

GAIN REPORTED AT POSTOFFICE

Sale of Stamps Drops but
Meter Mail Makes
Up Difference.

The Indianapolis Postoffice is selling fewer stamps but making more money.

For the second successive month, March stamp sales were smaller than March, 1939, according to figures released today by Adolph Seidensticker, Postmaster. But the decrease was more than offset by the increase in metered mail.

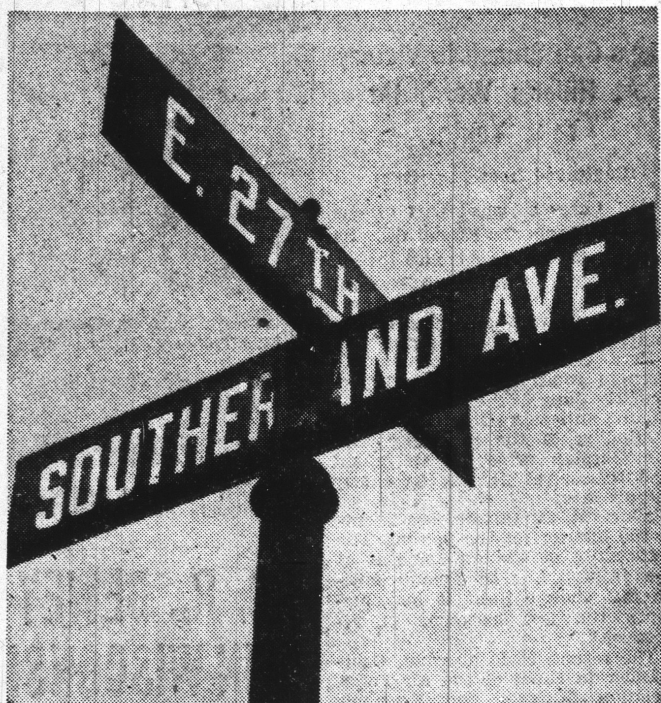
Postal officials said that an increasing number of firms are using meters.

The loss in stamp sales from March, 1939, to March, 1940, was \$4380; the gain in permit mail was \$8676. The only other sizeable change was a \$2062 increase in newspaper and periodical postage.

Total receipts for the month were \$405,369.69, an increase of 1.08 per cent over last year.

BARNARD AVIATION MOVES
NEWARK, N. J., April 3 (U. P.).—Barnard Aviation Equipment Co., Inc., today announced that it has contracted to move to larger quarters at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where it will triple its present production capacity.

A Typographical Error



What's wrong with this street sign? You guessed it, Sutherland Ave. is misspelled. Nobody knew how this occurred at the office of City Engineer M. G. Johnson. But it won't matter much, anyway. The sign is partly rusted away and will be replaced soon.

BREAK GROUND FOR '40 CROPS

Oats Only Late Planting,
Irwin Says; Land on 200
Farms Tested.

Spring is in the air this week and plows are in the ground.

Planting is late this year but not too late in Marion County, employees of the County Agricultural Agent's office say.

A. A. Irwin, Assistant County Agent, said today that the only planting which is late is oats. He added "there isn't much oats raised in the county any more."

He said that, since most Marion County farmers use tractors now, they can plow the land more rapidly than formerly.

Mr. Irwin said he had tested 200 samples of farm land in March to find what crops would grow best on it. He predicted he would test another 200 samples this month.

"Everybody is gardening," Mr. Irwin said. "And I even saw two corn-planters out this week."

MONTAGU NORMAN RENAMED
LONDON, April 3 (U. P.).—Montagu Norman today was re-elected Governor of the Bank of England for his 21st term. B. G. Catterns was made deputy governor for his fifth term.

Trappers' Diary Tells About Slow Death, Vain Efforts to Attract Passing Planes

ZEBALLOS, British Columbia, April 3 (U. P.).—A diary found between the shriveled bodies of two trappers told today how one, weak and gasping from hunger, had watched his partner die of slow starvation. But the one who had survived the longer could not die the same death. He shot himself.

All but two pages were written by Lloyd Coombs, 27, who had been flown to lonely Vancouver Island last autumn with James Ryckman, 56. They had not been seen since last August, when they disappeared into the wilderness. A searching party found their bodies yesterday after an airplane pilot had sighted them. It was Mr. Ryckman who starved. Mr. Coombs who committed suicide.

The last entry in the diary was dated March 17, the day Ryckman died. "If I do anything I shouldn't, I hope that it will be forgiven," Mr. Coombs wrote. "I'd like to have my Bible. It's in the bottom of my pack. I'm too weak to get it. I'd like to have said a prayer for Jim."

It was after that, apparently, that Mr. Coombs pulled his rifle over to him and killed himself.

The first entry was dated Nov. 23. It told how they had lived on squirrels after their food supply ran out, how they killed an occasional duck and grouse and wild canaries and had burned fungus from trees in the hope of attracting attention from a passing airplane.

"Had five grouse and small duck today (Jan. 30), our first taste of food for days," the diary read. "The whole works hardly makes a meal for one man. . . and some squirrel soup and duck bones for a breakfast."

"Both of us got so damn weak (Jan. 30) it was hard work to carry a pail of water or an armful of wood."

"It is useless to try to walk out (to civilization)," said an undated entry. "Water is too high. Our trouble was the fault of no one but ourselves."

Provincial police said the diary indicated that Mr. Coombs took to his bunk on Feb. 22 and was able to get around little thereafter.

"Lloyd still in bed," Mr. Ryckman wrote on Feb. 23. "Caught seven canaries on the doorstep today. My legs are badly swollen to the hips."

Next day, the diary related, they caught 20 more canaries in a net.

"I am so weak I had to crawl from the lake with water," Mr. Coombs wrote on March 9. "Starvation gives the most suffering on earth."

The next day's entry said he had caught more canaries, "but I can't think straight so I don't know how many. This is the most hell either of us have been through."

Two days before the final entry, Mr. Ryckman wrote that he was unable to leave his bunk. "I don't know how long we will stick it out,

but if we don't get help before long it will be too late," he wrote.

It was too late. Fog swirled day after day over the western coast of the island and prevented an airplane chartered by their worried relatives from searching for them.

Mr. Ryckman and Mr. Coombs had left with 1500 pounds of supplies and food. They apparently had walked to their destination and were trapped by floods.

COLUMBUS' OLDEST GROCER RETIRES

COLUMBUS, Ind., April 3.—Columbus' oldest grocer, F. W. Fehring, has retired from business and his store, one of the oldest in the city, is to be sold.

Mr. Fehring, 82, has been ill with a foot infection for several weeks. The grocery was opened 51 years ago by J. P. Sohn, who sold it to Mr. Fehring 36 years ago. During the entire 51 years, Simon Gressel has been a clerk there.

MISSSES 44 VACATIONS

COLUMBUS, S. C., April 3 (U. P.).—City Jailor M. P. Kramer is one person who believes in doing his work thoroughly. He has been on the same job 44 consecutive years without a vacation.

C. OF C. STUDIES APPRENTICESHIP

Industrial Group to Report
With View to Possible
Assembly Plea.

A sub-committee of the manufacturers' committee of the Chamber of Commerce is studying apprenticeship training problems with a view toward possible legislation to be presented to the 1941 Legislature.

The sub-committee, appointed by W. I. Longworth, Chamber president, is headed by Guy A. Wainwright of the Diamond Chain and Manufacturing Co.

The committee includes employers having apprenticeship problems and those interested in apprenticeship education. A report of the sub-committee will be presented to the general committee for submission to the board of directors before the 1941 Legislature.

Members of the sub-committee are: D. W. Alexander, H. C. Atkins, James H. Carnine, Clarence E. Crippin, I. W. Davies, Brodehurst Elsey, Edward Green, G. F. Hoppe, Fred W. Jungclaus, Herbert M. Kessel, D. M. Klausmeyer, O. T. Krauss, B. P. Orr, John M. Smith, Stowell C. Wasson and J. S. Watson.

20th Birthday Sale

AYRES DOWNSTAIRS STORE

Tuft Spreads \$1.59
Just 139. Colored chenille tufting on colored sheeting. Two-tone tuft on white sheeting.

Colonial Bedspreads \$1
Chenille and cotton colonial spreads. Just 40.

SAMPLE SALE!

CHENILLE SPREADS

MOSTLY ONE OF A KIND

7 Tu-Tone Dip-Dyed Spreads	} \$2.88
8 White Spreads with colored designs	
2 Montone Dip-Dyed Spread	
1 Mastertuft Long Wearing Spread	
1 Tu-Tone Dip-Dyed Spread	} \$3.88
3 Monotone Spreads, dip-dyed	
6 Multicolored Spreads, dip-dyed	
5 White Spreads with multicolored designs	
1 Tu-Tone Dip-Dyed Spread	} \$4.88
5 Monotone Spreads, dip-dyed	
7 Multicolored Spreads, dip-dyed	
3 White Spreads with colored designs	
2 Tu-Tone Spreads, attractive designs	} \$5.88
2 Montone Designed Spreads, conservative patterns	
7 Multicolored Spread, dip-dyed	
10 Monotone Spreads with ball fringe trim	

Select group of 8 pairs of fine quality twin spreads, at **\$7.96**

—Downstairs at Ayres.

Cannon

SHEETS and PILLOWCASES

(2) 81x99 Sheets (Reg. \$1.14 Ea.) **\$2.28**
(2) 42x36 Cases (Reg. 29c Ea.) **.58**

Buy All 4 for \$2.30

Here's a truly exciting SALE for every housewife and housewife-to-be! Only during our Birthday Sale could we possibly bring you SUCH values in the famous, well-wearing "Cannon" Sheets and "Cannon" Pillowcases, so be wise and stock up on your bedding needs during this event and SAVE!

Printed Breakfast Cloths . . . 39c
(Seconds) Sizes 52x52. Indian head printed cloths. Pretty patterns. Misprints.

"Envoy" Mattress Protectors . \$1.69
Cross stitched for durability. Pure white, cotton filled. Bleached muslin.

42x36-In. Percale Pillowcases, 19c Ea.
(Seconds) During this sale you can buy these "luxury cases" for the price you'd pay for ordinary kinds.

Lace Dollies . . . 3c Ea.
Machine made lace dollies in a wide variety of sizes. Ideal for bridge prizes, gifts, etc.

Embroidered Pillowcases . 19c Ea.
42x36-in. muslin pillowcases, white or colored embroidery. Firm, well-made cases.

"Bates" Homespun Spreads, \$1.69 Ea.
Full-size famous "Bates" Homespun Bedspreads in discontinued patterns. Exceptionally LOW priced.

Ironing Board Covers . . . 15c Ea.
Stretch-on ironing board covers—no pins or tacks! Good firm quality.

Ironing Pad and Cover . . . 39c Set
Non-inflammable ironing board pad and stretch-on cover—an excellent value, 39c Set.

Striped Pillow Ticks . . . 19c Ea.
Blue and white striped pillow ticks, all made, ready to fill and use.

Flour Sacks . . . 6c Ea.
Big size. Washed. Ready to use in your spring housecleaning.

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You Get Long Wear and Beauty Value, With

Cannon

QUALITY TOWELS

"CANNON" PLAID BATH TOWELS
These are attractive plaid bath towels of typical "Cannon" quality and a beauty to your home. Sizes 17x35 inches. Also very absorbent face towels for the home. 17x34 inches.

MEDIUM SIZE "CANNON" TOWELS
A fine group including 18x36 and 20x40-inch bath towels; 16x27 checked guest towels; 22x44 plaid towels and 16x27-in. reversible towels. A fine group to furnish your home with.

BETTER "CANNON" TOWELS
Big white and colorful stripe bath towels, fine quality guest towels and intermediate size towels, size 16x27; 18x36; 20x40; 22x44. Exceptional towel values.

Reversible and Jacquard Towels
Reversible and Jacquard Towels, highly styled to beautify your home. Full 22x44-inch size. These are fine gift towels.

WASH CLOTHS
3 for 25c

WASH CLOTHS
55c doz.

12 Assorted colors in fine quality "Cannon" wash cloths. You'll want at least a dozen of these fine quality wash cloths at this Birthday Savings price!

—Downstairs at Ayres.

Buy "Fashion by the Yard" In Our SEW and SAVE Sale!

SANFORIZED SPORTS DENIMS

An ideal cotton fabric for active sports wear or for making inexpensive slip covers. Stripes and plain colors in sea green, dusty blue, maize, rose, tan, natural and brown. Birthday Sale Price, 19c Yard.

19c Yd.

WHITE DOTTED SWISS . . . 19c Yd.
Remnants fine quality dotted swiss. Tied dots.

PRINTED RAYON CREPE

Short lengths of a very popular dress fabric—printed rayon. French crepe. Choose in monotone and multicolored prints in floral and stripes. Ideal for sport dresses and conservative street dresses. Birthday Sale Price, 39c Yard.

39c YARD

Rayon Sports Denim
Spun rayon sports denim in very gay plaids and stripes. Just the thing for colorful sports costumes. Birthday Sale Price, 39c Yd.

WHITE GOODS REMNANTS . . . 5c Yd.
Sheer summer white goods and muslins in short remnants lengths. Birthday Sale price, 5c yard.

SPUN RAYON FABRICS

Spun rayon gabardines, spun rayon chambrays, spun rayon denims, spun rayon poplins, spun rayon stripe poplins in such desired new spring colors as: Rosedust, Copen, Apple Green, Turquoise, Maize and Brown. Birthday Sale Price, 29c Yd.

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COTTON WASH GOODS . . . 10c Yd.
Sheer cotton prints in full bolts, and remnants of plain and heavier printed fabrics. Ideal for spring and summer sewers. Birthday Sale price, 10c yard.

SEW SWEET PERCALES

Remnants 80-sq. Sew sweet percales in 1 to 10-yard lengths. Many patterns and colors. Buy this finest quality percale, during this Birthday Sale at LESS than HALF the bolt price. Splendid for school, play and house dresses!

42-Inch PILLOW TUBING . . . 12c Yd.
42-Inch Pillow tubing in full bolts. (Seconds) Birthday Sale price, 14c yard.

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