

NEW POSTMASTER — Louis S. Gay will be taking over an operation nged a lot since he first strapped on a mail bag 25 years ago.

New Postmaster Looks At His Job

FARMINGTON When Louis S. Gay started as a postman in Farmington 25 years ago, he was one of three men carrying mail in the area, and just four clerks served the city.

While Gay was being promoted, first to superintendent of mails and then to assistant postmaster, the system was growing.

When he was appointed post-master recently, to replace retiring Henry Trombley, the office had 136 employes and was handling 377,000 pieces of mail a day.

GAY LIVES with his wife, Dorothy, at 2165 Waldron, Far-mington Township. They have been residents of the Farmington area for

25 years.
In his new job, he is in charge of getting the 9.6 million pieces of mail a month out to about 65,000 residences in the city and township.

"It isn't unusual for a carrier to walk 12 - 15 miles a day," he says of his force. In addition, they use 29 government - owned vehicles, plus 16 which are leased.

He expects the mail volume through the local branch to double in the next 10 - 12 years.

AS POSTMASTER, Gay is working with the new "area mail process," using a central distribution process with the mail all going to a central office in Royal Oak.

Mail destined for the metropolitan areas handled by the center is sorted according to city by sophisticated

according to city by sophisticated equipment too expensive for each local post office to afford, Gay says. It is channeled to individual city gathering points, "like coming down the spokes of a wheel."

It is then trucked to local areas by van trucks instead of each office sorting and sending its own.

FOR THE CUSTOMER, this means earlier hours for overnight

mail.

Mail must be brought to the office, or put in the box in front, by 5:25 p.m. to insure overnight delivery, he said. Letters traveling a longer distance are under way faster under the new method.

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Joining 6,000 colleagues Romanchuk, Jo Ann De Buck, American Home Economics from across the nation for an Kaity Brantley, Carolyn Association in Detroit last updating of information and Mons, Terrie Cralphead, month. Skills were Sister Mary Dolores Pavlak, and Debbie Bridget of Madoana College Rutherford. They attended the "Motivation for Industrial Sandra Sard annual meeting of the wolvement," the meeting of the GEM photographers

Born June 19

Dr. and Mrs. Philip William Cohen of Glouster Circle, Farmington, announce the birth June 19 of a son, Jason Bradley. Jason has a sister Kristin Beth, 5½, and a brother, Gregory Scott, 3½.

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Annual Pigeon Race Is Putting Farmington Founders In Flap

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A bird in the hand isn't
worth half as much as one on
Cadieux Rd. First bird to fly
from Farmington to the east
side of Detroit will be the
winner of the annual pigeon
race Thursday, July 20.
The race is being held to
publicize the annual Farmington Founder's Day
Festival scheduled for July 2729.

preceded by the distribution of balloons, advertising the festival, to the children and a balloon release.

Radio, television and mewspaper personalities will be introduced to the crowd hen each will release the bird he is sponsoring.

way back to their breeder's person house. There they will check in to establish the place in the race according to the will be introduced to the crowd will be introduced to the crowd hen each will release the bird he is sponsoring.

Earl Teeples, Farmington Township supervisor, has

race Thursday, July 20.
Ther race is being held to publicize the annual Farmington Founder's Day Testival scheduled for July 27-29.
Then while the personalities enjoy lunch at the Danish Inn, the birds will be racing through Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramek on their

"Hundreds of people" are expected to attend the race, will be wearing a "good guy according to Hayden Cameron, race chairman and head of the hisurance division for Thompson-Brown Realty.

"THE EVENT is fun for adults, too," he said. "They won'! feel left out."

He added that spectators should bring their autograph books with them and seek out





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