



## The County Garage



FRED B. ELLICOTT Superintendent

PERHAPS one of the busiest places in the organization of County work is the garage, with Mr. Fred Ellicott as Superintendent. The County garage at present is housing 58 motor driven vehicles. It is here that cars for the various departments are housed, and repaired. It is the duty of the garage to "keep the machines on the road" so that no loss of time occurs. A modernly equipped service station is maintained where repairs are made to all of the County's automotive vehicles. Supplies and parts are purchased direct from manufacturers and wholesalers, and a big saving is the result.

An interesting item of the report submitted by Mr. Ellicott, shows a total of 12,771 hours of labor in the shop, from January 1, 1928, to June 1, 1928, and the average wage per hour was 71c. This in itself is a large item, when we consider that the labor in outside shops would have cost the County \$1.50 per hour.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following is an accurate report of the Oakland County Garage, taken from the daily files for one year, in comparison with that of last year:

January 1, 1927, we had twenty-eight passenger cars, four trucks and eight motorcycles. This year, due to the increase in activities of all the county departments, we have 38 passenger cars, eight trucks, two busses, one ambulance, 9 motorcycles and maintenance of three outside deputies. This allows us only one extra car to take care of this work.

We have used \$1,738 gallons of gasoline, saving 3c per gallon from retail prices. This does not include the 3c state tax which would have been saved at any public gas station. This makes a total saving on gas of \$1,552.14.

We use the very best grades of Sinclair Liberty Arrow and also Pennsylvania oil which retails for 30c per quart. Last year we used 1,602 gallons at a cost of 56c per gallon. This year we have used 2,224 gallons at a cost of 48c per gallon. This shows a saving between cost and retail price of \$1,601.28, and increase over last year of 622 gallons.

We have purchased 520 gallons of alcohol for this winter's use at 38c per gallon. This shows a saving between cost and retail price of \$322.40. Last winter alcohol cost us 73c per gallon.

We used during the past year \$3,771.93 worth of tires and tubes. This shows a saving of 25 per cent or \$1,257.25.





The actual amount of repair parts used during the past year cost \$8,232.00. The discounts on parts vary. Our average discount is 25 per cent. These same parts would have cost us \$10,976.00, showing a saving of \$2,744.00. Our average discount is an increase of 5 per cent over last year.

Our average cost of repair work for the year is 72c per hour against that of 80c last year. This is due to the increase in number of cars necessary. Our average cost per mile for this year is .04.

We have fifty-eight vehicles to store. This kind of storage in any public garage would cost at least \$10.00 per month or a total of \$7,080.00 per year. We are very much in need of increased floor space and our cars are parked very closely together. When all the cars are in, the isle is full, making it very unhandy to get cars in and out.

