

At City Hall—

OVERTIME PARKING REDUCES TAX RATE

Fix-Proof Stickers Have Brought Average of \$4444 A Month Into City General Fund and Cut Levy 1 1/2 Cents; Works Board O. K.'s Three Selections.

By RICHARD LEWIS

Since the institution of the fix-proof sticker system in the Police Department in June, 1939, the City has collected \$80,000 from overtime parkers, the records of City Clerk John Layton showed today.

During the 18 months the system has operated, Indianapolis motorists have paid an average of \$4444 a month to reduce the tax rate by more than one and one-half cents.

Police experience has shown, according to the records, that only a small fraction of the stickers issued in the 18-month period have not been collected. Of these non-collectable stickers, only a few were cancelled as "erroneous," most of them having been issued to out-of-town cars.

3 Appointments Confirmed

The Works Board yesterday confirmed three appointments made by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan.

Eugene Daly, 643 Coffey St., was named a surveyor in the Engineering Department to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Howard A. Moore. Thomas E. Schermer, 2305 LaSalle St., was appointed junior engineer, replacing Joseph A. Torino, who resigned, and Russell Gackenbush, 3263 Schofield Ave., was employed as a laborer at the asphalt plant.

Flood Board Meets

The new Marion County Flood Control Board held its first meeting yesterday, which was given over to question and answer session. E. Kirk McKinney, new member, asked the questions and City Engineer M. G. Johnson and Tino J. Poggiani, holdover members, tried to answer them.

Mr. Johnson was re-elected president of the Board, a post he has held for two years. Mr. McKinney, who was Mayor Sullivan's appointee on the Board, is the businessman on the Board. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Poggiani are the engineers.

Water Main Cost Up

As a result of new building, the cost of water mains to the City is increasing, according to a Works Board report. The City pays annual rental to the Indianapolis Water Co. for use of mains and hydrants for fire protection.

Approximately 56,470 feet of water mains were installed by the Indianapolis Water Co. last year, compared with 48,918 installed in 1939, an increase of 7542 feet. The new mains give 3,500,000 feet of water mains for which it is paid in rental of \$43,257.84 last year. This was \$4000 more than the City paid in 1939. Works Board members predict further expansion of water service this year which will raise the City's water utility costs again.

Garbage Is Big Business

In its campaign to induce the citizens to let the City collect their garbage instead of burning it at home, the Sanitation Department cites figures to show that garbage is big business for the City of Indianapolis.

In 1939, the sales of garbage by-products netted the City \$99,000—almost two cents off the tax rate. Grease brought \$56,370; fertilizer tankage, \$20,193, and feed, \$19,274.

DEMANDS VOICE FOR LABOR IN DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (U. P.)—President R. J. Thomas of the C. I. O. United Automobile Workers last night urged that labor be given "voice" in the rearmament drive and reiterated the C. I. O.'s stand against award of defense contracts to corporations "which have been found guilty of violating Federal laws."

He said it is in a radio speech that the defense program "is not keeping pace with ours and Britain's urgent needs" and suggested that "perhaps something is wrong with the present setup."

He cited a C. I. O. plan for establishment by the President of a labor-management council for each of the basic and vital defense industries and the proposal for mass production of defense planes through utilization of present "wast unused" facilities in the automobile industry.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE JARS NEW ENGLAND

WESTON, Mass., Jan. 4 (U. P.)—A slight earthquake, probably centered a short distance north of Lake Ossipee, N. H., occurred at 5:10:42 a. m. (Indianapolis time) to-day. The Rev. James J. Devlin, S. J., Weston College seismologist, has reported.

The temblor was recorded here at 5:10:42 a. m. (Indianapolis time) and continued about two minutes. He described it as "undoubtedly an aftershock" of two recent quakes which centered in the same area and shook all New England.

LOCAL CCC ENROLLEE GETS 1-TO-10 TERM

WINNAC, Ind., Jan. 4 (U. P.)—Stanley King, 17, Indianapolis, today faced sentence of 1 to 10 years in State Reformatory after he pleaded guilty to grand larceny charges in Pulaski Circuit Court.

A former CCC enrollee at Medaryville, Ind., King was accused of taking \$800 in cash and checks from the automobile of a Medaryville restaurant owner.

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PLANE OUTPUT TOO LOW, SAY 6 IN 10 VOTERS

Gallup Poll Shows Most Blame Administration For Lag.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 4.—American voters are no more satisfied with the present rate of defense production than defense leaders are themselves.

In fact, a nation-wide survey by the Institute finds that nearly six persons in every 10 of the country's 50 million voters—or approximately 30 million—think warplane production today is far behind what it should be and the largest number place the chief blame for this situation on the Roosevelt administration.

In today's study an attempt was made not only to find out whether the public is satisfied with defense production, but also to determine how well-informed the voters are about present warplane production here and in England.

The first question was:

"Do you think America's warplane production is going ahead fast enough?"

The replies were:

Yes 28%

No 58%

No opinion 14%

Those who replied in the negative were next asked:

"Whose fault do you think it is?"

The leading factors mentioned, in order of frequency, were as follows:

1. Roosevelt administration

2. Labor and labor unions

3. Industry and business

4. Congress and politicians

5. Government red tape

That the majority with opinions are not satisfied with present production is especially interesting in the light of another fact revealed in the study, namely, that the public thinks more warplanes are being produced than actually is the case.

A total consumption of about 12,000,000 gallons was recorded just last year, the report said, compared with 11,000,000 gallons in 1939.

Among the outlying sections of Indianapolis recorded by the new mains were 73d and Meridian Sts., north; Irving and Washington Aves., south; 16th and Somerset Sts., west; Finley and Keystone Aves., south; and several new pipes in Beech Grove.

New Treatment Plant

The company's \$1,270,000 expansion program to meet the needs of a growing city progressed steadily, Mr. Morse said.

The new water treatment plant on Allisonville Road was started in the fall of '39 following the completion of the elevated tank in the Blue Ridge district, now has about 90 per cent of the bullding structure completed. Machinery is still to be installed and the plant will start operation next summer.

While many conflicting figures on actual production have come from defense experts, the latest and most authoritative estimate is in the neighborhood of 700.

Still Not Satisfied

Thus, those voters who made a guess in the survey tended to overestimate the number of planes. Yet, and large, the public is still not satisfied with the production rate.

The study also found that the views of the average American fail to square with the estimates of various observers and experts on warplane production in England and in Germany.

The median figure named by those who ventured a guess on British production was just the same as for American production—800 a month. For German production the median given was only 1200—a figure considerably below the best guesses of experts.

The voters believe, however, that American warplanes are the fastest and best made to be produced. When questioned on this point, 56 per cent said they thought the American planes were best, while 15 per cent thought German planes were best, 12 per cent thought English planes were best, and 17 per cent gave no opinion.

SUIT ASKS \$50,000 FOR CRASH INJURIES

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 3 (UPI)—Elmer Conner, 20, of Logansport, today had his \$50,000 damage suit in Cass Circuit Court against operators of the Jackson Motor Co., Beaumont, Tex., charging permanent injury as the result of a high-way accident near Peru Oct. 16.

The suit also named as defendant Elmer D. Jones, transport truck driver for the company. It charged Jones was driving on the wrong side of the road at the time of the crash.

JAPANESE PREPARE PROTEST

TOKYO, Jan. 4 (U. P.)—The Foreign Office prepared today to protest to Great Britain against its obtaining further information on the reported searching of nine Japanese passengers aboard an American export line ship by British authorities at Bermuda.

Appointments may be made by phone or by calling in person to the Hotel Washington Studio.

DROP SUIT AGAINST THEIR UNCLE'S WILL

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4 (U. P.)—Three nephews of the late Daniel Gimbel yesterday withdrew their suit contesting disposition of his \$3,800,000 will.

The nephews, Frederick A. Adam, L. Louis and Louis S. Gimbel, contested the will, averring that their deceased uncle lacked testamentary capacity and was under the undue influence of his surviving brother, Ellis A. Gimbel at the time the will was executed on Oct. 23, 1936.

ARMY NOT FOR YOU, FORGER IS INFORMED

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He graduated from the City College of New York, summa cum laude, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He served as instructor in classical languages at the City College upon his graduation.

Rabbi Steinberg also is chairman of the Committee on Social Justice of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

"God and the Social Crisis,"

Getting Ready to Take 10,000 Soldiers to Camp



Surrounded by members of his staff, Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall, 38th National Guard Division commander, plans the induction of 10,000 Guardsmen into the regular army on Jan. 17. After examinations here, Hoosier Guardsmen will entrain for Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Staff members are (left to right): Lt. Col. Stuart McLeod, Gen. Tyndall, Col. Nor-

m. A. Nicolai, Lieut. Col. Robert J. Axtell, Lt. Col. John A. Ballard and Lieut. Col. John E. Gery.

United Press War Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UPI)—Senators on both sides of the aisle-to-Britain fence voiced support today in suggested investigation of the various committees now seeking to influence American opinion for or against taking the risk of "short-of-war" measures.

Senator Josh Lee (D. Okla.), an advocate of all-out war to England, said he was preparing a resolution for an inquiry. While his main interest has been in dissecting the No-Foreign-War Committee headed by Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.), he said he was becoming convinced that committees on both sides should be looked into, and by Senators representing both schools of thought.

A leader of the non-interventionists, Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.), said he would be "delighted to support such a move if both sides are represented."

Clark Prepares Resolution

"I would insist," he said, "that the inquiry cover not only the propaganda agencies made up ostensibly of Americans, but also the propaganda of foreign agents."

Another anti-interventionist, Senator Bennett Champ Clark (D. Mo.), is preparing to reintroduce a resolution he sponsored in the last Congress for an inquiry into foreign agents' activities affecting American neutrality. He said today that if it did not cover the "committees" now active, the language would be broadened.

The Clark resolution was reported favorably by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last March.

Subject of Large File

According to Mr. Marshall, head of the No-Foreign-War Committee, Mr. Davis has offered to underwrite that group's expenses, for which it was announced that Mr. Marshall's newspaper in Cedar Rapids had put up \$100,000.

Mr. Davis is the subject of a large file in the State Department detailing his international operations, including his work for the Mexican Oil Company in Mexico.

The No-Foreign-War Committee is balanced by the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, of which William Allen White, Kansas editor, was chairman until his resignation this week. Then there are the Pilgrims of America and the Princeton Group, pro-British, and on the other side the America First Committee, headed by Gen. Robert E. Wood. Other groups are less conspicuous.

Seek Chairman to Succeed White

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Million Londoners in Public Shelters

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