

MICHIGAN MIRROR

'63 State Tax Collections Set All-Time Record High

By ELMER E. WHITE

Michigan Press Association Like most of the country, Michigan had a good economic year during fiscal 1963-64. Total sales tax collections, a good measure of personal spending, jumped from \$427.2 million the previous year to \$485.6 million. Combined state and local taxes collected in the state, and federal taxes collected from Michigan set an all-time record of \$1.03 billion during the fiscal year, said Revenue Commissioner Clarence Lock.

COUNTY BY COUNTY the sales tax collections generally increased during the year.

Lock was quick to note that per capita collections in each county do not necessarily reflect the level of prosperity within the county. This is particularly true in counties where resort and shopping centers near county lines are involved. Roscommon County, for example, has a small permanent population but also has lake resort areas and a huge transient tourist trade. As a result, Roscommon County had the highest per capita sales tax collections. The state average was \$57.98; Roscommon's per capita figure was \$83.10.

EIGHTEEN COUNTIES were above the state average, eight of them in the tourist center category. The other 10 which increased sharply are metropolitan centers.

The Upper Peninsula is at the bottom of the per capita collection list again this year with all 15 counties below the state average. Missaukee County, just west of Roscommon in Michigan, recorded the lowest figure at \$27.10 per capita.

LONG LINES of waiting will

room be forming at the various Secretary of State branch offices throughout the state. While only new tabs will be issued this year, it takes as long to purchase them as it does in years past. Entirely new license plates are sold to the register vehicles. The March 1 deadline seems far away now, but too many motorists will let the time slip by until late in February, when the rush begins.

MISUNDERSTANDING about the possibility for replacing broken or rusted license plates has arisen in the last few years. Until a few years ago, Michigan issued new plates and this was a problem. The Secretary of State's office notes that a special service is now available for motorists whose license plates have become unreadable.

"All of our branch offices have been instructed to issue a complete new set of passenger plates for a \$1 fee and a \$2.00 replacement fee," said Frank Sierawski.

"To get this service, the car owner must surrender both faded or rusted license plates and the new ones are issued. In cases where passenger plates have been mutilated, lost or stolen so both old plates cannot be turned in, a fee of \$2 will be charged."

MANY SINGLE WOMEN, and others, too, report difficulties with phone calls from perverts who make rude and obscene remarks. While it is difficult to trace these calls and arrest the offender, such arrests are made.

In the meantime, police have come up with a suggestion for the person who is bothered by such calls: Keep a police whistle, one

with a loud, shrill tone, near the telephone. When an offensive call is received, take a deep breath and blow as hard as possible into the mouthpiece. Police say that the resulting experience for the caller is so unpleasant that he'll likely not call that number again.

DRIVING ALONG Michigan roads at dusk will give you a good indication of how many people change their habits to keep up with state law. The 1962 Legislature passed a law prohibiting the use of parking lights. The law specifies that when it is dark enough to turn on lights, they must be the regular driving lights.

State Safety Commission Executive Secretary Gerald S. Shipman said statistics indicated there was good reasoning behind the new requirement.

THE DIM AND OFTEN obscure bulbs provided for parking lights do nothing for the motorist's own visual alertness and provide uncertain warning for other motorists and pedestrians alike, Shipman said.

"The parking light is usually located closer to the dust and mud of the highway and the least likely to receive attention either from the driver or serviceman," the safety spokesman said. "The parking light also is deliberately made low to conform to conserve battery energy."

"This modest gleam, seen through layers of road grime in the night, tempts the desecrator, the passing motorist or crossing pedestrian as to its distance and his percentage of making good on the next move," said Shipman.

Area Adman To Lead WSU Board

Thomas E. Adams, president of Campbell-Ewald Co., has been named chairman of the Wayne State University Board of Governors. Adams, 811 W. Harbale, Bloomfield Hills, succeeds Dr. Michael F. Jones, Jr., vice president of Ford Motor Company, who was defeated for re-election to the board.

Adams was elected to a six-year term on the WSU Board in April, 1961.

WSU VICE PRESIDENT Olin Thomas, 8800 Gale Road, Pontiac, was re-elected treasurer. Thomas is VP of business and finance.

A native Detroit graduate of the University of Michigan, Adams was also a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the Detroit Country Club and the Board of Commerce.

He is past president of the WSU Alumni Association and a member of the United Foundation Board of the Boy's Committee of Detroit. He is a member of the Detroit Aircraft Club, The Detroit Athletic Club, recess Club, Bloomfield Hills Country Club and the Board of Commerce.

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Second 'Son'

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheldon, 3460 Wooddale Court, Birmingham, have financially "adopted" their second son through the Foster Parents' Plan. He is Pham Van Duong, a 10-year-old Vietnamese boy, whose parents fled from Communist persecution in their northern village. Duong, the eldest of four children, is in the fourth grade at school and says that when he grows up he would like to build "beautiful houses and other buildings."

Area Sailor Takes Holiday in France

Robert H. Rose, personnel man third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Rose of 17346 Beverly road, Birmingham, spent the holidays in Cannes, France, aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Independence.

The Independence crew hosted more than 100 French orphan children at a Christmas Party aboard the carrier.

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Nature Series Attendance

Rose in '63

Over 192,000 persons used the Nature Program of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority in 1963 compared to 130,000 in 1962, according to William P. Hopkins, chief naturalist for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

These figures cover usage of regular scheduled activities or other related services, but do not include thousands of individuals and families that take unguided nature hikes along the nature trails in several Huron-Clinton parks covering the counties of Oakland, Livingston, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne.

INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL total for 1963 are over 86,000 persons that visited the Nature Center at Kensington Metropolitan Park near Brighton to view exhibits.

An additional 10,500 persons visited the new seasonal Nature Center at Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville, open in 1963 May through October. This building was open weekends spring and fall and daily during the summer months.

So popular is the interest in the nature program that this activity will be made a main feature at Stony Creek Metropolitan Park, a 2,500-acre site between Rochester and Romeo now under development. A former country estate has been converted to a Nature Center and will open at Stony Creek Park some time in 1964.

YOUNGSTERS from almost every community in the five-county area of Oakland, Livingston, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne—and from even more distant areas—have visited the Nature Center at Kensington Metropolitan Park since it opened in 1957, with over 423,000 to date.

The Nature Program includes the Nature Centers and the various labeled nature trails for use by the general public and such services as the lectures given by naturalists at the Nature Centers, lectures provided by naturalists at schools in the five-county area, guided field trips and leader orientation programs.

The aim of the nature program is to provide areas within the Huron-Clinton metropolitan parks for the study and enjoyment of nature and to develop in park visitors an appreciation for their natural environment.

FIELD TRIPS, especially popular in summer, spring, and fall are available in all seasons of the year along the Authority's nature trails at Kensington Metropolitan Park near Brighton, Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville, Huron Hills Metropolitan Park near Ann Arbor and Metropolitan Beach near Mt. Clemens.

All naturalists services are free and a brochure entitled "Nature Trails" is available without charge. Information about the program or appointments for nature services may be obtained by contacting the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Catholic Youths Have Much Fiesta

BEVERLY HILLS — Mexican foods and music were featured Jan. 4 for the 40 members of the Catholic Suburbians, a club for young unmarrieds from St. Bede's Church in Southfield.

Holding an "extra-curricular" party, they have a business meeting a month and a party a month) the group was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lomas, of W. 13 Mile Road and their daughter, Dominga.

GUITARIST ANTONIO MANZO and his nephew, Jose Munoz, provided a varied program of Latin music, which included sing-along Christmas carols printed in Spanish on distributed song-sheets.

Mrs. Lomas prepared an exotic buffet of the foods served in her husband's homeland. She is Italian, but two tables held the vast quantities of Mexican dishes, sweet squash (a candy), enchiladas, tamales, spiced calacas ground in a volcanic ash bowl, green salad and countless pastries she has become expert in preparing.

The club is for the unmarrieds in the St. Bede's Catholic Church parish who are 20 or older. It was organized last March and Frank Grady is president. The monthly business meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus hall in Royal Oak and dinner parties are held monthly, usually at Kingsley Inn.

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