

TO REORGANIZE DUTIES OF THE STATE TROOPERS

NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER DRAWING UP PLANS FOR BROADER SERVICE

SEEKS TO DIVIDE BUREAUS

Commissioner Harry H. Jackson, head of the Department of Public Safety of the state of Michigan, who was appointed to his present post in October, after fifteen years of meritorious service in the Detroit police department, has put himself to the task of further expanding the usefulness of the department. By nature and experience conservative, he has not hastened to make radical innovations, but has rather devoted himself to plans for developing the many lines of work now carried on by the department in the interest of law enforcement.

The Michigan State Police has been in existence since the days of the war, and was amalgamated with other state organizations to form the Department of Public Safety in 1921, under authority of an act passed by the legislature in that year. The period intervening since that amal-



HARRY H. JACKSON
Commissioner of Public Safety

gamation has brought out the greater economy of such a consolidated department and has made the way clear for clearer division of its functions in order to obtain still greater efficiency. It is this angle of the administration of the department that the new commissioner has chosen to take up first.

Division of Duties.

He is engaged in preparing a plan for outlining clearly the duties of each bureau of the department and for fixing responsibility upon each division for its share of the work. This plan will be presented before the first of the year. In its preparation Commissioner Jackson has depended not only upon his experience with the Detroit police department, but also upon his knowledge of state conditions obtained through acquaintance with other peace officers during the past year.

"I find that the public does not yet realize the great variety of duties performed by the Department of Public Safety, nor its many ramifications," states Commissioner Jackson. "There is a tendency to think of the department only in relation to the Michigan State Police, and to consider it only as it functions as a uniformed force, but this is not a true view of the department or its duties."

"In addition to its straightforward police work, which is very important in itself, the department serves to aid and back up the efforts of local police officers in every part of the state. It is the purpose of the department to cooperate with and assist these officers, not to supersede them. This fact is becoming more generally known among the sheriffs, chiefs of police and other local officers and their growing cooperation with the state department is bringing splendid results."

Not a Local Problem.

"Crime is no longer a local problem; it is a statewide and even international, and the best police officers have long realized this. In a state department which is designed to give service they find an ally of the greatest value. Our records show that the volume of calls from local officers, with regard to every kind of crime, is constantly growing."

"Even on its police side, the Department of Public Safety operates in many ways that the public does not always know. A very large part of its work is done by plain clothed men and these may pursue their work in any community successfully without ever coming to the notice of the average citizen. This is particularly true where state officers are called in to work with local ones."

"It will be my object to build up the investigation bureau of the department to the utmost of my ability, and to use it to assist the sheriffs and other peace officers in solving serious crimes and in giving to the smaller cities and in giving to the smaller cities and in giving to the smaller cities of men familiar with all of the phases of crime detection."

Suitcase Boats.

Two types of collapsible boats now on sale in England pack into a suitcase. A few pumps from a bicycle pump make it a seaworthy vessel of brown canvas, with room for three children. The operation takes three minutes. Similar boats were used by Sir Ernest Shackleton in his last expedition, and the two types are named "Quest" and "Shackleton," by special permission. Each is so constructed that if the inflated part gave way the rest would float.

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BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

New Officers Are Elected By Royal Arch Masons Here

James Hassberger Made New High Priest At Annual Meeting Tuesday

Birmingham Chapter No. 93, Royal Arch Masons, held their annual meeting and election of officers at the local Masonic Temple Monday night. The affair followed a supper served in the Temple at 7 o'clock.

Following a short talk by the retiring High Priest, George Forester, in which he asked for a greater attendance at Chapter work during the coming year, and an address by Clarence Vliet, superintendent of the local school, on "Am I My Brother's Keeper," the members adjourned to the lodge room where the following men were elected to office until December, 1924:

James S. Hassberger, High Priest; Charles Kamin, King; Morris Watkins, Scribe; Roy E. Brown, Captain of Hosts; E. J. Morrow, Principal Sojourner; Ralph Brucker, Royal

Arch Captain; John Moss, Master of the Third Vale; John Hilty, Master of the Second Vale; Forest Corbett, Master of the First Vale; and Iorn Fuller, Sentinel.

Plotless "Forbidden Fruit"

An attempt made to introduce potatoes into Scotland in 1725 was denounced from the pulpit. Two points held against them were that they were not mentioned in the Bible and so not fit for Christians, and also that they were the forbidden fruit of the case of Adam's fall. They were accused of causing leprosy and fever. The cultivation of the potato in England, promoted by the Royal society, was supposed to have sprung from capitalists to improve the poor. A prominent labor leader of the time said that workmen might not be allowed to live on such "poisonous food."

Tender-Hearted Express

For generations, the Chinese people have drunk no milk because a Chinese empress who was tender-hearted and thought it a mean trick to deprive of their nourishment, issued an edict against drinking milk.

with the butcher, baker, etc., and the other about 7 p. m., when evening engagements are made. After that the traffic divides away, till midnight finds the switchboard practically idle.

But the traffic curves many without warning gives a most spectacular

illustration of how sensitive it is to the public pulse. A big fire or accident will send thousands of anxious people to the telephone and the traffic curve will shoot upward. A rainy day that drives people off the streets or the interruption of transportation service increases the number of telephone calls very noticeably.

When Dreams Come True



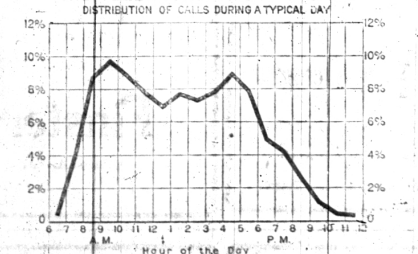
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"FEELING THE PUBLIC'S PULSE" THE TELEPHONE TRAFFIC CURVE



"Feeling the pulse of the public" is more than a newspaper phrase. It is something that can actually be done; and the telephone does it. The chart, which illustrates the ebb and flow in the tide of telephone traffic during a typical day, shows graphically how the volume of telephone talk rises and falls with the business and social activities of the community.

In a typical city the highest traffic point, or "peak of the load," as it is called, in telephone parlance, is reached between 3 and 4 o'clock A. M. That is when business begins to get into full swing—the stock exchange opens and telephone "conversations" in the business sections of the city are taxed to their capacity. The traffic drops gradually until the lunch hour between 12 and 1 o'clock and rises again until it reaches another peak between 4 and 5 o'clock. In the shopping districts calls reach the highest point between 3 and 4 o'clock p. m., and in residential sections there are two high points, one around 9 o'clock in the morning when the housewife is placing her order