

ed to reveal any extravagances in the motor transport division.

Boomerang Hits Him

Those who are taking up the cudgel against Manlove point to Huddleston's report as the ultimate result of a cost finding system which became a boomerang and contributed to his dismissal.

When Huddleston and Hitzelberger were discharged, it generally was rumored that Ed Paul, Cambridge, Republition leader and close friend of Governor Leslie, was trying to displace Manlove with G. T. Schriber, Hagerstown (Ind.) automobile dealer.

In this move he was said to have the help of other Sixth District Republicans. Clarence Brown, Sixth district chairman, was understood to favor Manlove's retention, but favored Schriber if Manlove was ousted. Manlove's salary is \$4,000 a year.

Bert Fuller, the Governor's campaign manager, is understood to be allied with Paul in efforts to bring the transport division management under scrutiny. That the Governor and probably Highway Director Brown will demand inquiry is regarded likely in the interest of economy and efficiency. The Governor is vacationing in Michigan City.

Total Spent Is \$827,124

Totals shown on the report indicated \$773,352.73 was spent in the year 1927-1928 on the maintenance and repair of highway motor equipment. Total disbursements of the division, including gasoline and oil, amounted to \$827,124.

About 100 are employed in the Central garage and an equal number in the field.

"The only changes I've had in three and a half years were thirty-four employees, who quit," Manlove said.

In defense of his administration Manlove declared that the department cost \$1,251,000 for the year ended Sept. 30, 1925, when only two-thirds as much equipment was handled as in the year 1927-1928.

Although Manlove's opponents declare that Huddleston's discharge probably has disrupted the cost finding system, Manlove said the costs are being kept, but "may show a higher total this year than last."

New Equipment Bought

This, he said, was because sixty-eight new trucks and seventy new autos have been purchased and added to the number being conditioned.

Forty-two trucks and one tractor were junked last September when the cost of repair clearly was out of reason, Manlove said. Parts from this dismantled equipment can be used on the repair of other equipment with an attendant saving, he added.

The procedure now, he said, is to call the commission's attention to repair estimates when they appear to be doubtful economy. He admitted that some equipment had been repaired when it should have been junked, but passed the "buck" to the commission and the highway department's building and maintenance men, by saying that "they insisted they had to have the equipment."

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Accordingly, the three Indianapolis dealers have announced an auction for Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the south side market place. The entire stock of all three dealers will be sold on this date to highest bidders, said Taylor.

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POLICEMEN OFF DUTY 2,827 DAYS THIS YEAR

Extra Work More Than Balances Sick "Lay Off."

Policemen were off duty 2,827 days due to illness or injury the first six months of 1929. Captain John Ambuhl reported to Police Chief Claude M. Worley today.

Ambuhl pointed out that officers are not permitted to "lay off" because of the shortage of man power. Policemen had a daily average attendance of 97.1 per cent the first half of the year, Ambuhl said. The 551 policemen work every day of the year and on twelve-hour shifts at race and state fair time, outbalancing the time off, the report cited.

Six Die in Plane Crash

TACHIKAWA, Japan, Aug. 14.—Major General Ogawa, a member of the general staff, and five other high officers of the Japanese army, were killed today when their huge bombing plane crashed while en route to the Kaga-migaha airfield near Nagoya for the annual bombing plane tests.

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