

DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVIEWS GAINS IN 1939

Increased revenues in all major divisions of the Department of State, a greatly reduced payroll, higher departmental efficiency and a successful drive to increase safety, mark the progress of the Department of State during the 1939 administration of Harry F. Kelly.

The installation and operation of 174 branch offices for each city of 5,000 population was one of the new highlights of 1939. From the efficient method of collections, and a wider scope of operations, an all time record in revenues was attained.

Elimination of all unnecessary duplication, and increased efficiency on the part of every member of Harry F. Kelly's staff reduced the average payroll of 706 employees in 1939 to 509 employees in 1938.

Salary payroll for the first 11 months of 1939 was \$304,067.17, a reduction of \$127,170.07 over the same period of 1938, which totaled \$431,237.24.

Total collections by the Department of State for the first 11 months of 1939 were \$55,339,556.02, a gain of \$7,319,319.30 over the figure of the corresponding period of 1938, which totaled \$48,020,236.72.

Operating expenses of the department of state for the same periods each year show a reduction in 1939 of \$186,488.84. During this 1939 period the total departmental expenses amounted to \$1,678,237.45, while during the same period of 1938, the total amounted to \$1,864,726.29.

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Registrations

Total registration of motor vehicles for the first 11 months of 1939 were 1,655,759 an increase of 78,731 more than for the same period of 1938 when the total reached 1,556,919. Total revenue derived from motor vehicle registrations for the first 11 months of 1939 amounted to \$19,925,178.31, an increase of \$1,027,106.01 over the amount collected in the first 11 months of 1938, when the total amounted to \$18,898,072.30.

Reduction in the total number of employees in the Registration Division shows a salary savings of \$21,960. During the same period of 1938 the number of employees totaled 44, while in 1939 the number was reduced to 26.

License Plates

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Operators and Chauffeurs

Operators and chauffeurs licenses and badges, including duplicate, issued the first 11 months of 1939 totaled \$59,857, an increase of \$18,810 more than for a comparable period in 1938 when the total was \$41,047. During this period in 1939 there were 3,241 operators licenses revoked, 346 licenses suspended and 155 licenses denied. Notification of license expiration were sent to 119,429 persons during a four month period, beginning August first 1939.

The license law was amended by the 1939 Legislature so that the Secretary of State was required to notify every licensed operator 30 days prior to the expiration date of his license. This requires approximately the mailing of 700,000 notices a year. Kelly used this means to inform people of the new traffic laws.

Title Division

During the first eleven months of 1939, this division issued 762,359 titles compared to 641,755 issued for a like period in 1938. Total collections in the title division amounted to \$725,965.10 during this period, an increase of \$114,531.60 over the same period of 1938, which was \$605,333.50.

Operating expenses of the title division for the first 11 months of 1939 were \$13,159,319.30, a reduction of \$1,678,237.45 over the figure of the corresponding period of 1938, which totaled \$14,837,576.75.

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LIVONIA CIVIC CLUB LOOKS BACK OVER PAST YEAR

In reviewing the past year the Livonia Civic Association points with pride to the following things they accomplished during 1939:

Persuaded the Wayne County Road Commission to install "Stop and Go" light at the junction of Farmington and Eight Mile Roads. Result: no deaths since installation; several previous to that time.

Paid their share, through first five months of 1939 to a Recreation Director for training Livonia boys and girls in various forms of recreation.

Working with Livonia Tax Payers Association, persuaded a doctor to locate in the community.

By presenting the facts to the Oakland County Road Commission, were able to obtain improvement of the shoulders of Farmington Road between the Grand River Cutoff and the Baseline Road.

Checked the Middlebrook drains and had the Drain Commission clean them. The Drain Commission will be further checked for sanitary reasons.

Arranged for gathering cans and rubbish in the spring of 1940.

A special committee is working in the direction of reducing telephone rates for the community, as well as more satisfactory service.

Also sponsored the painting of school safety signs on the Seven Mile Road near Pierian School.

The retiring officers are happy to say in behalf of themselves and the members, that they have brought to a successful conclusion the majority of requests made during the past year, as is evidenced by the fact that the organization is still in existence.

"This organization serves a vital need in this community, as do hundreds of others in their respective centers. The proof of this statement is borne out by the fact that at the present time there are over three hundred such organizations in the State of Michigan. The success and the future growth of the Civic Association rests with each member in proportion to his civic pride and community interest."

GOOD-WILL BAND SEEKS MEMBERS FOR WINTER TOUR

NYA Administrator Aubrey Williams announced today that the 109 young musicians who are to make up Leopold Stokowski's all-star orchestra, to tour the continent this winter for a good-will tour of South and Central America, will be recruited through the State offices of the National Youth Administration.

The arrangements were announced following a conference between Mr. Williams and the noted orchestra conductor.

The tour is planned with the cooperation of the Pan-American Association and Stokowski has said that a special ship will be chartered for the trip.

Preliminary auditions will be arranged by Mr. Stokowski and the NYA in six or eight central cities. If enough good applications are received, Mr. Stokowski plans to arrange transportation to New York or some other central point; for those who are recommended following the regional auditions.

The 51 State offices of the NYA are being directed to receive and pass on preliminary applications of accomplished young musicians. Both NYA workers and non-NYA young people under 25 are eligible, Mr. Williams said. Experience and some indication of high ability will be primary requirements. The try-outs will be open to all young people, irrespective of race or color. Applications will be received up to February 1.

"This is a worthy and patriotic enterprise," Mr. Williams said in making the announcement. "I am hopeful that selecting these young people through our State offices all over the country will extend this wonderful opportunity equally to all of our talented young musicians, and develop a musical group that will represent the very best of its kind that can be assembled."

ORGANIZATION OF FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE COMPLETED

Organization of the state fire marshal's office under Commissioner Oscar G. Olander of the Michigan State Police, with an important strengthening of the enforcement division, was completed this week.

Named fire marshal at the last session of the Michigan Legislature, Commissioner Olander has completed transfer of records and activities from the state office building at Lansing to the headquarters building of the state police at East Lansing.

Arnold C. Renner, assistant state fire marshal under the previous organization, has been named Chief of the Fire Marshal Division of the Michigan State Police and Charles W. Renner to be in immediate charge of the work was made be-

WRITER TELLS OF COMMUNISM IN CHINESE FACTORY

Writing in behalf of the Pontiac Elks' Club's crusade for Americanism in Oakland County, Arthur C. Read elaborates further on the lack of certain principles in foreign countries which we are so fortunate to have in America, and why these principles must be defended.

Mr. Read's story:

An extremely large British-American company was operating, among other activities, a cigarette factory in the interior city of Hankow, China.

For many years the organization had maintained the practice of elevating the working conditions and increasing the wages standard of the employees to a level far above that of any other factories or mills in the country.

Free schools were supported, at the expense of the company, for the families of the workmen (free schools in China are certainly an innovation); compensation was paid to his family in case of a man's death or illness and a pension was obtained after he was too old to work. In short, everything that could be called enlightened treatment of labor was being accomplished and the men and their dependents were among the happiest people of China.

When the present Sino-Japanese conflict had been progressing for about four months the company offered a loan of eighty dollars (Chinese) to each employee who wished to make any special preparation for his family's safety or disposal.

At the end of six months a similar loan was given and the old advance was wiped off the books as a gift to the workers.

Since everyone seemed satisfied and grateful, it came as a surprise to the company officials when in July, 1938, (two months after the second loan) spokesmen for the employees demanded that a third advance be given and that the preceding one be again considered as a gift.

The manager and his foreign staff deferred a decision for a week, during which time they thoroughly investigated the situation and uncovered the startling fact that there was no need on the part of the workmen for any special sum of cash but that a strong spirit of dissatisfaction had been stirred up among both the men and their families by none other than several Russian Communists and their Chinese assistants.

Because of the increased leaning of the Chinese Central Government toward the help and influence of the Soviets, the work of Red agitators could be carried on with less restrictions. In this particular case, as in many others, they had convinced the simple Chinese laborers that the company was the prize of capitalist foreigners and was despoiling the native workers of China for the sole benefit of a handful of British and Americans.

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COUNTY RELIEF BOARD ASKS FOR MORE MONEY

An additional appropriation of \$25,000 for the administration of welfare in Oakland County for 1940 was asked by the County Welfare Commission of the Board of Supervisors Tuesday afternoon. This would be in addition to the \$89,620 placed in the 1940 budget for administration of welfare.

Commissioners John A. MacDonal, George W. Burt and Charles Hamilton informed the supervisors they have inadequate assistance to handle all the business of administering to the needy. They stated they expect an increase in welfare demand when several WPA jobs are finished soon and that maternal pensioners will probably need assistance until they can range for help from the State.

No provision has been made for a records division which, it is said, is highly necessary. It was pointed out that the new welfare commission has attempted to operate with less than 50 per cent of the personnel of the former emergency relief commission.

The request for additional money was directed to the ways and means committee.

BENEFITS OF SEAL SALES POINTED OUT BY DIRECTOR

"Educators as well as supporters in a great movement to build up health and strike down disease, it is fitting that no limiting holiday sentiment be included in the design for the 1939 tuberculosis Christmas Seal," commented Dr. H. Allen Stryker, Commissioner of the Michigan Department of Health, today.

"When everyone knows about tuberculosis, its sign as a dread disease will be over," Dr. Stryker declared. "The Michigan Tuberculosis Association is an educational institution with 30 years experience. In teaching the public vital facts about the disease, as in many others, they had convinced the simple Chinese laborers that the company was the prize of capitalist foreigners and was despoiling the native workers of China for the sole benefit of a handful of British and Americans."

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Funeral Services Held For Henry Schriener

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock from the Hegney Funeral Home for Henry Schriener, 77, who died January 1. Schriener was born in Elk-hart, Indiana, and had lived here about two years.

He is survived by his wife, Julia, and six children, Melvin, Walter, Esther, Carrie, Laura, and Grace. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Park, Novi.

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