

Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING—In a mood of Thanksgiving this week, the average citizen in Michigan has many reasons to be grateful.

Countin his "blessings one by one," he finds:

That November business in Michigan remains above the national average, according to federal reserve figures.

That retail sales are one billion dollars ahead of last year's, making a 19.4 per cent gain for Michigan as compared with Dart and Bradstreet's 5 to 18 per cent retail gain in October.

That Michigan agriculture, because of its diversity of crops, "faces winter with a relatively better outlook than does the average farmer in the United States," according to a federal report this month.

That the increase of dollars earned by workers during August showed a 36 per cent jump over August, 1936. Figures of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation commission for October 1 showed that Michigan workers had received \$150,000,000 in wages than during a like period in 1936, a gain of 30 per cent.

Labor Trouble Less
Last winter's business boom, the result of vast federal "pump priming," was followed by a wave of labor trouble. Michigan's experienced the sit-down strike epidemic which rapidly spread from automobile plants to other industries.

Labor demanded higher wages as commodity costs spiraled upward. A shortage of skilled workers was reported by employment offices. The labor situation became acute.

In the last 90 days, however, the pendulum has started to swing back. Realization that a business recession was growing and that jobs might be again at a premium have combined to make labor apprehensive. Conservative tendencies are now in evidence.

At the Pontiac automobile factory where C. I. O. workmen welded a gate and went on a sit-down strike last week, the employees were ordered by union executives to evacuate the plant because action was "unauthorized."

The leader of the Lansing C. I. O. labor "holiday" was denied a new trial on a charge of illegal picketing, and the case is being appealed to the state supreme court. The Ingham circuit court judge upheld the constitutionality of a Michigan statute making it a misdemeanor to interfere unlawfully with a laborer in the peaceful pursuit of his avocation.

Industrial relations are slowly improving. Both employer and employee can be thankful for that.

Autos and Accidents
As Michigan automobile plants, for the most part, adopt short week schedules again due to slackening of new orders, automobile dealers are wondering how the following changes will affect 1938 sales:

1. Announced policy of finance companies that contracts be limited to 18 months, starting Jan. 1.

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2. More stringent operators' licensing requirements will take effect Jan. 1 in a legislative effort to reduce traffic fatalities which totaled 1,913 for the first nine months of 1937, as compared to 1,504 in the same period in 1936.

According to Oscar G. Olander, state police commissioner, and his chief of safety and traffic work, Capt. Caesar J. Scavarda, the tightening of licensing rules may remove 300,000 unfit drivers from the highways.

Farm Bureau Acts
Bearing out predictions made in this department, the Michigan State Farm bureau, voted at its annual meeting in East Lansing to oppose a 48-hour working week for industry, as proposed in the wages and hours bill already passed by the senate and now before the house of representatives at Washington.

Farmers fear that revival of the NRA idea will raise the cost of merchandising the farmer bags, but would not raise the price of produce which he has to sell.

They read with interest an Armistice week statement by Roger Babson that in England where one-half of all industrial workers are members of a trade union, as compared with one-fourth in the United States, "intelligent and skilled women workers are satisfied with \$10 per week."

How wages can be lifted to a national minimum without also lifting prices is something Michigan Farm bureau delegates cannot discern; hence their opposition.

Housing Problem
Better housing facilities for industrial workers is the goal of the Wagner-Steagall act, passed by Congress.

Michigan's present housing act, however, limits application of the federal act to Detroit, Flint, Jackson, Saginaw, and Pontiac.

Housing experts want Governor Frank Murphy to include revision of the housing law in his call for the 1938 special session. At Flint, for example, community leaders are ready to create a housing authority along nonpartisan lines to buy land and construct modern small homes which will rent at about \$5 per room monthly.

Robert Geholz, home builder, is proceeding with a privately-financed housing plan as a test of consumer acceptance in that Buick-Chevrolet stronghold.

It all fits nicely into Uncle Sam's policy of giving an economic lift to the heavy capital goods industries as a means of checking declining trade.

\$100,000 Rentals
The state administration at Lansing knows something about the housing problem—it has one on its hands, in fact.

Expansion of state departments, plus creation of new agencies due to legislative generosity, has added some 2,000 persons to payrolls in the last few years. The state capitol and the nearby state office building have fallen long ago to meet increased demands for office space.

The state is paying nearly \$100,000 a year in winter rentals. Governor Murphy is determined to better the facilities of state hospitals and other institutions; as a hike in liquor prices is to raise \$3,000,000 for this purpose. But there appears to be little likelihood that the state will do anything about its own housing problem at Lansing.

Drys Encouraged
At the same time that Governor Murphy demanded that the state liquor commission eliminate "factionalism and schism" and improve its accounting system, the Michigan Anti-Saloon league, convening in Lansing, mapped plans to seek local option in nearly 15 counties.

Drys are encouraged by voters' rejection of liquor-by-the-glass in Lansing, Kalamazoo and Royal Oak.

The drys are also making good use of a statement made by a traffic expert in Detroit that a large number of automobile fatalities there was due to mixing alcohol and gasoline.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. Probate Court for the County of Oakland.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 17th day of November, A. D. 1937.

Present: Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Arvilla H. McIntire (Deceased), Administrator of said estate, having filed a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said estate by and before said court.

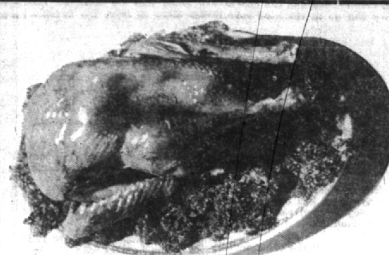
It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 5th day of April, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased. And for the presentation and allowance of his final account, determination of the liability of said decedent, and settlement of the residue of said estate and the discharge of said administrator.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.
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