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SCHOOL CHILDREN TO HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS MAILS

The older boys and girls in Secondary Schools and teachers are to be asked to volunteer to help in Central Post Offices throughout the country during the ten days before Christmas this year.

At the request of the Postmaster General, the Board of Education have today, (Monday) asked Authorities and Governing Bodies to give the matter their consideration.

The Board regard it as important that the normal work of the schools should not be encroached upon but they believe that in some cases it may be possible, without prejudicing the school work, for pupils and teachers to be allowed to begin duty a few days before the official end of term.

Help will be required generally in the larger towns or urban areas and volunteers will be asked to report for duty as soon as possible after December 14.

Local Postal Officials will approach the Local Education Authorities to find out the general attitude of the Authority and the schools in the area. If the Authority is favourable, contact will then be made between the Postal Officials and the Headmasters or Headmistresses.

In no circumstances will children under 15 years of age be employed. They should preferably be over 16. Normally employment will be for eight hours a day but no child under 16 will be required to work for more than 44 hours a week with suitable breaks for meals etc.

The rate of pay, which will be on an hourly basis, will depend upon the age of the children and the place of employment. The rate will be fixed in consultation with the local Employment Exchange Authorities and the Head Postmaster will seek the view of the respective Headmasters and Headmistresses before it is finally fixed.

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