

MERGER OF CITY REPAIR SHOPS RECOMMENDED

Urges Move to Increase Efficiency and Lower Maintenance Costs.

Merging of all city motor equipment repair shops to bring about increased efficiency and reduced repair and maintenance costs was recommended today by Fabian Blerner, municipal garage superintendent.

Sanitary, police and fire departments maintain separate shops and the street commissioner's department operates a repair and blacksmith shop. With only four months remaining in the fiscal year, no action is probable on Blerner's recommendation during the Slack administration, but it is likely the suggestion will be considered by the city manager who will take over the reins of city government in January. The recommendation would be in line with the city manager principle of business-like administration.

The 1930 appropriation for operation of the municipal garage was \$64,000. The garage services about 200 pieces of motor equipment for the various departments, including sixty passenger cars, eighty-four trucks and miscellaneous motor equipment for the various branches.

Curbing of the purchase of passenger cars for use of officials and employees was urged by the Chamber of Commerce in its annual study of the budget.

William H. Book, Chamber budget director, pointed out that the cost of operating the garage and appropriations of various departments for garage and motor supplies totalled nearly \$100,000 annually, over \$600 per piece of equipment. The estimate does not include insurance or depreciation costs and does not take into account the police, fire and sanitary departments.

HOOVER BACK AT DESK

President Ends Week-End Sojourn at Blue Ridge Camp.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—President Hoover was back at his desk in the White House today after a week-end sojourn at his Blue Ridge mountain camp.

The President and Mrs. Hoover returned to Washington late Monday night. Some of their guests and Allan Hoover, younger son of the President, remained at the camp.

Cloud Watchers Detect Storms Nearing City and Protect Wires From Damage



"Here comes our tornado," shout the four men in the above photo as they eye the clouds for the Indianapolis Power and Light Company to give warning of approaching storms. Left to right: H. W. King, A. H. Davis, chief load dispatcher; R. C. Benson and R. N. Meeker. A fifth cloud-watcher, Morris Amick, was vacationing when the above photo was taken.

BY ARCH STEINEL

When Grandpa Windstorm parks his hat and coat on Indianapolis' hall-tree accompanied by his sons, Tornado, Cyclone, Rain, Sleet or Snow, he finds slim fare in electric light poles and lines just because of the Cloud Watchers.

The Cloud Watchers aren't a fraternal order, a ladies' aid society, nor an aviation enthusiasts' organization.

They are five dispatchers of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company in the Morris street plant, whose job it is to spot Grandpa Windstorm's buggy and keep Baby Cyclone from doing excessive damage while she's teething on the city's police and fire department's telephone and power lines.

A. H. Davis, chief load dispatcher, and his assistants, H. W. King, Robert Meeker, Morris Amick and R. C. Benson, are the city's "eyes," its periscope, in warning of approaching storms.

And although they are aided by thermometers, barometers and other weather devices, they actually watch the clouds for damage threats from the elements.

Hours before storms sweep the city the cloud watchers know of its coming, where it probably will strike first.

Experience in watching for storms, guessing and guessing accurately, where they will enter the city, have been summed by the cloud watchers into the knowledge: "That the severest storms that attack Indianapolis come from the northwest."

Notice of approaching wind flurries are received by telephone, telegraph, from weather reports, and frequently uneven surges on the company's electrical load-chart with the inter-connecting utilities signal warnings.

"What happens when a storm approaches?" reiterated Chief Cloud

watcher Davis. "Well, we first notify the trouble department so that man-power may be made available to care for trouble calls; then the high tension line system is sectioned and provisions made for reserve capacity of machinery. Extra help is ordered to man power plant switchboards. Reserve line crews are marshaled in readiness to care for damaged lines and poles. The police and fire department is notified."

"But what if the storm hits the telephone exchange on the company's lines. How will you know where the storm damage is?" he was asked.

"We have telephone lines in two exchanges and the main downtown

DARING PILOT WINS PIKE'S PEAK CLIMB

Edward Phillips Victor in Rear-Drive Car Monday.

By United Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 3.—Daring won over mechanical perfection when Edward Phillips piloted his mount to victory over veterans of the course and skid-proof machines in the eleventh annual Pikes Peak hill climb Monday.

The race was a boon to front drive cars, but Phillips' recklessness in speeding over the treacherous twelve-mile course was the outstanding feature of the race. His time was 18:22:8 minutes.

Phillips drove his rear drive car around the turns and over a rough road without hesitating for danger. In the stock car class, Glenn Schultz, holder of the course record of 17:40:6 minutes, established a new mark when he piloted a Studebaker President to the top in 21:43:4.

She failed at first to grasp what was expected of her and returned at noon with the note still intact. "Doc" fed her and sent her out again but she returned in a few hours. This time the prospector gave her a good scolding instead of food, and ordered her out of camp for the third time.

The dog reached the home of a friend in Saltese at 9 o'clock in the evening and was immediately dispatched.

COMBINATION OF CITY FUNDS IS URGED BY BOOK

C. of C. Civic Director Suggests Move to Reduce Borrowing.

Combination of several city funds which are raised by a separate levy was urged today by William H. Book, Chamber of Commerce civic director, as a means of reducing the temporary borrowing of money by the city.

The civil city now has a total of eighteen separate rates which in themselves contribute to the necessity for borrowing money. Frequently one or more funds are depleted while others have sufficient money to operate and have a balance for the department, obtaining the loan, Book pointed out.

"The city is, in effect, borrowing its own money on which it received 2 per cent depositary interest, and paying therefor 4 to 6 per cent. The interest rate on present loans is 6 per cent, the maximum permitted by law," Book's report stated.

"Municipal finances could be simplified, at appreciable saving to the taxpayers, by a consolidation of funds. Presumably the sanitary and park funds must be kept separate, because each department has a separate bonding power, against which large amounts of bonds are outstanding."

Sinking fund money also should not go into a general fund, but it seems it would be good business to combine all sinking funds except those of the park and sanitary departments."

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