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THE MICHIGAN MIRROR
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said the Commissioner, "but they have been unable to increase our funds materially because of the financial problems which still exist."

"Esprit de corps is high among police officers," said the Commissioner. "We have a very low turnover of men."

This surprises many people who consider salary schedules and working conditions for state police officers. Beginning patrolmen are paid \$229 per month. Pay is increased to \$250 when training is completed; stepped up over the next five years to \$350. It usually takes ten years before the next promotion. Uniforms are furnished; \$3 per day is allowed for expenses.

Average work day is 9.3 hours; eight of patrol, the rest for routine reports. Officers are subject to emergency call 24 hours each of six days a week and must register their whereabouts during off duty periods. They are sometimes called back from the seventh, their

"off" day; if they can be located.

Vacations and passes were cancelled when the Flint disaster hit. Men there and in the U. P. worked a seven day week 14 hours a day. For this they receive no extra pay. State police officers get 12 days a year vacation plus eight more to make up for usual holidays — when they work extra long and hard.

When an emergency strikes, a pre-arranged plan can take effect. Squads of seven men and one non-commissioned officer move into an area. Working alone or in teams of two to four, and with three-way radio communication, they tackle their problem.

In Flint the department's communication system permitted officers to play an important part in coordinating efforts of the many agencies that responded to the disaster.

Compared with other states, Michigan's police department seems average in size. Some like Pennsylvania with 1,300 officers, have larger forces; other states' departments concern themselves only with highway problems.

Michigan's patrolmen, however, deal with everything from trespassing to murder. Its policemen must be experts in many fields.

Officers are trained to decide whether a ticket or a warning will bring the best results. Records show a growing number of traffic arrests; 137% more than in 1949; about 72,000 in 1952.

"An increasing need for a bigger state police force will be felt as the rapid development of non-metropolitan areas continues," said the Commissioner. "About 71% of state traffic deaths occurred in rural areas last year — the highest percentage on record." When the Legislature is able to increase the size of the state police department, people of Michigan will get the quality of police service they need.

Buesser Named Director Of Detroit Bar Assn.

Frederick G. Buesser, Jr., of 32015 Valleyview, was recently named to the board of directors of the Detroit Bar Association in an election for the forthcoming year.

Others elected to office were: president, Henry A. Montgomery; first vice-president, Chris Young-John; second vice-president, Nathaniel Goodnow; secretary, Edgar M. Brantigan; and treasurer, Louis F. Dahling.

Named to the board of directors along with Buesser were James Montante, Edgar M. Brantigan and Nathan B. Goodnow. Mr. Buesser is the author of a column in "The Detroit Lawyer", official publication of the association, and in addition to his many other duties, serves the Farmington Little League in the capacity of official scorekeeper.

State Lake And Stream Plan To Be Reviewed

Michigan's lake and stream improvement program will be reviewed at the next conservation commission meeting or whenever the full commission meets in regular session, the conservation department reports.

"Checkerboarding", one of the regulatory policies under which gas and oil lands are leased, will also be reviewed at the next full commission meeting.

Both were placed over to later agendas from the June meeting, when these commissioners could not attend the session.

Outdoor Writers Plan To Attend Convention

Three conservationists from Michigan will take part in a discussion of conservation education at the annual convention of the Outdoor Writers Association of America to be held in Missoula, Montana, July 19 - 25, the conservation department reports.

Jack Van Coevering, outdoor editor of the Detroit Free Press, will be a speaker at the meeting. L. A. Danse, General Motors conservationist from Detroit, will be discussion leader, and F. F. Tubbs, chief of the department's education division, will serve as chairman of the education committee.

MICHIGAN MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUNT SEASON

Michigan has made four recommendations to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for waterfowl regulations during the coming hunting season, the conservation department announces.

Season and bag limits on waterfowl are set in Washington, D. C., but they state make recommendations before final regulations are drawn up.

Approved by the conservation commission at its June meeting in East Lansing, the recommendations are:

1. Ask the halting of waterfowl again be prohibited, but that present wording of the rule be changed.

2. Request when waterfowl populations permit that an extension of the number of shooting days be made up to 60 days.

3. List choices of season dates from October 15 to November 13 for a 30-day season up to October 1 to November 29 for a 60-day season.

4. Ask that season dates on woodcock coincide with those for the grouse season.

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Mrs. Friedrich Fieselsmann of the American Women's Voluntary Services asks the support of individuals or organizations. She may be reached at 18503 Midland, or by calling UNIVERSITY 2-7354. Vegetables are planted in the fall in the Philippines, so it is important that they be shipped soon.

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