

Illuminating the square in Bloomington in 1920s

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"silent cops" by editor Feltis, they arrived by "freight" and were delivered (incredibly) to City Hall on Jan. 15, 1925.

Bloomington Chief of Police Fred Campbell assured the public that the

signals would give motorists "ample" time to get through the square before they change. Before the lights change from "stop" to "go," a white light with the word "change" is flashed on for a few seconds, in order that the motorists may stop, shift gears, or "step on 'er," to the tune of flashing

signals, the chief explained.

The cosmetic surgery on downtown Bloomington was only one of the problems facing city councils in the 1920s. In January 1925, Indiana University "shut down" a week early for the between-semesters vacation, because there just wasn't enough city water to go around.