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And so we approach the legislative record with some misgivings, realizing that what is an accomplishment to one person, perhaps is just the opposite to someone else.

Without justifying or condemning what did or did not happen at Lansing, we will try to view the highlights and let the chips fall where they may. If your appetite is bad and it's raining cats and dogs outside, then it's just too bad.

Consider the governor's problem for a minute. He takes office at the first of the year. Six years later (Jan. 6) he delivers his message to the legislature. And about ninety days later, March 26 to be exact, the legislators put on their hats and coats, say their goodbyes, and leave the legislators to clean up the place. Harry F. Kelly had just that situation. Here's what happened in 90 days:

Post-War Reserve Act No. 4, of the Public Acts of 1943, signed by the governor on Feb. 16, created a post-war reserve fund of \$50,000,000. The state administrative body was directed to transfer immediately \$20,000,000 from the surplus which is now about \$40,000,000. In his legislative message the governor had asked for "not less than \$15,000,000."

A post war planning commission was created, and for its use, in post-war construction of buildings at colleges, hospitals and institutions the legislature set aside \$8,000,000. A separate advisory agency to the governor, War-time power, were also granted. Efforts to collaborate OPA law enforcement activities through state courts were defeated by agricultural groups. Butter fat content was lowered for the duration.

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Retirement Fund for Employees. Senate bill 232, adopted, provided for a retirement fund for state employees. This will complement city service, and it also fulfilled a recommendation of Governor Kelly.

And if the state payroll goes up, and it undoubtedly will, re-

member this recommendation. "I am firmly of the opinion that State Government should pay a proper wage to those in its employ." (Information note: Michigan-born Tom Downey, governor of New York, has signed a legislative bill increasing wages of New York state employees around 7 1/2 per cent.)

A few minor consultations were effected. A department of business administration, headed by Dr. Robert Ford of the University of Michigan, was created.

Benefits to Labor. The workmen's compensation act was thoroughly overhauled for the first time since 1912, calling payments were increased from \$18 to \$21 a week and other benefits were authorized for dependents of injured workers. Likewise, liberal benefits under the unemployment compensation act were extended. Efforts to remove the appeal board were defeated. Also efforts to permit grants to dependents were defeated.

Minimum wage proposals and child labor bills were shelved on the theory that industry has enough troubles as it is.

(Note: The state C.I.O. council recently condemned the governor for removing John Gibson as chairman of the department of labor. Gibson was replaced by George W. Dean as chairman, although he still remains a member of the commission. And who is Dean? A top leader of the American Federation of Labor.)

No Taxes Increased or Decreased. In the tax field, the legislature refused to increase or decrease the 3 per cent sales tax; it defeated a proposal to increase a soldier and sailor state bonus; it defeated an effort to remove the ceiling on corporation franchise taxes, a "savings" of around \$6,000,000 a year to manufacturers; and it defeated a plan to change the sales tax bracket.

Also, no new taxes were imposed.

Old Age Pensions Increased. The governor's recommendations to increase old age pensions and to liberalize property restrictions were enacted into law.

Another recommendation carried out was an amendment of the legislature, benefiting the metropolitan counties of the state.

On January 6 the governor advised the legislature. "The rise in cost of living requires the adjust-

ment of teachers' salaries in many communities. The state and the local communities should join in seeking an immediate solution to the salary problem." Result: Fifteen million dollars were appropriated for state aid to schools, an all-time high for public education.

The tourist and resort industry, together with Michigan farm products, received a \$165,000 appropriation.

Although the election was coming April 5, Republican legislators decided by devious logic to rout the partisan enemy—the Democrats—from the highway department where every employee was classified by civil service and to do so in advance of the election itself.

Thereby they precipitated a knock-out, sock-em-and-slug-em feud, not between Democrats and Republicans, as you might expect, out among the Republicans! From the standpoint of color, it was a reporters' harvest. Republicans fighting Republicans. The governor opposed by the Lieutenant Governor. Friends of the Republican nominee for highway commissioner trying to beat a bill where the governor would appoint the commissioner. Muddled waters! All highway bills were beaten or vetoed.

Result: A golden opportunity for the Democrats.

And there you have the highlights, good, bad, and otherwise. Did the legislature do anything in 90 days?

Well, as we said before, it depends on a number of things even down to a cup of coffee for breakfast. As we see it, the legislature worked hard and accomplished much.

You can be the judge. The record speaks for itself.

Let's David Buckingham from Norfolk avenue, burned a hand severely on a heating stove in his home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaureanen received word Tuesday of the death of Mr. Kaureanen's sister, Irene, in Detroit T. B. Sanitarium.

Forrest Ault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault, and who was lately at Chautau Field, has been transferred to Grand Rapids. Forrest is a meteorologist in the service in his country.

Joyce Varhol is recovered from her recent illness and is getting out again as usual.

Eddie Johnson, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Mayfield avenue, who has recently been in poor health, is spending a few days under observation at St. Carmel Hospital.

The Prayer Band held its usual meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Broquet and were pleased by the presence of several men and women friends of Mrs. Broquet. One of Detroit's fine churches, these Christian visitors proved quite an inspiration. The Prayer Band is meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Stanley Shelling, Penbrook Avenue, and on Tuesday evening, the 12th, at the home of Mrs. Charles Haas, on Hubbard Avenue.

Glennie Stevens and sister, the Miss Stevens, spent Sunday night and Monday with their grandmother, Mrs. Frank Broquet.

There was a large turnout of Sunshine Sisters at their meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Russell Ault, Shadyside Avenue. During the afternoon a stork-gift of baby necessities was presented Mrs. Alice Varhol. The next meeting of this group will be held in the Neighborhood Bible School, Wednesday, April 14th, at 2 p.m. This will be a special Lenten service and it is expected that a pleasing speaker will be present. All women of the community are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault and daughters, Dolores Jean and Shirley, left for Indiana Saturday to spend Sunday with Mrs. Ault's mother, Mrs. Jacob Sheets.

CLARENCEVILLE
By Mrs. Mary Tuttle

(April 1, 1943)

Kenneth Swarthout left on a business trip to northern Minnesota on Sunday.

The neighborhood has taken on somewhat of a rural atmosphere, with the addition of the Barnes' Jersey cow.

Mrs. Ed Goetz was the guest of Mrs. Pink at luncheon on Monday.

Have others of you been wondering about all the digging on Middlebelt? The fact of the matter is they are removing the corrosion from an oil pipe line and packing it in a box filled with tar.

The Southfield Auxiliary Police are giving a dance and card party at the Macabees Hall on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Alfred Lint, Sr., of Rosevelt, spent the weekend in Battle Creek visiting friends. She expected to see her son, Alfred, Jr., but he had left Port Custer on Friday.

The Edgewood Mothers Club will meet, for April at the home of Mrs. Manley Kelly on St. Francis.

Mrs. Henry Robertson spent Tuesday in downtown Detroit.

About 70 people were present at

"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEY

WHITTIER, CALIF.

Your town should have a Trust Fund for the boys.

A few weeks ago I wrote a column about a new movement that is gaining considerable popularity throughout the country—the establishing of local Trust funds to assist our servicemen and women in their return to private life.

At that time I explained how the town of Stoneham, Mass., started the way by starting a Service men's Fund and was promoting a series of local civic entertainments to secure money for the fund.

I also told of how four towns in California had recognized the merits of the plan and were starting to help their own home town boys in their problems after the war. One of these towns has already started its drive. What has accomplished to this date is of extreme importance to you and your town—large or small.

To begin with the entire project was sponsored by the local news, paper, Bill Fleetwood, the owner and publisher, and Doug Carlson, the editor, as determined that something concrete has come out of all the conversation. They know there will be a need for such a fund and everyone is helping.

1. They launched a publicity campaign in their paper to call the attention of the community to their problem and duty.

Their next step was to secure the cooperation of the town's financial institutions. A call on the civic entertainments going to keep three banks and the local business to the fund. If you think the service men, produced quick results. Not only did all the institutions agree to act as depositories of one of them you meet on the but the heads of all four agreed to act as Trustees of the Fund.

The local theatre owner became the 5th Trustee.

From a Los Angeles manufacturer the newspaper purchased 10,000 time savings banks made of be repeated.

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Light Reflection Tests

According to scientific tests, white paint gives back a light reflection of over 80 per cent, and certain dry powder white enamel paints give a reflection up to 91 per cent, while black is rated close to zero.

Turkey

Taking turkeys from refrigerated rooms, turkey growers of the Pacific Northwest will carve turkey steaks and have sliced steaks of white meat ready for a summer market.

Get It Moving

Farmers who have large quantities of scrap metal are not expected to donate all of it. Scrap can be sold, but the important thing is to get the material moved where it can be used to keep the steel furnaces in maximum production.

Fig Three Inches Wide
In a botanical garden in the Canary Islands is a huge wild fig tree from Burma, with figs three and four inches in diameter, bunching along its trunk and branches from the roots up.

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"Thanks, Mom..."



THANKS for all the things you do every day that will help bring me and the rest of the boys home sooner... When I see men out here giving their all for Victory, it's easy for me to understand why it's so important for the folks back home to sacrifice and do without. But you, Mom, are doing a swell job even though you're far away from this mess... and that makes me specially proud. Thanks for saving fat and greases... I hear them go off with an almighty bang every day. Thanks for saving food... I'm eating some of it now! Thanks for saving Gas at home... God knows we need the tanks and guns and planes that are produced with Gas! Honest Mom, I think they should give medals to women like you who are fighting the good fight for freedom back on the home front!"

GAS

is vital to war production... use it wisely!



WE'RE READY TO HELP YOU. Feel free at all times to ask us for the latest cooking and nutrition information. We know you want to do your part in saving precious vitamins, food, and fuel. But we realize the tremendous problems you face today... with shortages, restrictions and substitutes. We'd like to help you make the best of the situation in every way possible!

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