

At City Hall—

BUILDING TEMPO UNBROKEN HERE

Moves Along at Million-Dollar-a-Month Pace With Sign
Of Neither Slump Nor Boom; July Construction
Totaled at \$1,247,429.

By RICHARD LEWIS

Talk of military conscription, an uncertain economic outlook and the election haven't affected Indianapolis building, according to new construction permits issued at City Hall.

There isn't a sign of a slump. Neither is there any indication of a boom.

Building here is moving along at the \$1,000,000-a-month pace established in April, the records of Building Commissioner George R. Popp Jr. show. Building permits are considered the weather vanes of the industry.

New construction in the City totaled \$1,247,429 in July. While this was a drop of about \$400,000 from the previous month, it was also \$400,000 above July a year ago.

In the last two years, the building trend has shown that new construction permits begin to fall off at the end of June. Apparently, contractors fear unfavorable weather for construction in the fall.

The valuation of permits taken out for dwellings last month was \$482,140 compared with June dwelling valuations of \$593,400, a drop of \$111,260. It was \$13,190 higher than the corresponding valuation for July, 1939, which was \$468,950.

Business building permits totaled \$122,600 and industrial building permits, \$43,000. In June, business building permit valuations were \$242,100 and industrial, \$55,000. In July, 1939, business building permits totaled \$45,115 and industrial, \$13,000.

If 1940 building follows the pattern of 1939, when new construction here hit an 11-year peak, building may be expected to fall off month by month until the end of the year.

As shown by permit valuations, building activity here has increased steadily since January to this year's peak in June. Last month, it was beginning to dip below the peak.

Underpass Urged

A group of West Side residents are pushing an idea for relieving those traffic jams on W. Morris St. and the Belt Railroad. They have asked City officials to consider building an underpass at the grade crossing to eliminate traffic tie-ups when a slow freight rumbles over the crossing.

Fowl Arithmetic

An interesting example of fowl mathematics has been observed by Albert H. Losche, City Purchasing agent, who likes to get away from routine, business arithmetic once in a while.

Three years, Mr. Losche was awarded the custody of two wild mallard ducks by the Park Department. First, there were two ducks. Then, four ducks. Now, there are 64 ducks. The mallards eat right out of Mr. Losche's hand—\$2 worth of hulled corn a week—He feeds them on the banks of Fall Creek, just back of his home at 3214 Sutherland Ave.

Seek 'Cowboy Pilot'

Several days ago, Irvington residents were roused out of a 6 a. m. slumber by the roar of airplane motors over their rooftops. They could hardly believe what they saw: A sport model plane, skimming the chimneys and the treetops.

Sometime later, residents of northeast Indianapolis heard and saw the same thing. A good many of them were annoyed.

The Civil Aeronautics Authority is making an investigation. When they find out the identity of the "cowboy" pilot, they're going to ground him.

RADIOS TO SPICE PRISON ROUTINE

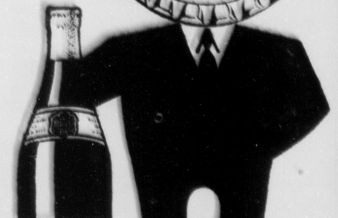
Inmate Commissary's Profit
Makes Headsets Possible
At Michigan City.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Aug. 9 (U. P.).—"Boarders" at the Indiana State Prison here will soon be having radios, it was announced today by Warden Alfred F. Dowd—and at no cost to the state.

Two thousand headphone sets will be installed and connected with a master three-station receiver. The master set will be equipped with a phonograph and transcription outfit which can be used in special cases or when atmospheric conditions are bad for radio reception.

The installation and equipment is to be financed from profits of the prison's new inmate commissary which was opened June 13. Since its opening, the commissary has had gross sales of \$4700 and, according to Warden Dowd, will show enough profit to pay \$1000 down and \$400 a month for the equipment.

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