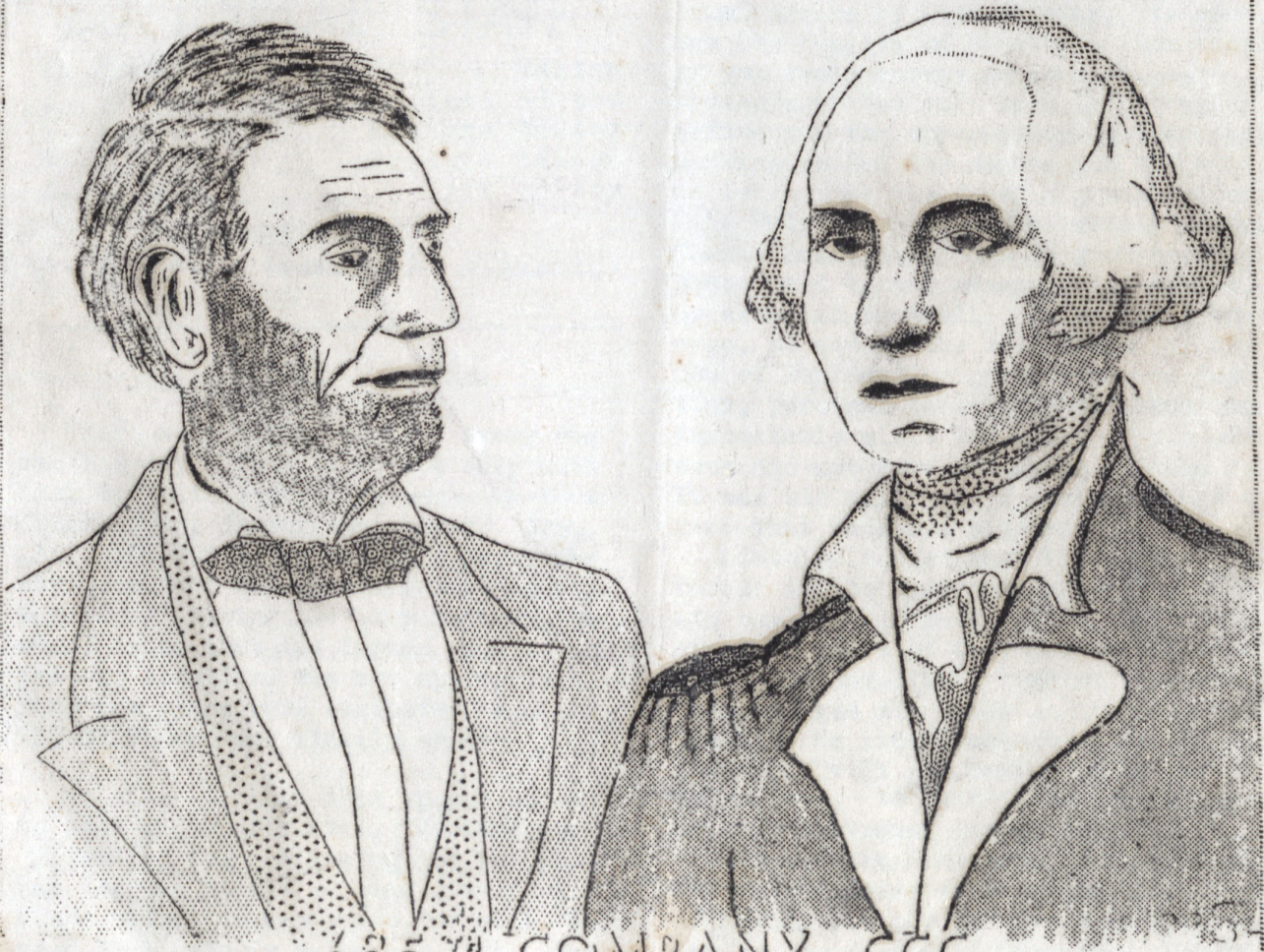


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EDITORS' NOTES

There is a saying that, "Every dog has his day". This is so not only with dogs but with everything else. The IRON CESSAY NEWS, former camp paper from CAMP STURGEON, has had it's day. The Sturgeon Echo has been selected as its successor. During the last meeting, the staff found that the former name, in our present location, was not appropriate. Many new names were suggested, and the STURGEON ECHO was finally chosen.

We plan to make this paper second to none in the District. Various supplies for the publishing of the paper can improve it but we need news of all kinds before we can reach our goal. We need YOUR help in gathering news, contributing poems articles, and drawing.

Let's all pitch in! - The Editors.

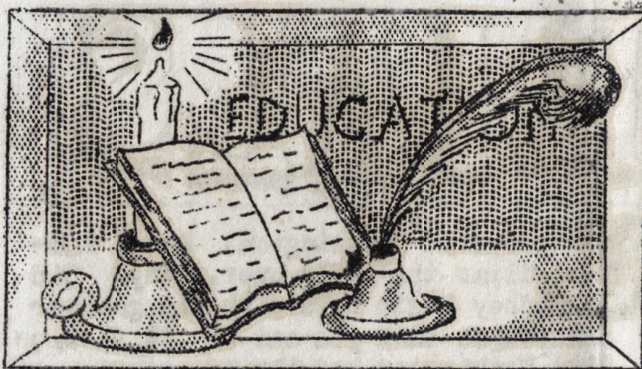
Lincoln. Washington. Names familiar the world over. Why? Did they begin Life with any greater advantages than you and I? It is true that Washington had the advantages of well-to-do parents. But is this a requisite of success? Lincoln was born of illiterate pioneer parents in the backwoods of Kentucky, yet both he and Washington became America's President. Lincoln's own life story substantiated the famous statement he made later in life, "That all men are created equal".

Let us consider Washington for the moment. At the age of sixteen he was commissioned by Lord Fairfax, to survey the Valley of Virginia. How many of you could survey an acre at your present age? Yet our class in surveying offers you the opportunity of learning. Washington had the desire and the will to learn. He was never a great orator like Patrick Henry, nor writer like Thomas Jefferson. But in good common-sense, and in the management of affairs he excelled them all. To enormous energy, he added the cool brain of the Man of Business, a great sense of justice, personal disinterestedness, and an indomitable will. The money of his parents did not give him these attributes. It was his will and desire to forge a head that made him successful.

Lincoln learned what little was offered in the backwoods schools, and was employed at rough farm work until nineteen years of age. But he utilized his spare moments in reading everything he could get his hands on that was worthwhile. He like Washington, had an indomitable will and desire to do something fine, to contribute something towards bettering his fellowmen.

Let us take inventory of ourselves. Are we utilizing those spare hours in preparing for the job ahead so that we may be the bosses of tomorrow? Let us pattern ourselves after Washington and Lincoln!

- Lieut. H. W. Earle.



COLLEGE CREDIT FOR THE CCC

The University of Michigan will give college credit to the members of the CCC, who complete the work by correspondence. The Michigan Works Progress Administration is sponsoring the project. The material and credit will be free to members of the CCC who complete the work and pass the final examination. One college year of credit may be earned by correspondence.

Courses in Freshman English, European History, Mathematics, French, German, Geography, and Mechanical Drawing are available. Later, Latin, Spanish, Political Science, and possibly Geology will be available. Sociology will be offered, but not for credit.

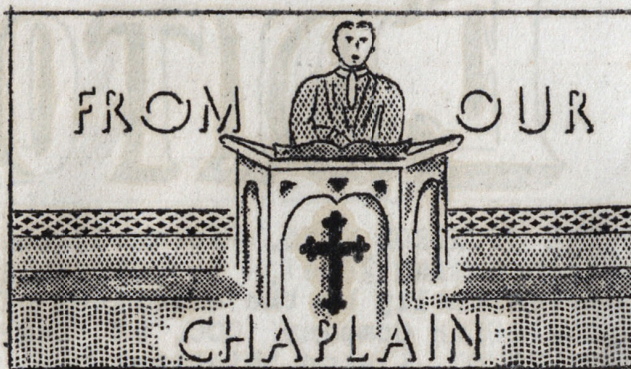
Mr. Handley has been appointed supervisor of the correspondence project in this camp. If anyone is interested in securing college credit, he is urged to see Mr Handley at once.

JUNIOR ASSISTANT TO TECHNICIAN

Applications for Junior Assistant to Technician have been filed by several members of Camp Sturgeon. The application may be obtained at the office of the Educational Adviser and must be filed by February 17th.

CLASS ROOMS ADDED

During the past week the Educational quarters have been remodeled. Henry Henkel, our adept carpenter, is responsible for the fine work. Two class rooms, 10' x 14' have been added and the library moved to the front of the barrack.



The ant...provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the Harvest. Proverbs. 6, 8.

The busy little ant can teach us many lessons. Her active life is an exceedingly productive one. The summer time is the only time in which she can lay by her food; so she works long and diligently at it.

It is by Faith of God, that Man earns his bread by the sweat of his brow. The lazy man in later life becomes a beggar. Many there are who never lay by enuf for the future.

It follows, then, that earthly goods are more or less ephemeral, that they may be taken away or vanish into thin air. We are admonished, however, to lay up treasures in Heaven, where the thieves do not break thru and steal. There Treasures are always safe.

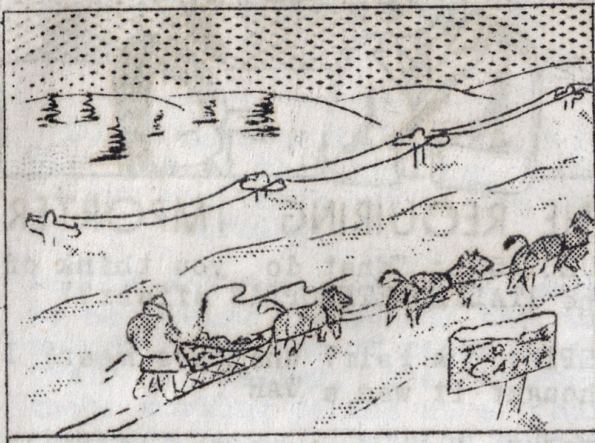
Our harvest is not the shekels of the realm, but the crowns of divine coinage. It is better to be a "rich poor man", than a "poor rich man". It is better to be able to read our heavenly title clear, than to have a quit-claim deed to some doubtful haven.

"Dear Savior, assist us to lay by in store the needed treasures of the Kingdom. Time is fleeting, and the days of our lives are few. The Harvest is on, and we pray Thee, teach us how to reap now for the future, that we may have laid up riches for all Eternity.

Clarence F. Golisch AMEN
CLARENCE F. GOLISCH, 1st Lieut. CH-Res.

CAMP STURGEON ECHO-NEWS

CCC'S ARE SNOWBOUND



The North Wind howled down upon the Copper Country this past week end, marooning about fifteen of our men who had gone to their homes over Saturday and Sunday. All roads to and from Houghton and northward were blocked. Transportation from all points was tied up. Among those who were forced to remain at home were OLLILA, VICHICH, GREGORITCH, KAHKONEN, BUTCHAR, and BESSONEN.

Copper Countryites were not the only ones unable to reach Camp Sturgeon thru the storm. POQUETTE, LeMAY and GURCHIN OFF had to remain in Iron River due to their inability to get thru.

At times the wind reached a velocity of 50 miles per hour. Even at camp the thermometer hit an all-time low of 36 degrees below zero.

The one redeeming thought tho', was that, "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

Major P. W. Crawford paid the camp an unexpected visit last Wednesday, February 12th. The Major is the District Surgeon, and his visit was thro'.

Last Monday, February 10th, Chaplain Golisch addressed the men here on the subject of, "Cooperation".

Major Jones, Sub-District Commander made an inspection last week.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. SNELL

Our coming generation is men from the CCC's. These fellows are the men who will make this generation better than any before. They should be grateful to the President for the opportunities he has made possible for them. In a time such as this, when jobs are very few and far between, these men have learned the meaning of honest toil in return for the money accepted.

The commanding officers ought to be appreciated for their time spent in teaching discipline and other helpful subjects to the enrollees. Appreciation should be shown for the educational facilities opened to all members of the CCC's. Excellent recommendations are given to various members of this organization who, in some way or other, achieved outstanding results from their taking an interest in their respective duties.

KEEP IT UP, MEM! Find a way or make one! Carve it out before Life carves you. He-men are in demand: this is the place where they may be found!





About a third of the men in camp are working on Timber Stand Improvement or Cultural Work. This work is being done in various stands of hardwoods consisting of second growth maple and birch. The original stand was logged over about 18 years ago by the "Selection" system. This "Selective Logging" was the selecting of only the best trees and leaving of everything else. As a result, many good trees were left.

The present stand is altogether too young to be thinned but sanitation and liberation are being done. Sanitation is the removal of dead, dying, deformed, diseased and insect-infested trees. Liberation is the removal of inferior trees, which are whipping, rubbing or interfering, in any way, with the more valuable maple and birch. Some hazard work is also being done. The lopping or scattering of slash and windfalls, so that they lie on the ground, or a little above, is known as hazard reduction.

So far, four forty acre plots have been completed. Cultural work has been done at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres per man day. Hazard work has been done at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres per manday. There are still 5 forties to be done, which will take another month or so.

The Forest Service at Sturgeon has 68 miles of road planned out for construction. Of this, 13 miles will be built this summer.

DUKE - newly attached member of the Forestry personnel, 165 lb St. Barnard-gentle of nature - lazy by wish, more intelligent than he looks, born leader.



THE REQUIRING IMPORTER

QUESTION: "What do you think of the ITALIAN-ETHIOPIAN affair?"

PEPIN: "A Fair? Whaddaya mean? I thought it was a WAR!"

CHAPUT: "Read about it: it's all in BLACK AND WHITE."

POOLE: "Well I think the whole thing is off COLOR."

ROWE: "If the Italians use Chevrolets, the Ethiopians won't need to fight; the trucks will lick Mussolini's boys for them."

LT. EARLE: "Well, since this affair started I've just been waiting for news that CARNERA signed to fight FARINA."

PETE: "We might send GURCHINOFF to Italy and cinch it for Ethiopia."

Lt. STEVENS: "Well look what Joe Louis did to Carnera!"

WHITE: "Well, I'd like to hear SARGE call roll for either side. Or HILL explain to an Ethiopian that he 'Didn't have any.'"

LT. MARKLE: "Italy might be able to use PINTAR in their Chemical Warfare attacks!"

MR HANDLEY: "Italy is just picking pennies until Mussolini can get the BIG MONEY in the game."

PIZIALI: "Viva la Mussolin'."



WHISPERINGS



BY THE LISTENER

COYLE says he is a truck driver, yet it took him two hours to get his truck out of the garage one morning!

KIEFER and Forester BRUNN seem to be giving Mr. MURPHY the run around. Instead of tending to their surveying, they spend their working period at a fair damsel's house. Churning butter and so on!

DETZ says he wasn't lost - he was just stuck in the snow. And then Mr. BRUNN asked GUIBORD if he was the one who was lost.

GISH likes to be confined to camp - he gets more letters from his G. F. that way.

ONDERAK: "GASBARRO, how do you like the CCC's?"

GASBARRO: "Alright. 500,000 can't be wrong!"

"BUTCH" GREELY received a sad letter from his Girl Friend saying she was married.

RUBINOFF says P&G soap is the product of Protector and Grambel.

It seems that this fellow is always in trouble. He broke two shovel handles in two days, so Mr. GINGRICH has put in an order for a rope handle for him.

HENKEL is a good mathematician. He says, "Oncet times 000 times oncet is oncet!"

"HAPPY" ELDRIDGE is feeling blue lately. We wonder why?

Every time "HOIST" sees a can of Libby's potted meat his heart goes pit-a-pat. (Fond Memories?)

Mr. HANDLEY: "GIRONIMI, what is the score?"

GIRONIMI: "We are now 250 in the Hole!"

Mr. HANDLEY: "I must go now to teach my class in German!"

'Tis said that KARVONEN gets his washing done for nothing a little ways down the road.

Mr. MURPHY has a new job in connection with his truck driving, that of wringing clothes for a little lady on the Carlson Road.

HYNNINEN has made it known to the camp at large, that POOLE is not such a good Doctor. "He hurts!"

Prof. MICHELL is going to hold a class in the library in a very short while. Probably, "Advice to the Love-lorn!"

"SPARROW" MOILANEN is peeved. The Forest Service Regulations call for governors on the dump trucks.

FRED SUTINEN is promoted to a stake truck driver. He formerly was a dump truck operator. Good luck, FRED, that's Progress!

Maki is not going to take the examination for Junior Technician. He says the green hat is too expensive.

Five glasses of beer seem to have a marked effect on DONEY.



LAMENT OF THE CANTEEN STEWARD

HO HUM, quarter to six and another day. Wonder how many guys will be in and ask for mail this afternoon. "Is the mail in?" "Is the mail in?" The guys wonder what makes the man behind the counter start to tear his hair and swear. "Is the mail in?" "Gimme a bar." "Gimme a bottle of pop." Am I burned up? Am I? Dent ask.

The canteen man is not a mind reader. Tell him what kind of bar or pop you want.

Just when you are snoozing the best or around 1:30 a.m., some guy comes floundering and staggering in, wakes you up and says, "Open the canteen. I want a bottle of beer." You could commit murder but you get life in Michigan though, so you tell him to go to hell and roll over.

RHODES: "MAKI is very even tempered; he is always angry."

PETE (describing someone): "He walks like a lame duck."

WHITE, (entering the Supply): "Say, HILL,-----"

HILL: "NO! I'm sorry, goodbye!!"

WHITE (leaving): "That's alright---I was just thinking that I owed you a buck!"

It is said that "Shorty" ROUMANS is intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity.



The kitchen is a place to be kept clean, so those not connected with the kitchen are advised to keep out. As you all know the kitchen is where the food you eat is prepared, and if too many hands are in the soup the savor will be spoiled. If at any time you find a finger in your stew, return it to Mose, as he believes fingers can be out a lot easier than the meat.

Under the guidance of Lt. Stevens our kitchen should rank number one in the Fort Brady District. The purchasing of a can opener, knife sharpener and cabbage cutter will make the work somewhat easier for the cooks now.

Although "Dutch" thinks he can make fruit punch out of jello, the guys still go for his cooking.

By the way, what does "Pete" do with all the wooden boxes he gets from the kitchen? Our informant says he is making dog kennels. How about it, "Pete"?

Seeing that "Little Onion" is now our baker we should get pie and rolls oftener.

What causes the commotion in the Mess Hall? Ask Joe, he surely knows.

While home on a week-end, GURCHINOFF found, much to his sorrow, that he is alone in this wide world, as far as the fairer sex goes. She has given him up in spite of his cooking!

When the whistle is blown for Mess, there is a mad rush for the Mess Hall, but when the week end KP list is posted, -----!



TREESTISTICS

by
I. PLANTEM



In Michigan, last year, the CCC's planted a total of 122,890,573 trees! This is an enormous number of seedlings! Just think, One Hundred and Twenty-Two Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Three Trees! These Trees are planted, as we all well know, just Six feet apart. Now, if all these trees were planted in a single row, they would encircle the Globe! nearly Six times, with a total mileage of 139,769 Miles. If you could plant, say 873 trees per day, working Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, you could plant these trees easily, within 385 years and 347 days! In other words to complete the job now, one would have had to begin in the year 1550 Anno Domini! And, at that time, there was nothing here in the United States but Indians! Who, outside of "Shorty" Zorich, would want to go back to the Indians!



Let the figures prove themselves. One Hundred and Thirty Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Nine Miles is really not such an alarming figure. Transpose it into feet, for instance. That totals merely Seven Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-Nine Feet. Or, if you prefer, Eight Billion Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Ninety - Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Eight Inches! But who, except perhaps "SHORTY" YOUMANS, would want all these inches.



Let us then presume, for a moment, that the CCC's in every state in the Union, planted the same number of trees last year, as did our Michigan boys. That would make a total of only 5,903,064,562 trees! Not too large a number, considering the number of mosquitoes that seemed to infest this camp last summer! Now, if all these trees were planted in a single row, six feet apart, they would reach a total of only ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED and EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY-TWO Miles! This would make almost five complete round trips to the Moon! But, who would want to make a round trip to the Moon? Who would have the necessary intestinal fortitude to make even one trip to the Moon, to say nothing of five trips.



Or this enormous number of trees would make one row nearly Forty Four times around the world! Again, however, who would want to row Forty-Four times around the world? Who would want to row even once around the world? Or even from Camp Sturgeon to Chicago?



There were, according to the 1932 census, 4,842,325 persons, including men, women, and children, living in the State of Michigan alone. That would mean that every man, woman, and child, would have about Twenty-Five Trees a peice to live with. Surely they wouldn't be alone then! But who, outside of MR. PAUL SLIGER, our Camp Superintendent, would want to live with Twenty-Five Trees a peice? Who, would want to live with even one tree? Think of Lieutenant EARLE'S little one-year-old son, Douglas, living with Twenty-Five Trees! Or even One Tree! ABSURD!

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MR. I. PLANTEM will continue next week with a number of other startling disclosures regarding what he is making his Life Work! DO NOT FAIL TO READ Mr. Plantem's newest article in the STURGEON ECHO, on all nowstands February 29th, 1936!!
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"TIMBER!!
GIT OUTTA TH WAY"



"NO! NO! 1,000 X NO!
I'M GETTING ON
QUARTERS!"



HELMER

"SEEING ROUND"

KIEFER



LET'S GO!

SNELL



"CALL OF THE WILD"



"Butch"

THEY PINCH"

LOVE AND HIS LOVE.

SERGEANT LOVE went to town -
On his face he wore a frown.

It was two months to state
since he had had a date,
and by the hand of Fate
He arrived too late.

He talked and talked
To no avail.
She just wouldn't believe
His little tale.

He tried to explain
With all his might
Just why the trucks
Didn't come in that night.
She asked him then
If he were not Boss,
And this I will say
Threw our Sarge for a loss.
He then exclaimed,
Plucky as ever,
"The Commander had said,
'No ! No! Never !'"

She finally wilted
And gave in to Sarge,
And downtown he went
Towing the barge.
It just goes to show
Altho' a man of refinement.
He has nothing to say
In a case of confinement !

ON BEING CRITICIZED.

Did somebody give you an insolent word?

Pass it up !

'Tis the creak of a cricket,
the twit of a bird;

Pass it up !

Shake your fist at the Sea !

As its majesty blurred ?

Blow your breath at the sky !

As its purity slurred ?

As the shallowest puddle,

How easily stirred !

Pass it up !

As the puddle invite you

to dip in your cup ?

Pass it up !

CLASSIFIED AD DEPT

WANTED

ONE DOZEN (12) DOGS, any size or breed
apply to Mess Hall, ask for PETE HART.

WIDE-A-WAKE MEDICINE, to keep "Shorty"
ZORICH, from sleeping standing up!

A GOOD PINOCHLE PARTNER! - Sea POOLE

OUR AXE, which left the KP shack Fri!.

A BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, with RICH family
and no brains. - Apply to any CCC Boy

RIGHT HAND, for deaf mute who fell
down a well, and wore out three finger
hollering for help!

A GOOD HAIR GROWING LOTION for dark,?
mustache. - Signor SIMONETTI.

WANTED! - some GOOD MATERIAL for the
NEXT ISSUE - Send to Editorial Offices

METHOD OF USING BUTTER IN MASHED POTA-
TOES, (Minus the Butter). "Little Onion"

INSTRUCTIONS - On removing trucks from
ditches, snowbanks, etc. - JOSH ROWE

AUTOMATIC STOKER, - for heating water
in the Bath House! - Two Black Crows..

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1 First Cook, and 2 Ea. KPs,
never used. - C. CHAPUT, Mess Stew.

FOR SALE - 1 Brand-new, third - hand
Caterpillar #50 Tractor, badly in need
of repairs. Apply to Mr. Sliger.

FOR SALE - TYPEWRITER, sparingly (?)
used. G. WHITE, Company Clerk.

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