

GAS FIRM VOTES \$90,000 IN LIEU OF 1940 TAXES

Directors Set Aside \$40,000 For Schools and \$50,000 For Civil City.

Directors of the Citizens Gas & Coke Utility have voted payments of \$50,000 to the Civil City and \$40,000 to the School City next year in lieu of taxes, it was announced today.

The Utility made \$50,000 in payments to the Civil City in 1937 and again this year, but this is the first time a payment has been made to the School City. No payments were made last year. As a publicly owned utility, it is exempt from taxation.

The announcement was made as the Utility District prepared to observe the fourth anniversary of its operation of the gas utility. The property was taken over from the old Citizens Gas Co. Sept. 9, 1935.

Improves Standing

The decision to present a \$40,000 check to the School Board in lieu of taxes formerly paid by the old private company was based, it was said, on the utility's improved financial standing. Recently it announced a 78 per cent increase in net earnings for the first six months operation this year.

An article in the current Gas Flame, monthly publication of the utility, compared conditions of the utility today with those four years ago.

In those four years, it was stated, the utility has increased its mains from 872 miles to 1034, an increase of 18 per cent; gas rates have been reduced a half million dollars a year; the number of meters in use increased from 75,364 to 87,602, a gain of 13 per cent.

Average daily consumption of gas has been increased 10,623,000 cubic feet, or 30.8 per cent.

Personnel Little Changed

"A check made on July 15, 1935, the article said, "showed that out of the possible number of old employees (taking increases and decreases in various departments into consideration) 73 per cent of them still are on the utility's payroll, less than 7 per cent labor turnover per year."

The article stated that the utility has done well financially.

"Purchased by the City with a revenue bond issue," it stated, "that is to be paid for and retired from earnings only, and that is not a lien against taxpayers, the utility has met its obligations promptly and is paying off this revenue bond issue, buying itself for the City, without one cent of cost to taxpayers."

"The fact of a 14.00 per cent increase in freight rates, a \$10,000 expenditure on wage increases and employee vacation plans, rate reductions amounting to well over a half million dollars annually, plant improvements and main extensions running into many thousands of dollars, the utility is making money and has made money every year since the Utilities District took over the operation of the gas company."

"In the first six months of 1938, the net profit after provision for bond retirement amounted to \$97,980.58, an increase of 78 per cent over the corresponding period in 1938."

1937 SOIL PROGRAM COST 325 MILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (U. P.)—The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced today that expenditures for the 1937 soil conservation program totaled \$325,856,887.

This compares with approximately \$400,000,000 expended in 1936. Expenditures for the 1938 program are expected to total about \$500,000,000, the AAA said.

ALBANIA TO "BLACK OUT"

TIRANA, Albania, Sept. 6 (U. P.)—The Minister of Interior instructed prefects today to inform the population that during the next few days experimental blackouts will be held in principal cities. The official gazette published a decree regulating rights to requisition private properties, if necessary, for which indemnities would be paid and decreed creation of an armed police corps under the President and Council of Ministers.

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Indiana Summer Hangs Up Fine Record for Farm Aid

Nearly Normal Temperatures and Rainfall Prevail to Make Weather Pleasant.

By JOE COLLIER

IT'S been a very nice summer, meteorologically, and a very fine summer agriculturally, with many happy returns to the farmer. The Weather Bureau's case history of the summer shows, for instance, that the daily average temperatures of June, July and August were only 1.6 degrees apart.

The daily average temperature of June was 74.6 degrees, of July 72.2 degrees, and of August 74.8 degrees. The highest temperature recorded June was 90, in July 98 and in August 91.

Only one day in June reached 90 whereas the average is five; only six went 90 or over in July whereas the average is eight; and only 13 went to 90 or over in August whereas the average is 17.

During June only four days went to 10 degrees or more above normal; in July one day went to 10 degrees above normal, and in August no day differed more than seven degrees from normal.

The greatest departure from normal either way was on June 13 when a cloudy sky and air masses from the northwest dropped the maximum to 61, which was 15 degrees cooler than normal.

Now for sunshine. In June and July the amount of sunshine on Indianapolis was about normal, 68 per cent of the possible for June and 72 per cent of the possible for July.

But August, there's a month for you! The sun shone 80 per cent of the possible time whereas the normal is 68 per cent.

In August there were eight days of 100 per cent sunshine, three of them consecutively on the 26th, 27th and 28th.

June and July were lush rainfall months, contributing 5.67 and 7.20 inches respectively for a total of 12.87 inches as compared to a normal for the two months of 6.88 inches.

August contributed 2.91 inches, sub-normal by four tenths of an inch, and which made a grand total for the three months of 10.76 inches against a normal of 11.32 inches.

The wettest June, July and August in Indianapolis history was 1935 when the total was 23.99 inches and the driest was 1933 when the total was 4.46 inches.

The warmest summer of record was 1934 with an average of 78.6 degrees and the coolest, 1927 with an average of 69.5 degrees.

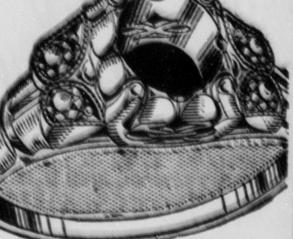
That's the 1938 summer down in writing. Look anything like it?

Pope to Make 'Humane' Plea

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 6 (U. P.)—A high Vatican authority has confirmed that Pope Pius XII is contemplating a new appeal for humanitarian warfare.

It was understood that he is working on a speech, with the collaboration of his Secretary of State, Luigi Cardinal Maglione, in which he will ask the faithful to pray that the belligerents may forbid bombing of open cities and chemical warfare and treat prisoners humanely.

It was expected that the Pope would address his appeal to the world on the occasion of the presentation, probably before the end of the week, of ambassadorial credentials by Adrien Nicenhuys, new Belgian envoy.

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Ten Per Cent Reduction Brings to 30 Per Cent State O. K'd Slashes.

Another reduction in automobile insurance rates in Indiana, effective Sept. 20, was authorized today by the State Insurance Department.

The reduction, amounting to 10 per cent, brings to 30 per cent the cuts approved by the Insurance Department since Jan. 1.

Last May the State Department authorized a 20 per cent reduction in rates for liability and property damage on private passenger cars. The order is effective for all insurance companies selling automobile policies in Indiana.

"Since the May reduction was authorized the entire staff of the Insurance Department has made a continuous study of the statistics upon which automobile insurance rates are based," George H. Newbauer, State Insurance Commissioner, said.

"In view of the results achieved in highway safety, through the efforts of State and local officials, automobile accidents have been reduced and I have authorized a reduction in automobile insurance rates up to 30 per cent," he added.

Mr. Newbauer said the new rate will be 30 per cent below the rate specified in the manual published by the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters.

BELGIANS TO EMPOWER KING

BRUSSELS, Sept. 6 (U. P.)—The Belgian Senate was expected today to grant King Leopold and his Government extensive powers for dealing with war. The Senate was to vote on a series of bills, passed overwhelmingly by the House yesterday, giving the King wide authority during mobilization and authorizing special credits of two billion francs.

Freddie Sued By 2 Sisters

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 6 (U. P.)—Freddie Bartholomew, who has yawned through nearly a dozen lawsuits since coming to Hollywood, faced another one today. He was sued for \$10,000 by his two sisters, Eileen and Hilda. The suit was based on a contract made in 1936 during a dispute over his screen earnings. It was agreed then he should turn over 10 per cent of his income to support his sisters. Counsel for the sisters claims the money has not been paid since the guardianship of Freddie's finances was taken over by his aunts, Misses Mylificent Bartholomew, in January, 1938.

The suit was brought on their behalf by their mother, Mrs. Lilian May Bartholomew.

BURNHOUSE IS FIREMAN

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 6 (U. P.)—H. W. Burnhouse is a veteran member of the Milwaukee fire department.

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Above—Soft luxurious mink-dyed marmot in a box coat with roll collar. A dressy coat you'll wear with satisfaction. Size 18 \$99.50

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