

GREAT INCREASE IN METROPOLITAN INSURANCE ASSETS

The Metropolitan Life Insurance company issued, revised and increased a total of \$3,174,994,475 paid-for life insurance in 1933, increased its assets \$61,388,766, paid a record amount to policy holders and declared the third largest dividend in its history. These and other features of the company's annual business statement were announced Thursday by Frederick H. Ecker, president of the Metropolitan, at the opening of the annual convention of the company's field managers in the Metropolitan auditorium. The convention, attended by more than 1,000 field representatives in the United States and Canada, continues in session today and Saturday, and concludes with a banquet at the Hotel Astor Saturday evening.

The volume of life insurance business done by the Metropolitan last year was less than 3 per cent behind the total of 1932, and only slightly more than 7 per cent off from that of 1931—the company's record year. Of the total business paid for last year, \$1,589,300,706 was ordinary insurance, \$1,505,470,439 industrial and \$89,223,330 group. The amount of ordinary insurance was several million dollars greater than the total reported for 1932.

At the end of last year, the Metropolitan had in force total life insurance of \$18,802,984,818 — \$9,936,236,416 ordinary, \$6,424,469,056 industrial and \$2,442,279,346 group. In addition, the company had in force personal accident and health insurance carrying a principal sum benefit of \$1,213,632,700, and weekly indemnity of \$12,336,618. The number of life insurance policies in force, including group certificates, was 41,660,510.

The total assets of the company on December 31st were \$3,860,761,191. Mr. Ecker pointed out that one of the principal changes in the assets during the year had been an increase in the bond holdings—chiefly government, state and municipal bonds—and in the cash item, thus giving the company an even more liquid position. While policy loans continued to increase, he said, the rate of increase was considerably less than that shown in the preceding year. The ratio of real estate acquired through foreclosure to total real estate mortgage holdings continued relatively small, he declared. The company's unassigned funds, or surplus, was increased to \$243,123,033, and the contingency reserve, which is also in the nature of surplus, was maintained at \$43,000,000.

Payments to Metropolitan policyholders or their beneficiaries, which passed the half-billion dollar mark in 1932, surpassed even that record last year, when \$572,079,580 was disbursed in the form of death benefits, matured endowments, annuities, dividends, disability benefits, cash surrender values, etc. Of the total amount, \$181,586,374 was paid in settlement of death claims, and well over \$400,000,000 to living policyholders. The total payments averaged \$4,740.73 a minute for each business day.

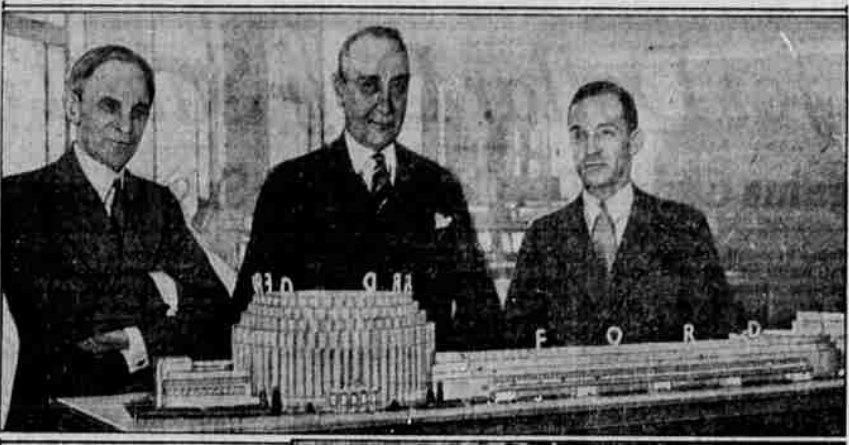
The company's income for the year was \$871,233,000. Notwithstanding the record amount paid to policyholders, Mr. Ecker pointed out that this income afforded ample means for making these payments, and provided the necessary funds for expenses and additions to reserve, and an increase in the company's surplus.

The amount reserved for dividends payable in 1934 was \$95,230,432. The regular scales of dividends on premium-paying policies are the same as those of a year ago. The rate of interest on dividends, left to accumulate with the company, has been continued at 4 1/2 per cent, while the rate on other monies left with the company has been reduced from 4 1/2 per cent to 4 per cent. Industrial policyholders, it is estimated, will receive \$45,232.89 in dividends, ordinary policyholders \$48,188,553, and accident and health policyholders \$1,800,000. Mr. Ecker commented that, including the 1934 declaration, the Metropolitan has paid or credited since its organization a total of \$918,472,210 to policyholders in the form of business and dividends. Of this amount, more than 40 per cent, or nearly \$400,000,000 has been earned and declared during the four full depression years—1920-23.

The daily average of the company's business in 1933 was 2,026 per day in number of claims paid, 19,92 per day in number of life insurance policies issued and revived, \$10,513,227 per day in life insurance issued, revived and increased, \$2,231,475 in payments to policyholders and addition to the reserve, and \$307,612 per day in increase of assets.

Dance at Rogue Elk Saturday night, March 3.

FORD TO BUILD HUGE EXPOSITION AT THE 1934 CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR



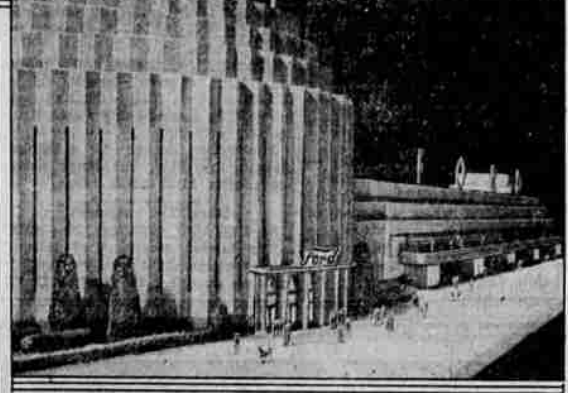
A GREAT Ford Exposition, portraying the tremendous part the automobile plays in the manufacture of today's motor cars, is planned by the Ford Motor Company for the 1934 World's Fair.

The Ford Exposition will be housed in a giant building 600 feet long to be built in the heart of the fair grounds on an 11-acre plot bordering Lake Michigan and flanking the main fair boulevard. Construction of the building will start March 1.

In the dominant central building will be housed Henry Ford's "Drama of Transportation," depicting the development of wheeled vehicles from the chariots of ancient Egyptian kings to modern motor cars. Every model of Ford car made since 1903 will be included.

In the smaller building to the left will be housed some of the priceless historic exhibits from the Edison Institute at Dearborn, Mich., including the one-story brick workshop, complete with the original tools, where Mr. Ford in 1893 built with his own hands his first motor car. This first car will be displayed inside the shop.

The main exposition building will display an imposing array of exhibits, most of them in action, show how steel, aluminum and other metals, soy beans, corn, wool, cotton



Henry Ford and Edsel B. Ford show to Rufus C. Dawes (center), president of the World's Fair, the scale model of the giant Ford Exposition building to be built at the 1934 Fair. (Lower) The Ford building as it will be seen from Left Erikson drive. Opposite the building will be a huge park bordering Lake Michigan.

and other farm products and the products of myriad industries are converted into car parts. The building also will house displays of cars and a big movie theater. Along the east side will be an open-air balcony

equipped with chairs and lounges where hundreds may relax.

Across the drive fronting the lake will be a big Ford Park, beautifully landscaped and also fitted with seats and other comforts for fair crowds.

BLUE BLOOD BEEF FOR EASTER FEAST

An Easter treat is in store for patrons of the Groceries Super-Food Markets of this city. Gates and Lydard have purchased six thoroughbred two-year-old Hereford steers from Verne Brophy to be featured in the meat markets of this well-known firm just before Easter. In describing the painstaking preparation of this meat for the Easter table, W. A. Gates said:

"The two steers, selected from over 900 fine steers on the Brophy ranch, have been grain fed since the last week in January. They will be specially fed under the personal direction of Verne Brophy, until March 20, when they will be butchered and placed in our refrigerated meat room until Easter. This aging, under uniform low temperature follows the usual Groceries procedure in handling meats and adds to the rich flavor of the meat. Mr. Brophy is closely co-operating with Norman Bond, manager of the meat markets in the Groceries Super-Food Markets."

According to Mr. Gates, only one market in the United States is featuring this type of service, to his knowledge. This market, located in Chicago, prepared Christmas meats every year in this manner.

Tested Recipes

How About the Stuffing Route to Culinary Triumphs?

Along about this time of year many a home maker gets into the rut known as winter vegetables, and complaints go up. . . . "I get so tired of boiled cabbage and boiled turnips and the rest of the procession. . . . I wish spring vegetables would hurry in."

Well, there's a way out right now. Take your despoiled cabbage and your floured turnips and try the stuffing route to a culinary thrill. A little stuffing now and then is relished by the best of vegetables, you know, as an ordinary cabbage becomes quite high hat when stuffed with a mixture of corned beef, crumbled Snow Flakes, onion and sour cream.

Turnips, too, enjoy a bit of stuffing. There's nothing like cheese to bring out the flavor of a bland vegetable like turnips. Now that there are opportunities, suppose we try something different. Here is a suggestion to start you off:

Stuffed Cabbage

1 cabbage
2 cups cooked corned beef, ground.
20 Snow Flake crackers, crumbled fine.
1/2 onion, minced.
2 tablespoons butter, salt and pepper.
1/2 cup sour cream.
3 tablespoons grated cheese.
2 cups thin white sauce.
Cut out center of cabbage, reserve for stew, and parboil remainder in salted water. When tender but not soft, lift from water and drain. Mix corned beef, 1 cup crumbled crackers, onion, 1 tablespoon butter, seasoning and cream. Stuff cabbage with this mixture. Mix remaining crackers with cheese and remaining butter. Sprinkle over cabbage. Put in greased casserole, add white sauce, cover and bake 30 minutes in hot oven (475 degrees). This makes six portions.

Another vegetable you can glorify with stuffing is the baked stuffed turnip and here is the way to do it:

Baked Stuffed Turnips
8 yellow turnips, medium size.
12 Snow Flake crackers, crumbled.
1-3 cup grated cheese.
3 tablespoons butter.
Paprika.
1 cup medium white sauce.
Peel turnips and cook in boiling salted water until tender but not soft. Drain and hollow out centers. Mix crumbled crackers with cheese, two tablespoons softened butter, and enough turnip liquor to make mixture hold together. Fill turnips with mixture, brush with remaining butter, sprinkle with paprika, and place in buttered baking dish. Bake in

hot oven (425 degrees F.) until golden brown. Chop pieces of turnip removed from centers and add to hot white sauce. Serve over turnips. Six portions.

Menus of the Day

By Mrs. Alexander George

LUNCHEON SERVING SIX
The Menu
Tomato Juice Cocktail
Celery Seed Wafers
Chicken Loaf
Stuffed Eggs
Creamed New Potatoes
Orange Muffins
Butter
Spiced Peaches
Raspberry Sherbet
Sponge Cakes
Salted Nuts Coffee

Chicken Loaf, Serving Six
2 cups diced cooked chicken.
2-3 cup soft bread.
2 eggs.
2 tablespoons chopped pimientos.
2 tablespoons chopped celery.
1 tablespoon chopped green pepper.
1/4 teaspoon finely chopped onion.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
1 cup milk.
2 tablespoons butter, melted.

Mix ingredients. Pour into buttered loaf pan. Bake 35 minutes in moderately slow oven. Let stand 5 minutes in hot place, unmold carefully. Surround with stuffed eggs, garnish with parsley.

Stuffed Eggs
8 hard cooked eggs.
1-3 cup salad dressing.
3 tablespoons chopped pickles.
1/4 teaspoon salt.
1/4 teaspoon chopped parsley.
Cut eggs in halves. Remove and mash yolks, add dressing and seasonings and when blended, roughly re-fill egg white cases. Chill and serve. Orange Muffins (Using Canned Peel)

2 cups flour.
4 teaspoons baking powder.
1-3 teaspoon salt.
4 tablespoons sugar.
1-3 cup chopped candied peel.
1 egg.
1 cup milk.
3 tablespoons butter, melted.

Mix ingredients and beat 1 minute. Half fill small greased muffin pans and bake 10 minutes in moderate oven. With sharp knife make small cuts in the sides and insert butter. Serve at once.

Left over cooked or canned fish added to a gelatin mixture which has been highly seasoned, when congealed, forms a tasty salad suitable for luncheon or supper.

Long Lost Watch Found.
REVERE, Mass.—(UP)—A watch lost under water by John Putnam 20 years ago was found by workmen clearing out a mill race. Although one of the hands had rusted off, the watch was wound up and began ticking as regularly as ever.

Completes Life Work.
MILWAUKEE, Wis.—(UP)—A "mercy-go-round" embellished with the figures of 56 angels, recently was completed by Richard Reuter, 60. Reuter's masterpiece was begun in many years ago. He carved all figures and decorations from rare woods.

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SCHERMERHORN'S HEARING SATURDAY

Arguments will be heard Saturday morning by Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth of Eugene on the cost bill as well as the bill of exceptions in the appeal to the state supreme court in the case of Gordon L. Schermernhorn, former sheriff, under a three-year state prison sentence for ballot box conviction.

The cost bill is listed at approximately \$1900. The state holds that Schermernhorn is liable for the full amount under the provisions of the Oregon statute providing that a defendant, if convicted, shall pay all costs. The defense holds the former official is liable only for the statutory amounts.

Monday, March 5, was the final date set by Judge Skipworth for filing of the bill of exceptions so as to avoid further delay. The hearing and settling of the exceptions was set for Saturday.

Judge Skipworth will arrive Friday night for the case, and Judge Norton will hold the regular Josephine county session on Saturday.

MONTANA'S BEER LAW BRINGS GROWLER BACK

HELENA, Mon.—(UP)—Somewhat behind the march of events which saw first 3.2 beer and then "hard" liquor legalized, the good old "growler" has come into its own again in Montana.

Attorneys have interpreted Montana's newly revised beer bill to allow transportation of beer from retailers' establishments in quantities not to exceed five gallons. A growler, or beer pail, holds about one-half gallon.

Such transportation previously was outlawed.

29TH CHILD ARRIVES FOR NEGRO FATHER

CHICAGO, March 2.—(UP)—Green Cox, negro, 33, announced the birth today of his 29th child.

Mrs. Cox, his second wife, presented him with the child, a boy, last night. She is the mother of 25 of his children.

Bright Spots

Coca Cola Co. reports 1933 net profit of \$10,838,933, against \$10,712,872 in 1932.

New York Central railroad reports freight loadings last week were 100,743 cars against 77,179 cars in similar 1933 week.

Anchor Cap Corp reports 1933 net income of \$549,760, against \$374,367 in preceding 12 months.

American Power & Light Corp. reports electric output last week was 79,538,000 kilowatt hours, up 11.4 per cent from like 1933 week.

Federated department stores declare extra dividend of 10 cents a share on common stock.

Evangelist Will Speak to Young

Tonight will be young people's night at the Christian church revival. Evangelist D. Loyd Morgan will speak on the subject, "God's Part and Man's Part in Salvation." A social hour will follow the preaching service.

A question box has been placed at the entrance of the auditorium for public use. The following questions will be answered tonight: "What is the unpardonable sin?" "Are all people born in sin?" "Is the golden rule for all people?"

The musical program starts each night at 7:30. No service on Saturday night.

Boys' Marks Were Lowest

MOODUS, Conn.—(UP)—Male students at Nathan Hale high school here can't seem to take it. Out of 39 students on the honor roll with a grade of 85 or better, only seven were boys. Incidentally, the boys had the lowest marks.

Used Boyhood Skates at 50.
CHAUNCEY, O.—(UP)—George Harvey Nye, who has just celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary, skated here recently on a pond where he skated 65 years ago. Nye used the same pair of wooden skates he bought when a boy of 15.

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SALEM, Ore., Mar. 2.—(UP)—Speed demons, Sunday joyriders, and the like hereby take notice.

The state highway commission today notified "Flash" O'orman, Seattle automobile racer, Oregon highways are not available as speedways to anyone.

"Flash" applied for permission to drive a car at any rate of speed over the Pacific highway in an attempt to set a new record for a run from Vancouver, B. C., to Tijuana, Mexico. "Cannonball" Baker holds the present mark. It was said.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE OPENED TODAY

The plant sale under auspices of the Medford Garden club opened this morning at 314 East Main street next to the Star market, and will continue until Saturday night.

Those assisting Mrs. L. Bundy, who is chairman, are: Mrs. H. E. Spilver, Mrs. Ralph Woodford, Mrs. C. L. Goff, Mrs. Glen Arnsperger and Mrs. Louis Brown. The committee wishes to thank those who have so generously contributed from their gardens.

In keeping with the times—Drugs and Toiletries at Cut Prices at JARMAN'S DRUG STORE

STAR MARKET

SATURDAY SPECIALS

Choice Turkeys and R. I. Red Chickens, per lb.	18c
Beef Pot Roasts, lb.	10c
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\$300 for Pheasant.
DES MOINES, Ia.—(UP)—Two deputy game wardens report a sudden rise in the price of pheasants. They surprised Ray Goebel in the act of shooting at the bird; he had no hunting license, and two loaded guns in his car. He was fined \$300 on the three counts.

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