

UTILITY HEAD IS DENOUNCED FOR HIS FINANCING

Three Federal Judges Hear Cuthbertson Defend Rate Cut Order.

High utility finance, as practiced by George H. Alexander, now under indictment in Knox county for perjury in connection with testimony regarding his operation of the Vincennes Water Company, was scored today in federal court by Harry K. Cuthbertson, public service commissioner.

The commissioner defended his order reducing the rates of the Frankfort Heating Company of which Alexander is owner, general manager and treasurer. This is the first time a commissioner has ever appeared in behalf of his own order.

The commission in January ordered a reduction of rates from 36 to 30 cents on each square foot of radiation.

The order, however, stipulated that if the company kept up its annual \$7,000 depreciation fund, the rates would be reduced only to 33 cents.

Three Judges Hear It

Alexander, through his attorney, Clyde E. Jones, obtained a temporary restraining order, Feb. 1, from Judge Thomas Slick of South Bend, sitting in the absence of Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Hearing today was on the motion to make the restraining order a temporary injunction, with Judge Will Sparks of the circuit court of appeals sitting with Judges Baltzell and Slick.

Cuthbertson charged record reveal that Alexander took \$80,000, which accumulated in the depreciation fund, and paid it out in dividends. He also charged that, beginning four years ago, the \$7,000 annual depreciation fund was placed in the personal account of Alexander as treasurer of the company and it had been used by him to purchase the stock that today, he is the sole owner.

The commissioner pointed out that Alexander had been collecting \$7,500 a year while acting as general manager of his own property, and a resident manager, who did the work, had been paid approximately \$100 a month.

Cut to Only \$5,000

"After the issuance of our order the company—which means Alexander—cut the general manager's annual salary only to \$5,000 in the face of our stipulation that it be \$200 a year," he said.

Cuthbertson introduced testimony and records to show the heating company sent to Boston for an appraisal engineer, who spent three days at the plant, and after a "cursory" examination, placed the new construction cost of the plant at \$462,330 and the reproduction cost, less depreciation, at \$424,120 "all for the purpose of obtaining a higher rate from the consumers."

The company then placed a charge of \$1,200 upon the books for the appraisal, all to be borne by the consumer, which the commission disallowed as being too high and now we find that it is carried at \$1,500," he stated.

Jones argued that the 30 and 35 cent rates were confiscatory and that the commission was attempting to penalize the company for not carrying out the order regarding a depreciation fund.

The case was taken under advisement.

PROBE LINER DEATH

Mystery Veils Passing of Heiress at Sea.

By United Press
BOSTON, Feb. 15.—The revelation that Miss Elizabeth Barrett Cook, tinsel-haired beauty, was to have inherited a fortune, bequests from three relatives' estates, on her twenty-first birthday in June, deepened the mystery of her death at sea.

Miss Cook died aboard the Furness liner Chinese Prince while en route from Naples to Boston after receiving a cablegram that her fiance, St. George Tucker Arnold, 26, of Lynchburg, Va., had died of appendicitis.

This message proved to be a hoax, and Arnold, who recently received his master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has instituted an international investigation to determine who sent the cablegram and what caused his sweetheart's death.

HOSPITAL LANDSCAPING PROGRAM IS SPEEDED

Works Board Acts to Vacate Two Streets, Alleys.

Proceedings for vacating of two streets and two alleys as a part of the landscaping project in vicinity of the James Whitcomb Riley hospital for children were instituted today by the works board.

The section, which for years has been neglected, is being beautified, using "made way" labor.

The streets which the board proposes to vacate are Wilson, from North to Coe, and Walnut from Maxwell to Wilson. Alleys include the first west of Maxwell street, from North to Coe, and the alley south of Coe, from Maxwell to Wilson.

TALK HOARDING DRIVE

Lieber Confers With National Chairman in Chicago.

Director Richard Lieber of the state conservation department went to Chicago today to discuss the Hoosier anti-hoarding campaign with Frank Knox, national chairman.

Lieber heads the Indiana organization and is anxious to learn what the Hoosiers can do about it, he said. He expects to have plans for the campaign upon his return.

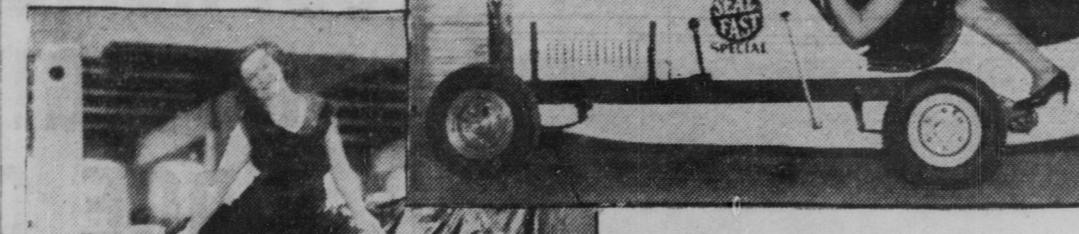
Architects' Exhibit Elects

Donald Graham has been named to succeed Herbert Foltz as president of the Architects' Building Material Exhibit, Inc., at the first meeting of the new board of directors. Others elected were Frederick Wallack, vice-president; Clarence T. Myers, secretary, and Herbert Foltz, treasurer.

Shining New Models Given High Praise at City's Motor Show

191 Glistening Autos Draw Admiration of Throngs at Fairgorund.

If you've longed to step inside a \$10,000 car parked beside a curb without having an owner or a pass-



er yell, "Stop thief!" now's your chance.

And for pedestrians there's the yearly chance to be on an equal footing with the motor cars that speed by you.

All this is at twenty-first annual auto show at the state fairground.

One look at the 191 models on display, and the hoarded "century" notes in the coffee can will come tumbling out.

That spirit pervaded the crowd at the auto show Sunday and today.

Monday Not Blue

For, odd though it may seem, Monday's never a "blue" one at the annual exhibition of the automotive world.

Salesmen are just ripening as purveyors of information about their cars while the early crowd that visited the show as it opened its doors today became interested listeners of that information.

There are cars for leaf pocketbooks and balloon bankrolls. There are fours, sixes, eights, twelves and sixteens for those more interested in horse power and cylinders than in plush and mohair seat covers.

Colors are back in the 1932 models with vivid maroons, modest grays, glistening tans, subtle greens, showing in sedans and coupes.

Attendance Shows Gain

Dealers in accessories vie with automobile exhibitors in proclaiming the merits of their wares.

The first two days of the show clearly shows attendance increases over 1931, officials said, and before the week is over they believe crowds will average well over last year's.

Boy Scouts have been invited as guests of the Indianapolis Automobile Trade Association Tuesday afternoon.

E. S. McCurdy of Losey Motors, Inc., sold the show's first car Saturday when he took an order from O. H. Rudy, local insurance dealer. In the truck division, O. V. Sholty of Sholty Motors, Inc., claimed the first sale.

Duesenbergers on Display

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RANSOM NOTE MAY BE HOAX

Police Doubt Sportsman Is Held by Kidnappers.

By United Press

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The mystery of the disappearance of Harry Blagden, sportsman, became further complicated today when his brother, Thomas Jr., announced he did not believe Blagden was held by kidnappers.

Harry Blagden disappeared last week, and on Saturday another brother, Augustus, said he had received a ransom letter demanding \$10,000 for Harry's return. The note, it was alleged, was written by Harry under threat.

Thomas denied reports that his brother suffered a nervous breakdown prior to his disappearance, and that he incurred a head injury in an automobile accident two years ago which might have caused him to disappear. He also scoffed at reports that Blagden might have been a suicide.

To add further to the complexity of the case, Lieutenant H. C. Herkert of the state police asserted:

"To me it looks like just another missing man case. We have no proof the man was forced to write the ransom letter."

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At Any Price

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A Chicago (Ind.) youth who withheld his name wrote a Chicago newspaper offering to marry any woman who will finance his four years at a university. He said he would take up any course desired.

NEW FIELD OF SCOUTING OPENS

Cub Leaders Training to Be Given Tonight.

By United Press

A cub leaders' training course, opening a new field of Boy Scout activity, will be held tonight at the Central Christian church, with the assistance of Henry A. Meyer, formerly associated with the Chicago Scout Council as cub director.

Meyer was graduated from Manual Training high school and attended Northwestern university, majoring in religious education. Boys from 9 to 11 are enrolled as cubs and 150 local boys have been registered.

A Boy Scout band concert will be given Thursday night at Tomlinson hall for the benefit of the unemployed, F. O. Belzer, scout executive, announced.

A George Washington number will be a feature. Assisting the band will be George L. Stork's accordian band, and Sam Sims, bartolino. The scout band, composed of seventy pieces, is directed by Raymond G. Oster, assistant band director of Arsenal Technical high school.

Troop 18 won first place in an Indianapolis council rally Saturday night in Tomlinson hall. Gordon Scott is scoutmaster.

O. K. FOR UTILITY DEAL

Liberty's Agreement With Insull Interests Uncontested.

Approval of the town of Liberty's agreement to purchase Insull electric service is expected as the result of a hearing without opposition before Chairman John W. McCord, public service commissioner, today.

The town formerly bought service from the Richmond municipal plant, but the city sought termination of this arrangement to save power for industrial users there, it was said.

SENATE EMPLOYEE DIES

Assistant Press Gallery Head Formerly State Correspondent.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Archibald W. Tracy, 60, assistant superintendent of the Senate press gallery died today as a result of a paralytic stroke. Ten years ago, he was a Washington correspondent for several Indiana newspapers.

NOTICE!

By Times Special

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Nurses at the Chicago lying-in hospital opened a cheap black suitcase which had been in the corner of the lobby several hours.

They found a few hours' old baby girl.

A note pinned to the child's garment said, "The baby belongs to one of your medical students." It was signed a "broken-hearted mother."

The hospital is on the University of Chicago campus.

Slayer Exonerated

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., Feb. 15.—A finding by Dr. S. D. Taylor exonerates Detective John Bolden of the Gary police department, in the slaying of William Frazier, 31, Negro. Frazier died from a bullet wound in the head.

The Negro was beaten to death recently in a swimming pool here and baptised more than sixty recent converts.

Deal Promptly with Bladder Irregularities

By Times Special

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Feb. 15.—Meyer Levin, Warsaw, is a patient in a hospital here as a result of a hip fracture suffered sixteen years ago. Recently he suffered pain in the hip and believed he was afflicted with lumbago. An X-ray examination showed that due to the fracture scar, the hip had been dislocated, probably for several years.

Leave Indianapolis 11:30 a. m. Friday, 2:30 p. m. or 11:30 a. m. Saturday, and 2:30 a. m. Sunday. Returning to reach Indianapolis not later than 4:15 a. m. Tuesday following date of sale.

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