



Ticklers



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ber of small taxes on both business and consumers.

(5) Reducing the inventory of the state liquor control commission from \$17.5 to \$15 millions.

State Treasurer D. Hale Brake is of the opinion that the state

should get some "quick money" this spring. "Our cash balance has been running down to around \$15 million," he said. "We're in a danger zone at that point."

What kind of "quick money" does Brake suggest?

"The liquor inventory could be reduced," he said. "It's been capitalized."

"The state's markup of product could be temporarily boosted."

"Some of the intangible tax revenue could be recaptured. These are quick ways to get more money as contrasted to new taxes which might not be productive until next year."

Governor Williams' answer is emphatic: "Republicans are controlled by the business men," which is to put tax burdens on the consumer. The governor defends the needs of local governments, he champions the colleges and public schools and so on.

It is all window dressing for the November election. Williams knows he must swing over the independent Republican vote if he is to be re-elected to a third term.

The CIO labor vote is already in the bag. Hence the strategy: Divide the Republicans.

It's an old military strategy, Williams believes it will work.

A very dim outlook held by legislators on any new building programs for colleges or other state institutions. Rep. Arnold Engstrom (R-Traverse City) says capital outlays will be drastically cut for buildings already under construction.

John Hannah of MSC was hit hard by the announcement that the programs would be slashed. He pointed out that a new library for the college is "imperative," the one being constructed for an enrollment of 3,500 students. MSC now has 12,000 students. Williams says he will put the full amount in the next budget.

The St. Lawrence Seaway project is gaining momentum in Washington despite the present cold weather that would hurt up mining industry. Latest development is a move by Sen. Alben (R-Vt.) to set up a government controlled operation with authority to issue \$485 million in revenue bonds to finance the project.

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They Do

"Give A Hoot" For Easy

Easy Roberts finally got rid of the noisy pigeons that used to whoop it up under his eaves.

He must have tried a dozen ways to scare them off. But no matter what he did, they would be right back cooing by his window the next morning.

Then Easy thought of an old stuffed owl he had in his attic. He propped it on the roof so's all the pigeons could see it. They left ... and three hoot owl's have taken their place. Easy awaits the hoots; it is even worse than the cooing of pigeons.

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