan road throughout its entire length; as the state has also completed its County line pavement, the county line bridge and the three Sheridan road bridges.

Promptly at 3 o'clock, Friday, representatives of the city of Highland Park, the Villages of Winnetka and Glencoe, the State Highway department, Windes and Marsh, engineers and the Highway Construction company of Highland Park, contractors, met at the corner of Scott avenue, and Sheridan road, Winnetka, to participate in the opening ceremony. The barricades at the various intersections along the repaved stretch and at its terminations had been gayly decorated with evergreen and the whole party of some fifteen cars moved along its entire length, removing the obstructions as they proceeded.

State-Village Co-operation

The plan for the construction of the road through Glencoe, was carried out through the co-operation of the state and village as regards the cost of the improvement. A special assessment was spread in Glencoe while an appropriation was made from the State \$60,000,000 road bond issue as neither felt that it could or should stand the entire expense involved. As a result, of the \$190,000 expended the property owners paid approximately \$100,000 and the state \$90,000. In addition the state also constructed the three large bridges over the ravines, at a cost of \$150,000, the one large bridge on the county line road and the approaches to all four bridges.

Special credit is due the various officials of the state, through whose efforts the proposition was made possible. Among these are Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer of the State of Illinois; George N. Lamb, district engineer for the state; H. C. Richmond, assistant engineer for the Highway department; C. H. Wells, the resident engineer and K. D. Avidisian, state inspector.

Towns Represented

Representatives from the various communities and other interested persons who were at the opening Friday are as follows: H. C. Richmond, assistant engineer, State Highway department; J. A. Williams, assistant village manager of Glencoe; H. H. Sherer, village manager of Glencoe; C. H. Wells, resident engineer; Don E. Marsh and Frank A. Windes, of Windes and Marsh, engineers; L. G. Quigly, E. E. Farmer, and Mr. Walther of the Highways Construction company, of Highland Park; Merle B. Waltz, president of the Village of Glencoe; Gen. J. V. Clinnin, member of the Glencoe Village board; Samuel Hastings, mayor of Highland Park; George I. Hicks, attorney for the Village of Glencoe; H. L. Woolhiser, village manager of Winnetka; H. F. Keator, formerly a member of the Glencoe Village board; F. A. Sager, Glencoe Village board; William J. Schultz, inspector for Windes and Marsh; M. A. Stackley and Arthur Brooks, both with the firm of Windes and Marsh.