

HIGHWAY ECONOMY CLAIMS CHALLENGED

OVERHEAD HELD MUCH GREATER THAN REPORTED

Cost Placed at 32 Cents on \$100 Should Be \$4, Checkup Shows.

METHODS ARE ASSAILED
System of Computing Is Called 'Coverup' by Legislators.

BY BEN STERN
Claims of the Indiana highway commission that it operated last year with an administration overhead of 32 cents on every \$100 expended, were challenged today, when a check of the commission's own annual report showed that the actual overhead on each \$100 was \$4 plus.

And for the eleven-year period since creation of the commission the overhead has averaged \$3.43 per \$100 spent.

Members of the seventy-seventh general assembly now in session are amazed at the high administration costs, and feel they should be brought to the attention of the highway commission probe committee, headed by Senator Charles Strey (Rep., Kosciusko and Wabash).

Method Called Deceit
The method by which the commission attempts to spread the thought that its overhead is low was branded as "deceit" by several members, who turned to the page in the report which sets out the commission's version of how each dollar is spent and saw the very thin segment representing administration costs.

To accountants who, for years, have questioned the highway department's method of computing administrative overhead, the department has explained that the salaries of officers for each department are added to the costs of each of these departments.

Under the highway board's computations, these departmental overhead costs were not figured into the commission's boasted low "administration overhead."

In the administrative overhead, as the commission figures it, come only the salaries of the commission members, the director, main office personnel, and main office expenses.

Other Departments Protest
This practice of "spreading out" overhead has existed for years and has occasioned protest by accounts board members, who felt that it amounts to concealment, reflecting discredit on other departments, where the administration overhead is shown as it actually exists and is not concealed in the statistics of subordinate divisions.

Of the \$145,522,136.94 expended by the highway commission since its inception in 1919, administration overhead actually totaled \$4,897,205.96, although, according to the commission's figures, it was but \$868,166.66.

In the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1930, the highway department spent \$22,569,171.12. Of this amount, \$908,764.89 was actual administration cost. The highway department, in its report, however, says that it spent only \$72,911.62 for administration overhead during the year.

More Than \$4
In other words, the commission claims that out of every \$100 expended, only 32 cents went for administration; whereas in reality it reveals that the actual administration expenditure was \$4 plus for each \$100.

It is said that the \$4 plus is a higher percentage of overhead than that of any preceding commission administration.

The highway department's method of adding the overhead to the general expenditures of subordinate divisions is regarded as a system of "robbing Peter to pay Paul" and in this manner make a showing of economy.

In this case, however, it does not work out as in the past, because the commission's own administrative figure is higher for the fiscal year of 1929-1930 than in previous years.

Highest for Construction
Overhead is greater in the construction division than in any of the others because the major portion of the department's work is concentrated there. In the last fiscal year this division's administrative overhead totaled \$677,709.22, and over the period 1919-1930 it was \$3,484,166.66.

These figures do not include charges for cement, contract payments, labor and material, capital expenditures, right-of-way, motor equipment, and miscellaneous expenditures. If these were added, the total figure for construction for the ten-year period would be \$98,125,729.89.

Plant Chief Transferred
By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 26.—J. E. Elledge, for several years superintendent of the Lone Star Cement Corporation's plant here, has been transferred to Argentina, South America.

Shuns Women
By United Press
LIVINGSTON, N. J., Jan. 26.—Jack Farrell, gray-haired hermit of the Orange mountains, refused to go to a hospital because "there would be too many women around."

Passersby found him in his tiny hut, groaning with rheumatism. His black pup, Miss Flora, sat on her haunches beside the bed howling.

"I would have to leave the dog, too," Farrell explained. "If I went to a hospital, I know what a hospital is like; I went to one two years ago. Just give me the solitude of my hut and the companionship of my dog."

Skyscraper Rises Fast



Taller than anything else ever built by man, the new Empire State building is seen here in a striking view as it nears completion in midtown New York. Soaring nearly one-quarter of a mile above famous Fifth avenue, a mooring mast for dirigibles at its peak gives the building the equivalent of 102 stories. A sightseers' gallery is being built at the top of the mast. The giant structure has been built to house a city of 30,000 office workers.

SIX PERSONS HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Two Are Arrested After Crashes in City Over Week-End.

Six persons were hurt in week-end accidents, according to police and hospital records today. Two persons, one of whom was injured in a crash, were arrested.

Mrs. Lola May Brame, 32, of 530 Holly street, and her 4-year-old daughter, were injured Sunday when the car in which they were riding was struck by another driven by C. O. Antrim, 36, R. R. 4, Box 337. The accident occurred on South Harding street near White river.

Antrim was held on charges of drunkenness and operating a motor vehicle while drunk. Mrs. Brame and her daughter are at city hospital recovering from bruises and cuts.

Two youths today faced vehicle taking charges after a car they admitted having stolen collided with another Saturday night at New York and Alabama streets. The youths are Thomas Griffin, 1228 North Tacoma street, and Alfred Wenz, 909 North Keystone avenue.

They struck a car driven by Robert Price, 35, of 535 Moreland avenue. Police said the youths admitted stealing the car, owned by Bernice Park R. R. 7, Box 209, from a downtown parking place. Others hurt:

John Scott, 50, of 443 North Oakland avenue, face lacerations; James H. Miller, 37, of 1338 Kappes street, left leg broken, and Robert Woodson, of 1428 West Court street, bruises.

Gone, but Not Forgotten
Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

Leonard Weehorst, 1215 North Vermont and Illinois streets, from John Carrigan, New York street and Senate avenue, Chevrolet coupe, from Senate avenue and New York street.

Elvada Bridges, R. R. 17, Box 155, Ford Tudor, 734-243 (1929), from Thirtieth and Annette streets.

Luther Hurt, 318 South Missouri street, Corvair Park, 80-488 (1931), from Georgia and Illinois streets.

Shook, 1400 Greenwood, Marmon sedan, 226-174 (1931), from Greenwood.

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Too Windy!

Scientists Deny Trumpets Caused Jericho Walls to Topple.

By United Press
PARIS, Jan. 26.—The staid French Academy of Sciences has decided Victor Hugo's rather fantastic story of how the famed walls of Jericho crumbled under the resonance of seven days of trumpeting is not in keeping with science.

Without denying the Joshua army trumpeted as loud as its lungs permitted, the academy doubts if tone can crumble a stone wall.

The academy also decided to send French scientists with Professor Carstang of the University of Liverpool, in a final effort to fix definitely the date of the fall of Jericho and the entry of the Jewish army into Palestine.

Professor Carstang has found indications in the ruins of Jericho that the walls of the town were built eighteen centuries before the Christian era. He fixes the fall of Jericho at about 1490 B. C.

The Bible devotes many chapters to the once flourishing city on the Jordan, its riches, dates, honey, grapes, balsam and roses. The capture of Jericho by the Israelites on their first entry into Canaan, its destruction, Joshua's curse on the rebel, and its flourishing again all are told in the Bible.

BACK HOME AGAIN
Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

Quiliter, 2155 Central avenue, Ford coach, found at Miami street and Capitol avenue.

Frank Jordan, 910 North Tuxedo avenue, Ford sedan, found at Michigan and Meridian streets.

Cadillac sport coupe, found at 2001 North Ford roadster no license, no certificate of title, found at 2314 Schuyler avenue.

Chrysler coach, 77-104 (1930), found two miles east of Pendleton Pike on Thirtieth street.

RUSS PUNISH 'DESSERTERS ON LABOR FRONT'

Technical Experts Who Quit Jobs Are Sentenced to Compulsory Work.

By United Press
MOSCOW, Jan. 26.—Desperate need for technical specialists in connection with the immense industrialization schemes here was illustrated dramatically in a trial against a group of young graduates of technical schools charged with "deserting the labor front."

The case against them was brought to the Moscow district court by a government construction company, Soyuzstroil.

It is alleged, for instance, that P. Elisarov, upon graduation, deserted his specialty, which would have taken him to distant coal fields, and found himself a soft berth at a good salary in the capital.

Another young man, N. Andrikanis, was assigned by the supreme council of economy to work in the Bashkir republic, even accepting 400 rubles advance on his salary. After a few days among the Bashkirs, he "deserted," returned to Moscow and found employment here.

The other defendants faced similar charges. They were all found guilty and strongly reprimanded by the court.

They were sentenced to compulsory labor for short terms in the industries to which they had originally been assigned and for which they especially are educated.

RICH EGYPTIAN TOMB IS FOUND

Rivals That of King Tut in Beauty and Interest.

By United Press
CAIRO, Jan. 26.—An ancient Egyptian tomb said to rival that of King Tut-Ankh-Amen in beauty and interest has been found by Professor Selim Hassan, famous Egyptian archeologist, according to reports received here.

The tomb was found in the inclosure of Ra-Wer, one of the most powerful of Egyptian high priests, near the Sphinx. It was sealed and intact.

It consisted of two chambers, one containing the queen's sarcophagus surmounted by a gold crown set with precious stones, and the other holding furniture, gold toilet requisites and alabaster statuettes.

Experts believe the tomb belonged to the mother of Mersa-Ankh, whose mummy Professor Hassan discovered in the same inclosure last year. Mersa-Ankh was known as the favorite of Ra-Wer. His tomb was discovered last year. In it were found three statues of him, in youth, middle age and old age, as well as statues of his two daughters and his wife.

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