

## 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 Adolf  
Seidensticker, Postmaster. But the  
decrease was more than offset by  
the increase in metered mail.

Postal officials said that an in-  
creasing number of firms are using  
meters.

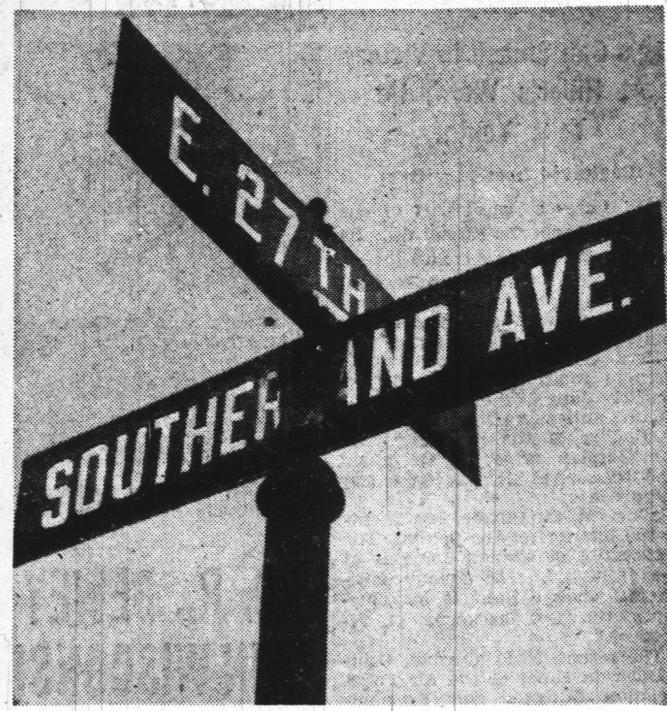
The loss in stamp sales from  
March, 1939, to March, 1940, was  
\$4380; the gain in permit mail was  
\$8676. The only other sizeable  
change was a \$2062 increase in  
newspaper and periodical postage.

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 treble its present production  
capacity.

## A Typographical Error



Times Photo.

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.

Plowing is late this year but not  
too late in Marion County, em-  
ployees 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 an-  
other 200 samples this month.

"Everybody's doing it," Mr.  
Irwin said. "And I even saw two  
corn-planters out this week."

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 squir-  
rels 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

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

ZEBALLOS, British Columbia,  
April 3 (U. P.)—A diary found be-  
tween 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.

But both 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 com-  
mitted suicide.

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

"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. 28. "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 8. "Star-  
vation 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,  
without a vacation."

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 air-  
plane chartered by their worried  
relatives from searching for them.

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

## C. OF C. STUDIES APPRENTICESHIP

Industrial Group to Report  
With View to Possible  
Assembly Plea.

A sub-committee of the manu-  
facturers' committee of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce is studying ap-  
prenticeship training problems with  
a view toward possible legislation to  
be presented to the 1941 Legis-  
lature.

The sub-committee, appointed by  
W. L. Longsworth, Chamber pres-  
ident, is headed by Guy A. Wain-  
wright 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-com-  
mittee will be presented to the gen-  
eral 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. Crip-  
pin, I. W. Davies, Brodehurst Eisey,  
Edward Green, G. F. Hoppe, Fred  
W. Jungclaus, Herbert M. Kessel,  
D. M. Klausmeyer, O. T. Kreusser,  
B. F. Orr, John M. Smith, Stowell  
C. Wasson and J. S. Watson.

## COLUMBUS' OLDEST GROCER RETIRES

Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., April 3.—Colum-  
bus' 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 Jailer 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.

# 20th Birthday Sale AYRES DOWNSTAIRS STORE

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

Select group of 8 pairs of fine quality twin spreads, at ..... Pair \$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

\$2.86

Buy All 4 for \$2.30

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. 17x24 inches.

**MEDIUM SIZE "CANNON" TOWELS**

A fine group including 18x36 and 20x41-inch bath towels; 22x44 plaid towels and 16x27-inch 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

Fine quality "Cannon" wash cloths, large size. Replenish your supply now at these Birthday Savings.

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.

**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, grosgrain, ribbons, stripes and multicolored prints in florals and stripes. Ideas for sports dresses, children's wear, street dresses. Birthday Sale Price, 39c Yard.

**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.

**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.

—Downstairs at Ayres.