

### Time to Secure Auto Licenses Is Lengthened

If you have failed to make application for a license for your motor vehicle, you are out of luck so far as the unexpired use of your boat is concerned.

This is the edict of Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state, who has announced that owing to the lack of space in the department to take care of the flood of license applications coming into his office during the past few days, motor vehicle license applications will not be accepted until the expiration of the year 1920 and have not yet received their tags may continue to drive their cars with the 1920 tags attached until they receive their new license plates.

Inspection for the state automobile department and peace officers generally thought the state had been informed of the ruling made by Mr. Kozler and are requested to allow auto owners who have applied for licenses to operate their cars until the new licenses have been distributed.

Notwithstanding the department over two months and a half ago motor vehicle owners for their convenience in applying early for 1921 went out application blanks to all licensees, only 49,000 applications have thus far been received in the office for 1921 licenses for the 202,790 cars which were registered during the year 1920.

Not until some ten days ago did the number of applications received equal the daily capacity of the department, consequently, by reason of substantially 20,000 applications being received within the last ten days, a congestion now exists, and it will be possibly the middle of January before licenses can be issued and forwarded on all applications which will be received up to that time. To date, 35,000 licenses have been placed in the mail and 3,500 were delivered over the counter, so that it leaves us substantially 12,000 applications for which to issue licenses, with these which will be received during the next few days.

"This same condition has existed every year, notwithstanding the department has urged the motor vehicle owners to apply early for their licenses for the ensuing year, and we know of no way to obviate this unless by the imposition of a penalty for failure to display the license plates immediately upon the beginning of the new license year," said Mr. Kozler. "This however, is a matter solely within the province of the Legislative Assembly."

Indications are that the number of new cars which will be registered in the state during 1921 will be not less than the number registered during the year 1920. As all moneys received from motor vehicle license, less administrative expenses, is directed to be expended in road construction and road improvement throughout the state, the license fees resulting from the natural increase in the number of motor vehicles will very materially add to the funds available for road extension throughout Oregon, and with the receipts from the gasoline tax, would aggregate well on to \$2,000,000 in the year 1921. The total receipts from motor vehicle license fees and other fees from the operation of the motor vehicle law during the year 1920, was \$2,081,000. The total gasoline tax collected was over \$451,000, so that the natural increase of the fees from these two sources should give well on to three millions of dollars in 1921.

Every effort is being made by the department to expedite the issuing of 1921 motor vehicle licenses. Registrations are being made and license plates issued at a rate of from 2,000 to 2,500 daily.

### Polk Lags Behind Tuesday at Hubbard In Relief Drive

Dallas, Or., Jan. 1.—Through a misunderstanding Polk county has been slow in making its quota for the European relief drive. All the other counties in Oregon, except Polk and Linn, have raised their portion. Western Polk county is credited with \$2000. The territory covered by Dallas City, Aiche, Blackwell, McCoy, Perrydale, Hall and their surrounding country, collectors will begin work in their respective localities Monday, January 2. The money will all be spent in the United States for food, which will be sent to the starving children in Europe.

Miss Mildred Forrest, a student at the state agricultural college, was the house guest of Miss MacDonald, at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDonald, on Levens street, over the week-end. Miss Forrest is a member of the Sigma Kappa, a local sorority at the college.

Miss MacDonald, who is home from O. A. C. to spend the holidays, entertained at an informal evening affair Friday evening. The rooms were decorated with poinsettias and ferns. Games made up the diversion of the evening, after which light refreshments were served at an appointed table. Those calling on Miss MacDonald were Miss Jeanette Klotzinger, Miss Marion Anderson, Miss Ingeborg Stroude, Miss Otella Pratt, Miss Pauline Rickel, Miss Ruth Smith and Miss Mildred Shaw.

### Catholics Will Make Donations to Fund Sunday

Contributions for the European children's relief fund will be taken up at the Catholic church at each of the three morning services tomorrow, it was announced today. Committees from the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabella and the Women's Catholic Circle of Forests will be stationed at the church entrance to receive donations.

Arrangements with F. G. Decker, Marion county chairman of the campaign, to accept the offerings on Sunday as the most convenient time for all committees to be present.

### Ace Garage At Independence Goes Bankrupt

Independence, Or., Jan. 1.—The Ace Garage under the management of F. C. McClaine for the past three years, went in the hands of the receiver last evening, having voluntarily assigned the stock over to C. W. Irvine, president of the Farmers State bank of this city, for the benefit of the creditors. The total assets and liabilities are not definitely known at this time, but the receiver believes that the creditors will receive nearly 100 cents on the dollar.

The Ace Garage handled the Ford agency in this city and the assignment came as a great surprise to many people in Independence. The business will be continued under the same name, with Albert Plant, former secretary of the company as general manager. It is said that the Farmers State bank and William Dawes of Independence are the heaviest creditors. The company's assets are supposed to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and it is believed that the assets, when all outstanding accounts are collected, will amount to more than that amount, leaving a surplus of perhaps \$2000 or \$3000 for Mr. McClaine after the creditors are all satisfied.

### Big Program at G. M. Scheduled

Today in the big red letter day at the Y. M. C. A. where an all day entertainment is being given for the benefit of the public. This morning's program consisted of a paper chase; a one-mile run, a free luncheon to all participants in the events of the morning.

This afternoon's program beginning at 2:30 is as follows:

1. Group games by preps and beginners.
2. Indoor baseball game by Juniors.
3. Ward drill by cadets.
4. Basketball game by the intermediates.
5. Calisthenics drill and volley ball by the business men.

Beginning at 4 o'clock the swimming events will be staged. There will be at least two entries for each of the following events, which will include the three-set diving events of plain, jackknife and swan dive, and also two voluntary dives.

Preps and beginners: One length free style, one length back and diving.

Cadets: Two length free style, and one length side stroke and diving.

Juniors: Three lengths free style, plunge for distance, and diving.

Intermediates and seniors: Fifty yards free style, five lengths free style, plunge and diving.

Men: Fifty yards free style, two lengths free style and diving.

At 7 p. m. the orchestra will give a musical program in the lobby of the Y, and the final events on the program will be given at 8:30 p. m.

### Harding Works Today

Marion, Ohio, Jan. 1.—President-elect Harding took only a part holiday at his desk at work on miscellaneous business that has accumulated during his almost continuous conferences on the policies of his administration. He arranged to have his new year's dinner at home with Mrs. Harding and several personal friends.

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### Secretary of State's Office Sets Record for Annual Transactions

Smashing all records for the volume of business through the office, the twelve months ending last night saw disbursements totaling over \$27,000,000 made through the office of Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state, according to a statement made public by Mr. Kozler late yesterday afternoon. To give an idea of how rapidly the work of his department has increased of late months, Mr. Kozler said that the total disbursements for the year 1918 only slightly over \$6,000,000.

The \$27,000,000 disbursements for the past year are represented by nearly 51,000 separate claims of varying sums, and represent disbursements from the general fund and the various trust funds of the state. The principal disbursements, aggregating \$15,000,000, were on account of road construction and road improvement throughout the state under the direction of the State Highway Commission. Disbursements of the Industrial Accident Commission on account of the operation of the Compensation Law aggregated over \$2,000,000, and for other governmental expenses, over \$8,000,000.

The receipts of the department are principally from the motor vehicle licenses and the tax on gasoline and distillate sold and distributed throughout the state, from motor vehicle licenses, the operation of the motor vehicle law including operators' licenses, \$2,085,000 were received. This represents license fees upon 102,790 passenger and commercial cars, 3,516 motor-cycles, and for the registration of 2,294 chauffeurs, 751 motor vehicle dealers and 140,081 motor vehicle operators. For the year 1919 the number of motor vehicles registered was 53,332, so that the increase in the registrations of motor vehicles in 1920 was 24 1/2 per cent over 1919. The receipts for motor vehicle registrations during the year 1919 aggregated slightly over \$400,000. The receipts from the gasoline tax in 1920 amounted to \$493,375.

Other items making up some of the business of the department were the issuing of 1,885 Notarial Commission, filing 3,840 notices of migratory chattels, filing 161 farm names and filing and recording 401 miscellaneous appointments, proclamations, pardons and other papers of the executive department. 71 trade marks were also registered during the year.

At no time during an experience of nearly twenty years in the office of the secretary of state can I recall when the department has been taxed to the capacity demand of it at this time. Especially at this period of the year when it falls upon the secretary of state to prepare for the legislative assembly, to compile and have published the biennial budget of requirements of the various state activities for the

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