

COLLECTS HUGE SUM ON AUTO LICENSES

SECT. EMMERSON REPORTS

Over \$61,000,000 Since January, 1917, According to Records in His Office; Amounts By Years

During the administration of Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson, a total of nearly \$62,000,000 has been collected in fees by the automobile department, according to the figures given out today.

The exact amount collected from January, 1917, to August 30, this year is \$61,875,000.

When the financing of the first hard road system was being discussed in 1917 considerable doubt was expressed as to whether the automobile fees would be sufficient to pay off the \$60,000,000 bond issue.

Leaving out the matter of interest, enough has been collected already in the first 8 years of the 20 year period to pay off the principal.

In 1917 only \$1,587,772 was collected by the automobile department. During the first 8 months of the present year \$12,600,000 was collected and the total for the year will run well over \$18,000,000.

The figures given out by Secretary Emmerson today show how fees have climbed during the 8 years.

The total for the various years is as follows:

1917	\$1,587,772.89
1918	2,782,507.58
1919	3,282,176.57
1920	5,895,586.92
1921	6,776,781.17
1922	7,861,211.21
1923	9,630,387.77
1924	11,513,827.95
1925 to Aug. 30	\$2,584,117.40

In the meantime the number of automobile licenses issued annually has increased from 240,292 in 1917 to over 1,065,000 issued up to August 30 this year.

LOP THE BUREAUS

Now the President is willing to lop off \$500,000,000 of taxes. Keep aground, Mr. President. We'll back you for a cool billion lop any day, even if it would mean lopping off the bureaus in Washington.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

In many towns they wake up to the value of useful people just about the time these folks decide to move somewhere else.

RESEARCH INSTITUTE NEW AT NORTHWESTERN

Dr. Richard T. Ely, Noted Economist, Heads New Advisory Board

A national advisory board of eminent scientists who are avowedly interested in the proper utilization of the soil, the development of agriculture and wise management and regulation of public utilities, has been established by the Institute for Research and Land Economics and Public Utilities of Northwestern University. One of the first moves by Dr. Richard T. Ely, director of the institute, after affiliation in July with Northwestern, was to ask for the cooperation of scientific men of various universities. Dr. Ely has stressed the point that whereas Chicago and Evanston, Illinois, will be the headquarters of the institute, it is his opinion that affiliated headquarters should exist at various educational centers throughout the United States.

"In furtherance of this aim," Director Ely states, "the institute has established an advisory research council, which is national in scope, to which a number of economists have been invited, and to which others will be invited in the future." The council now includes the following:

- Prof. E. H. Elshard, University of Wisconsin.
- Dean Edmund E. Day, College of Commerce, University of Michigan.
- Prof. Frank A. Potter, Princeton University.
- Dean Ralph E. Hellman, School of Commerce, Northwestern University.
- Prof. C. O. Ruggles, University of Ohio.
- Prof. E. R. Seligman, Columbia University.
- Prof. John D. Black, University of Minnesota.
- Dean Charles M. Thompson, College of Commerce, University of Illinois.

Problems relating to the soil and to the development of public utilities, water power and related resources will be submitted to this advisory council by Director Ely and his staff as their advice and suggestions are needed. It is now planned to invite to Chicago within the next two months all members of the advisory council to meet the trustees of Dr. Ely's institute. These trustees are: Albert Shaw, president of the board, editor, Review of Reviews; M. E. Rosenberry, vice president of the board, justice of the supreme court of Wisconsin; Henry C. Taylor, secretary, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture; Dr. Richard T. Ely, director of the institute and research profes-

sor of economics, Northwestern University; John R. Felt, director, New York T. Kies & Company, New York; Hon. Frank O. Lowden, Governor, Ill., and Gen. William MacChesney, Chicago.

At this meeting, Director Ely will make a brief report on the progress of the institute. "No enduringly satisfactory answers have been offered to the problem of the use of the land and of the regulation of the public utility service," he said. "Illustrative of the problems studied by the present research council are the present research on tenancy and ownership, service contracts, and the relationship between tenancy and ownership, and standards and are being tested in a real case in Montana. In the case of service contracts, a public utility and a municipality have been established to remove certain tendencies of state regulation by re-establishing local economic safeguards."

Both of these institutes are still in progress, Dr. Ely said. With this in mind, he will move in the next few months to Evanston and occupy quarters in the school building opposite of Northwestern University. When Wieboldt building is completed on Chicago, the institute will have a special suite, designed particularly for the comfort and convenience of the staff of scientists.

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STATE UNIVERSITY HAS BRIGHT FUTURE

COMING YEAR PROMISING

Immense Registration Expected and With Many Extensive Improvements Progress Should Be Great

With one of the most successful years of its history just completed, officers, faculty, students and alumni of the University of Illinois are looking forward to another year which should mark a distinct forward step in the institution's educational development and general advancement.

The coming year will see the first semester get under way officially on September 23, with registration activities occupying the two days previous. What the enrollment will be no one can tell in advance, but the figures of the past year should be slightly exceeded.

More than twelve thousand home-fide resident students enrolled in the University of Illinois during the last fiscal year. Unlike many other institutions, Illinois does not have "correspondence" or "extension courses," enrollment in which is counted in the registration figures. Only those students who were in regular attendance during the fall, winter and summer sessions, are counted.

From the construction point of view, the University is now going through one of the greatest periods in its history. Just now being completed at Urbana-Champaign is the new home of the College of Commerce, a half million dollar structure on the new South campus quadrangle. Next to it on the north, the first unit of the new Library is being rushed along to completion. The new Mer's Gymnasium is practically done and furniture is now being moved into the new Woman's Residence Hall.

New Service Buildings A group of service buildings for the college of agriculture are practically all completed. They include a dairy building and equipment, poultry buildings and equipment, swine plant and equipment, work horse and implement barn, and tractor laboratory. They represent an investment by the state of \$380,000. All of these buildings were granted by the General Assembly of two years ago.

In addition to these state buildings, one of the handsomest structures of its kind in the country will be opened on the campus in September. It is the student hospital, a gift of United States Senator William B. McKinley of Champaign. Costing in excess of \$200,000 without furnishings, this building will be used solely for the care of students whose physical condition necessitate hospital treatment.

More Improvements And now within a very short time, just as soon as plans can be completed and contracts awarded—construction work on the two million dollars worth of buildings granted by the last legislature will begin. Most of these are at Urbana-Champaign, although one item covers an addition to the present School of Pharmacy building located at Chicago, which will cost \$350,000. These new projects are:

- Second unit of Library Building and Equipment—\$500,000
- Addition to Armory and Equipment—\$425,000
- Architecture Building and Equipment—\$500,000
- Additional wing to new Gymnasium and Equipment—\$225,000
- Addition to the Present School of Pharmacy Building and Equipment—\$350,000

In addition to the money for buildings, the last session of the General Assembly appropriated \$8,500,000 to be used during the coming two years for operation and maintenance of the institution.

14 IS AGE LIMIT CHILDREN MAY WORK

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 10.—Boys and girls under the age of 14, in Illinois, are forbidden by the law to do any kind of work for compensation, when school is in session, according to an interpretation of the law given W. H. Curran, chief state factory inspector, by Attorney General Oscar E. Carlstrom.

"However, when school is not in session," the attorney general added "they are permitted to do 'voluntary' work of a temporary or harmless character for compensation. 'Obviously no hard and fast rule can be laid down as to what constitutes such work. That is a question of fact to be determined from all the circumstances surrounding each individual case. Undoubtedly it includes such work as running errands, attending lawn, and carrying newspapers when climatic conditions are normal."

Sixteen Limit in Some Trades

"You also call attention to the section concerning child labor wherein certain employments are forbidden to minors under the age of 16 years. That section also provides that no minor under the age of 16 years, shall be employed in any capacity whatever in any employment that the department of labor finds to be injurious to their lives or limbs, or

where their health may be injured or morals depressed.

"You desire to know if the department must first make its finding and give notice thereof to the employer before any liability can attach to said employer. In a case where it was determined that such findings are to be determined. In my opinion that provision has reference to employments other than those specifically mentioned and forbidden. Obviously it would be impossible to enumerate them.

Employers Liable "The true meaning and application of that provision would depend on the facts and circumstances surrounding each individual case. From these facts and circumstances the department would be enabled to make a finding and give notice thereof to the

employer. In a case where it was perfectly obvious that the employment was dangerous to the lives and limbs of the minors or their health I am of the opinion that liability would attach to the employer immediately after the contract was made. But on the other hand if it is conceivable in some cases such liability would not attach at the time of employment.

"In other words, no general rule can be formulated on this subject and the only safe course that can be followed by the department is to treat each case separately."

The American boy begins to be impressed with the perils of swimming about the time the water gets cold.



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