



By GENE ALLEMAN

This week has been proclaimed "Registration Week" in Michigan by Governor Harry F. Kelly. Laggard citizens who have not re-registered in compliance with a new state law, affecting communities or townships of less than 5,000 population, have until next Wednesday (October 16) to do so. Failure to re-register with the town clerk by Oct. 16 will automatically result in forfeiture of the right to vote.

Prospect: That 150,000 to 200,000 rural voters will be disfranchised on election day, Nov. 5, while Detroit and Wayne County registrations will reach an all-time peak. Try to explain that!

Don't be surprised if the old recommendation to reduce the state sales tax from 3 to 2 1/2 per cent is durted off during the 1947 state legislative session. We understand that the proposal, once rejected by the state tax study commission is being seriously reconsidered. Reason: Cities would be given the right to levy a one-half cent local tax.

War is hell, of course, but how about Michigan traffic accidents? Believe-it-or-not figures: August traffic deaths increased 46 per cent over August, 1945. A total of 453 more persons were killed in Michigan traffic mishaps in the 64 months preceding the national war emergency than the number of Michigan men killed in action during World War II. Every third car on the road is in an unsafe driving condition, according to recent tests. Actually it's safer, on a mile basis, to fly in a licensed airplane than to travel in an automobile.

Since rural sections showed the greatest percentage of accident increase, don't take for granted that the next highway intersection you may be mistaken, and then it'll be too late.

pen countries. In our democracy it is no less true that the fate of the nation depends upon free ballots in the hands of free electors. But there are no votes unless the electors do their part.

Funny, isn't it, how we Americans get so hot to protest our freedom and then dillydally complacently when we possess the right to exercise that freedom—the right to vote?

state. The list is lengthy, but among them are the Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Grange, Michigan Allied Dairy Association, Detroit Board of Commerce, Michigan Bar Association, and all four tourist associations. Modern Michigan must have airports. It looks like everyone is going to benefit by adoption of this ballot proposal. Even the Michigan Survey of Public Expenditures, a taxpayers' organization, has given its blessing. And that's something!

Back in Power

complicated to understand, proponents of Ballot Proposal No. 2—the sales tax diversion amendment—have a strong case when they discuss the issue in the following words: The State is getting more money than it needs. Look at the surplus! Return more of our tax money to home governments.

"We don't want a bonus" was the decision of American Legion delegates assembled in San Francisco last week for a national convention.

How much effect this recommendation will have on Ballot Proposal No. 3, the \$270,000,000 veterans' bonus, is a matter for voters to decide. The bonus will add \$17,500,000 annually in tax cost to the state's general funds. The Michigan Farm Bureau has come out strongly against it.

Significant fact: The \$50,000,000 veterans' trust fund, authorized by the state legislature, was originally proposed as a sensible substitute for the cash bonus.

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