

Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING, April 12—Whether the State of Michigan should fix milk prices—just like it fixes prices for electricity, telephone, gas, and other utility services—is one of the numerous controversial issues before the legislature this month.

As you consider the matter at this moment in reading this column, your attitude will probably be influenced largely by whether you are a producer or a consumer. The producer has genuine grievances: The price at wholesale is too low; the price at retail is less than cost of production; milk is a public commodity because it is a public necessity; and so on. The consumer is concerned, however, in price, quality, and safety. In this case, the consumer considers the price to be high, or if he lacks the ability to pay, he curtails consumption or eliminates it altogether. Thus, milk competes to a certain extent with bread, fruit, and other food commodities. In the case of babies and invalids, milk is an outright necessity.

Wash Milk Bill
A case of hand is the Wash Milk bill, sponsored by the Michigan Milk Producers' association and generally by the Farm Bureau and the Grange.

This measure was debated prior and for two hours at Lansing last week with Rep. Stanton Welsh of St. Clair county and Rep. Maurice Post of Kent county leading its defense and Rep. Joseph Warner of Washtenaw county and Rep. Floyd E. Town of Jackson county leading the attack. Wayne county legislators, typified by Rep. John Stanton and H. Chester Fitzgerald, both Democrats, were critical of milk price fixing on the grounds that it violated consumer interests.

By a vote of 42 to 35, the bill was withdrawn to the house ways and means committee despite a warning by Rep. John Esnie of Clinton county, chairman, that it might be re-adopted out of committee. Warner and Town, both dairy farmers, took the position that the price of milk was not the duty of state government and that as long as three-fifths of all Michigan produce milk today does not go into bottles, being classified as surplus, the basic problem would still remain unsolved. The milk problem has two sides, as most problems have. Legislators are perplexed, the fact is clearly indicating the division of thought.

Cleaning Price-Fixing
Before the senate state affairs committee is Senate Bill 314 which would put the state into the price-fixing business for dry cleaners.

Persons who are in the dry cleaning business complain of "unfair competition." The wool in sheep's clothing is the so-called "cheater" who cuts prices and otherwise engages in what his competitor terms "unfair" trade practices. Recall your "Blue Eagle" NRA days. The argument is strangely familiar. Senate bill 314 would create a state dry cleaning and dyeing commission of five members, one of whom as chairman would receive \$5,000 a year. The other four would get \$4,000 a year. This commission would have broad power to say what are "unfair" trade practices, to limit underselling claims, fix minimum minimum prices at both wholesale and retail, and even determine minimum wages and maximum hours. Expenses of the commission could not exceed \$60,000 a year, and business license fees would range from \$25 to \$100 a year in addition to a flat 25 cents monthly fee for each machine.

Licensing Cooks
The last minute rush of new bills further substantiates our earlier observation of a trend toward further state centralization, whereby everyone and his brother would be regulated in some way by Lansing.

Many of these bills are reasonable in their objective. It is not our intent to belittle their motives, but rather to present the facts for what they are. It should be pointed out also that some of these measures will probably die in committee, having been introduced as a legislative courtesy to a constituent or some special group.

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Forest Cuttings Mean Additions To County Funds

LANSING, April 8—A check for \$8,106.21, representing one-fourth of the receipts from cuttings on national forest lands in Michigan has been received by the Conservation Department for distribution to the counties.

The money will be turned over to those counties in which revenue was derived from national forest lands. 75 per cent will go to the school funds and 25 per cent to the road funds of the counties involved. The amount going to each county is determined by the amount of revenue derived from forest lands within the county boundaries.

Leading all other Michigan National forests was the Huron, which brought receipts to the counties totaling \$4,427.17. One was the Hiawatha with \$2,244.67. The Ottawa turned over \$1,755.57, the Manistee, \$1,658.85 and the Marquette \$2,119.03.

The total turned over to the counties represents considerable increase over preceding years, which totalled \$7,752.11. This gain was largely due to the increased amount of work done in the Hiawatha National Forest.

All national forests in Michigan show an increase in forest acreage as compared with last year. The additional holdings came through purchases to fill up blocks of land and in certain instances, through the exchange of holdings outside national forest areas for blocks of land under control of the land division of the department of conservation.

Each of the above groups has a just grievance. Each group desires to improve standards, etc., and to curtail the "cheater" competitor through the power to revoke his state license.

Historic Hoaxes

By Elmo Scott Watson

Horrors of the Drouth

DURING the great drouth of 1936 an enterprising photographer sold to news picture companies three "views from the drouth area of North Dakota" which were printed in newspapers all over the country. One showed the water in the Missouri river near Stanton so low that automobiles could ford the "Big Muddy" without incident; another depicted "a herd of cattle from the drouth area contentedly grazing on the state capitol grounds at Bismarck"; and a third, the skeleton of a steer lying on a bare spot of pasture that had been parched and cracked by the heat.

Widepread publication of these pictures caused great indignation throughout North Dakota because its citizens knew that they were gross exaggerations. Finally the Fargo Forum exposed the hoax by reprinting the pictures labeled "It's a Fake!"

Along with the Missouri river picture was printed one showing a Stanton ferry crossing the stream which, it declared, was 15 feet deep at that place. The second was labeled "a photographic trick—superimposing a picture of a herd of cattle on a picture of the North Dakota capitol building."

As for the steer's skull it was called a "movable 'prop' which comes in handy for photographers who to top up their pictures with a bit of the grisly" and it was pointed out that it was "a typical alkali flat, left when melting snow water and spring rains have washed without difficulty, one can find these in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Indiana, wherever one chooses."

Western Newspaper Union.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, a grant of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 27th day of March, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alexander Patton, Deceased. A. Bachman and James K. Watkins trustees under the Last Will and Testament of Alexander Patton, Deceased, having filed in said Court The Fourth Annual Accounting of said estate for the examination and allowance thereof.

It is Ordered, that the First day of May, A. D. 1939, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing and letting of said account, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.
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MAURICE E. PINNACAN, Deputy Register of Probate.

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