



HEADQUARTERS for local postal service are located at 111 South Avenue 59. The post office is pictured above.

## Post office here handles 23,000 letters every day

Twenty-three thousand letters is a lot of mail, and that's what passes through the Highland Park post office, at 111 South Avenue 59, every day.

And that's not all. The local postmen also handle about 7,200 papers and magazines daily.

It takes 63 employees to see that the Highland Park postmen deliver your letters and packages twice a day, and according to Superintendent G. W. Fischer, the staff is doubled come Christmas time.

The local postoffice became a member of the Los Angeles branch post office system in 1910 and was first housed at 5704 North Figueroa street.

### PRESENT LOCATION IN 1932

In 1922 the office moved to 5626 North Figueroa and stayed there 10 years until 1932, when it moved to its present location.

Highland Park postal division covers approximately 10 square miles in area and is bounded by South Pasadena, Pasadena, Sycamore Grove, Division street, Avenue 47, and the hills north of York boulevard.

Included in the division are some of the steepest routes in Los Angeles, with Carrier S. R. Speirs drawing the rather unenviable distinction of having the steepest route in the city, the hill up Eldridge street.

Fischer, who came to the Highland Park station in 1924 and became superintendent in 1940, has released figures which indicate the population growth of Highland Park since he first came here.

### RECEIPTS DOUBLE

According to Fischer, postal receipts in 1924 amounted to \$53,000. In 1946 the receipts came to \$125,000, or well over double the 1924 figure.

In 1924, 21,000 money orders were issued by the local station, and in 1946 65,000 money orders and postal notes were issued.

### ADD CARRIERS

In 1924 the Highland Park station employed 22 carriers and used one parcel post truck. Last year 35 carriers and four parcel post trucks were needed to handle the volume of mail.

Fischer estimated that 700 large parcels a day go out to

the station's four parcel post districts.

At present the station is preparing for the annual Christmas volume of business, and Fischer has urged all Highland Park residents to get their Christmas parcels in the mail early to insure careful handling of the gifts.