

# Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

**LANSING**—Increase of Michigan liquor sales for 1939, as compared with 1938, has far exceeded the rise in farm and industrial purchasing power.

According to latest statistics, Michigan's buying income has soared \$306,000,000 since Jan. 1, 1939, due chiefly to the revived automobile industry and the resultant demand for parts and accessories much of which are made in this state. In fact, Michigan leads the U. S. A. in point of new buying power. New York is next with \$245,000,000, while Ohio is third with \$236,000,000.

Putting this into percentages, Michigan works out 11.4 per cent more payroll dollars to spend than they had a year ago.

Yet they have been spending (January through September) 18.6 per cent more money for alcoholic beverages. Translate all this into dollars (1939 liquor sales totaled over \$73 millions) and you have a pretty sum of close to seven millions.

**Dead Man's Chest**

In Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" the lucky crew of the *Golden Hind* was told to go to a dead man's chest with a "yo, ho, ho" and a bottle of rum. In Michigan's version concerning the resurrected John Barleycorn calls for three men as members of the state liquor commission and 108 million gallons of distilled spirits, wines and beer in 1938 instead of one bottle.

The state liquor control commission has a responsibility which even Gabriel would shudder at. It is the task of controlling the liquor business—preventing abuse, greed and unfair trade practices—guarding youth from evils of alcohol—promoting temperance—and so forth. It's a big assignment!

To regulate the profit motive, the state "freezes" prices and turns over to the state general fund a substantial slice of revenue. During 1938, for example, liquor sales netted the state treasury \$2,800,810.92, while the sale of stamps, licenses and other tax items brought in \$5,094,157.35. The state welfare appropriation for the present fiscal year was \$8,750,000.

**What To Do?**

In handling a subject as controversial as liquor, obviously the state commission must strike a "happy medium" much of the time—the middle path between two possible extremes of public opinion.

Hence answers to the following are not easy to arrive at:

First, should the number of liquor outlets be reduced? Through several state administrations since repeal of the 18th amendment, the number of selling places has been gradually increased until today there are 14,202 different spots in Michigan where an adult can purchase a drink. This number is exclusive of the 100 state liquor stores.

In the opinion of many observers, this number is excessively high. Too many liquor dealers invite winking at the law because of intense competition and resultant lessened net profit per outlet. On the other hand, to reduce the num-

**Says His Neighbors Want Grocery Store**

The neighbors, Clark J. Hallack told the City Commission, want a grocery store to dash downtown when they want a loaf of bread.

Hallack, who lives on the southeast corner of Oakland and Lawndale, said he would like to build a small store at the rear of his lot, facing Lawndale. He asked changing of zoning to "Business A." City Manager Donald C. Egbert will canvas the neighborhood by mail before a hearing is set.

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## Crowds Jam Community House for Show



Mrs. Albert Boddy of Cleveland, one of the exhibitors in the Christmas Antiques Exposition and Sale, being held at the Community House, Tuesday through Friday, shown with a Hepplewhite chest, French vase, gold leaf mirror and meissen figurine.

### Cut Immigration Quotas, VFW Asks

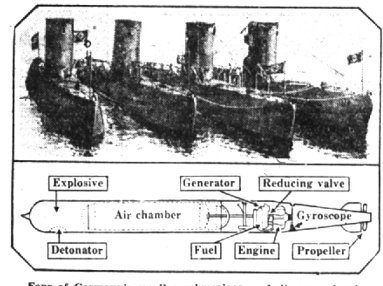
Restriction of immigration as a means of combating unemployment in the United States is advocated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

In accordance with resolutions adopted at the recent 40th annual V. F. W. national encampment at Boston, one of the objectives of its 1939-1940 program is the lowering of all immigration quotas. Regular quotas for all countries are now too high, V. F. W. leaders hold, and the situation is made worse because of the "refugee groups which are being given special entry privileges above their country's quotas."

### Jackson City Costs Will Be Studied

JACKSON—This Michigan city took a significant step this week when, as a result of a request made by the local unit of the National Consumers Tax Commission, Mayor Russell Bengel agreed to name a citizens' committee to study Jackson's municipal costs in comparison with those of like-sized communities.

### Tin Fish and Cigar Boats: Might of the German Navy



Four of Germany's smaller submarines, and diagram showing what is inside a torpedo.

DEADLIEST fish on the seas no longer the shark, but the torpedo, Germany's foremost weapon in the water.

Already the torpedo's whirling propellers have plunged it deep into the side of British shipping. As in the first World War, the dolphin of destruction, the muffled hiss of German U-boats.

The inventor of the steamboat was the father of the torpedo. Improvements on Robert Fulton's original method of destroying ships with an underwater explosion, perfected in 1805, have resulted in mechanized sharks like those that sank the *Athena*, the *Courageous* and the *Royal Oak*.

Packed in the warhead of the modern torpedo is a charge of 500 pounds of TNT, exploded by a detonator on the underside. Behind this compressed air chamber is the engine, run by steam generated by burning alcohol.

POSTMEN who deliver these messages of death are the cigar boats of the German navy—the submarines. The U-boat commander trains his whole vessel on the target like a gun, then presses a button that explodes a cordite charge in the torpedo tube to send the tin fish surging through the water at speeds up to 55 knots (63 miles per hour).

No one knows exactly how many submarines Germany has to conduct her drive against British sea power. In January she had at least 71, of which the allies claim they have sunk nearly a third. The Nazis have no doubt constructed many more.

At the height of her World War activity, Germany had 140 raiders under the sea. Many of these were of the heavy,

### 1500 A. D. Plaques Oldest in Exhibit

Crowds jammed the Community House Tuesday and Wednesday for the Christmas Antiques Exposition and Sale, which will continue through Friday. Antique china, glass, silver, furniture and jewelry, valued at \$120,000, are on display in the auditorium, stage and Ruth Shain room for this event, which is under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Farrar Marting of Birmingham, and Ralph Garfield Jones, of Cleveland. Hours of the exposition are from 11 a. m. to 10:30 p. m., daily except Friday, when it will close at 6 p. m.

One of the outstanding collections is the one of Staffordshire china, historical blue and Gaudy ware and old pieces of note include a particularly lovely Castleford capot of white with dark blue edgings.

The oldest piece in the show is a pair of terra cotta plaques from England, charged with a D. A. Hepplewhite shieldboard of 1790, unusually small and dainty, is another museum piece, a display and a solid silver teapot with matching cream pitcher and sugar bowl, made by S. Brown in New York in 1820, is of special interest.

A spotted pink tea set of Sunderland lustre is attracting the attention of china collectors and the collection of early American blown glass runs the full gamut of color and shape.

Everything antique is there, or nearly everything, without it being jingling sleighbells, old, old buttons, or something much more valuable and not forgetting the marvelous collection of paperweights in a great variety of designs, which are in such vogue at present.

### Will City Ask \$25 of Yule Tree Dealers?

"Will a Christmas tree dealer have to take out a \$25 individual merchant license?" Commissioner Ray H. Palmer asked City Manager Donald C. Egbert last Monday night.

That was problem No. 1 of the city's brand new ordinance. Egbert, after some thought, said Wednesday he planned to suggest a \$5 fee to the Commission next Monday for these dealers.

### Rabbits Do Wander Away from Home

ALLEGAN—Killing and capture of outcasted rabbits as far as three miles from the place of tagging upon the common notion that cottontail spends its life within bounds of an acre or two, according to Arnold O. Haugen, now studying cottontail management at the Seagr Creek wildlife experiment station near here.

Average range of a cottontail near the wildlife station is about 10 acres, Haugen says. Some are more sedentary than others, however, and have been shot at or nearly the same place at which they were marked.

## Explain Auto License System

Michigan's system of registering motor vehicles for 1940, as devised by experts selected by Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, makes possible determination of the county of registration in the past—provided you have a good memory or keep the following list pasted in your hat.

Exams, plate carries go to letters and four numerals, and save for the less populous counties, the letters alone show the county of registration. Following is the list of the key letters for the larger counties:

AA, AB, AC, etc., through CK, Wayne County  
DA through DJ, Oakland County  
EA through EJ, Kent County  
FA through FH, Genesee County  
GA through GE, Ingham County  
HA through HD, Saginaw County  
JA through JD, Kalamazoo County  
KA through KD, Macomb County  
LA through LD, Calhoun County  
MA through MC, Jackson County  
NA through NC, Berrien County  
PA through PC, Muskegon County  
RA through RC, Washtenaw County  
RH through RF, St. Clair County  
RG through RH, Bay County  
RJ through RK, Ottawa County  
RL through RM, Monroe County

## Obituary

**MRS. GRACE A. McPHERSON**

Mrs. Grace A. McPherson, 493 Frank street, died at her home at 9:30 Wednesday evening following a year's illness. Mrs. McPherson, who was 56 years old, was born in Clarkfield, O. Nov. 19, 1883. She was married to Clyde G. McPherson in Norwalk, O. in 1909.

She had lived in Birmingham for the past three months having come here from Cleveland. She had lived in Birmingham for eight years before moving to Cleveland.

Besides her husband, Mrs. McPherson is survived by a son, William, of Harrisville, and a brother, Henry K. Rink of Cleveland. She was taken from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home to Norwalk where services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery in Norwalk.

**ORIN EUGENE SHATTUCK**

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home with the Rev. W. Glen Harris officiating for Orin Eugene Shattuck, 91-years-old, of 887 Ant street, who died early Saturday morning following a three weeks' illness. Mr. Shattuck was born in Sheridan, O. Aug. 21, 1848 and had lived in Birmingham for the past 30 years. He was married Jan. 27, 1882 in

Clyde. Mr. Shattuck is survived by his widow, Charlotte E.; three sons, Orin, Charles and Earl; a daughter, Miss Leila V., all of Birmingham. A brother, Elmer Shattuck, of Fenton, also survives as well as two grandchildren.

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