

## Crowds Welcome Reopening Of RKO Downtown Theatre; "Top Hat" Scores as Success

EVEN BETTER than "The Gay Divorcee" or "Roberta," is the praise of Detroit theatre goers for "Top Hat," RKO Radio's new musical, costarring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, now playing at the RKO Downtown Theatre.

Beginning and singing to the melody of Irving Berlin, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers set a new high for screen musicals in their current hit "Top Hat." Blending romance with gay comedy "Top Hat" tells a light, thoroughly intriguing and at all times plausible story, with never a lag for a dull moment. Jerry Travers and Dale Tremont, Americans, meet in London, in a novel and amusing manner. It's a case of love at first sight for Jerry, and he is not long in swaying Dale to his viewpoint. But through a natural mistake, Dale comes to believe that Jerry is the husband of her best friend. And then things begin to happen, fast, furiously and funny.

Irving Berlin wrote the lyrics and Mark Sandrich directed "Top



Fred Astaire starred in "Top Hat," a Pandro S. Borman Production.

### "Wolverine" Being Prepared for Tour

The Department of Conservation railway car, "Wolverine," is being commissioned at Grand Rapids preparatory to starting its 1,500 mile tour of the northern part of the state with educational exhibits for children and adults. The exhibits include dioramas,

mounted birds, mounted fish, fur, photographic murals of Michigan scenes and other articles of interest.

The Wolverine will leave Reed City September 16 and will be on the road for a month. Conservation officers in towns along its itinerary will announce the date of its arrival.

## 100 ISLE ROYALE MOOSE MAY BE "TRANSPLANTED"

As many as 100 Isle Royale moose may be ranging Michigan's upper peninsula by next spring if the State Conservation Commission gives the word.

At its September meeting the commission will consider the costs of a live-trapping and transplanting program on Isle Royale that would be nearly 10 times as expensive as the one conducted by Paul Hinkle last winter.

The moose problem on the island was discussed by the Commission at its August meeting at Newberry. The Commission instructed the Game Division of the Department of Conservation to take the matter up with the National Parks Service and submit a report, embodying a recommended plan of procedure and estimated costs at the September meeting.

"We have been communicated with the National Parks Service and have received permission to live-trap and remove not to exceed 100 Isle Royale moose," said H. C. Ruhl, chief of the Game Division.

"The Parks Service has granted permission to take the moose and transplant them to another place and the Department is requesting the services of personnel and facilities at the CCC camp at Siskiwit. A study of the costs as well as a tentative plan of action now is being conducted and will be ready for the September Commission meeting."

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## STATE TAX DRIVE PROVES EFFECTIVE

The man closest to the nerve center of Michigan's governmental finances believes counties, cities and towns will soon be able to pay their overdue bills, reduce debts, alter future budgets and get out of the red.

The belief is that of Theodore I. Fry, State Treasurer. It is based on the indication that the State's August drive to collect delinquent taxes is proving successful.

Latest reports from the Auditor General show that more than \$12,000,000 in back taxes have been returned to the paying column by property owners taking advantage of the plan whereby delinquencies



for 1932 and prior years can be paid over a period of ten years.

Fry also expresses the belief that the need for "counter balancing accounts" and similar book-keeping maneuvers will be eliminated by revenues received from the campaign. He contends that officials and citizens will be able, for the first time in some years, to get a true picture of the actual financial situation of various governments.

"Collection of these overdue taxes," Fry points out, "means that debts for which delinquent taxes are pledged can be paid and wiped off the books." He estimates that about \$125,000,000 in debts could be cleaned up in this way. Since this debt carries an interest rate of more than 1 per cent, the saving would amount to about \$5,000,000 a year.

"Obviously, wiping out a debt of this magnitude, or slicing off a sizeable piece of it, will be the best thing that has happened to public finance since the depression. Top heavy items for debt service and debt retirement to budgets will be chopped down and the vital functions of government will receive the lion's share of the taxpayer's dollar."

### Budgets Balanced

"With the dead horses of the past taken care of, it will be easier to make realistic cover expenditures. Balanced budgets will again become the order of the day. 'Most important of all, these collections will be distributed all along the line. Impoverished ethnic school districts, distressed counties—they will all get their share. The practice of 'robbing Peter to pay Paul' will go into the discard."

"Many of the ticklish problems pressing for solution must await a clearing up of the tax situation."

"Reorganization of school districts, and the consolidation of governments and governmental functions can never be accomplished while hundreds of units are burdened with debt and mired in a morass of unsettled bills. The success of the State campaign to bring in these back taxes will go a long way to clear the way for an honest effort to simplify the processes of government."

Michigan's tax campaign is now in its final stage. County treasurers throughout the state are working night and day to keep up with the rush have found it physically impossible to nerve the thousands who pressed to pay before the September 1 deadline.

## 60 CCC Forest Camps Included in Program

Michigan now has 46 state and National Forest CCC camps in operation, leaving 14 yet to be filled under the expanded forestry program, announced E. W. Tinker, regional forester of Milwaukee.

Thirty-eight state and National Forest camps were authorized for the state under the expanded program in operation and these are in addition to the 22 camps which have been operating for some time.

Maybe that loud noise you hear in the next block is only some husband telling his wife what he thinks of her attempt to start a pinocle tournament.

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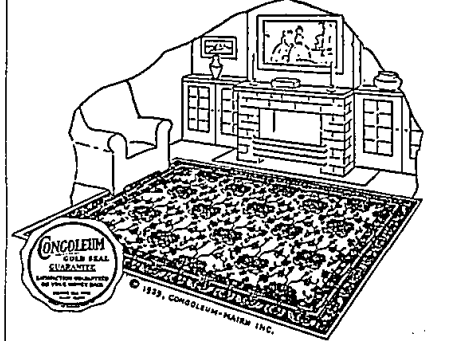
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