

program the Employment Service is continuing its normal service of job-finding for all workers and employers.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles—When Commissioner Elgin took office, the policy of this department was to allow drivers who failed to pass their examinations for drivers' licenses, to take another examination the following day. The Commissioner felt that this did not give the applicant the proper chance to qualify himself as a driver, and the time limit was increased to five days.

It was also the policy of the department to allow applicants for drivers' licenses to apply for examination five days after they received their Instruction Permits. Feeling that new drivers could not within five days be trained adequately and acquainted with the principles of safe driving, the department established a new ruling requiring learners to wait fifteen days, instead of five.

Because of numerous complaints received from motor vehicle owners who had received tax bills on cars which had been sold, assigned, or junked, a strip was added to the title, perforated to be torn off and forwarded to the department when the car changed hands. Upon receipt of these strips the various Tax Collectors throughout the State are immediately advised that the motor vehicle is no longer titled in that particular owner's name. It is believed that this new system will relieve the owners of confusion of tax records and unnecessary inconvenience and trouble.

During the fiscal year 1940, 461,248 automobile licenses and 172,456 drivers' licenses were issued, an increase of 21,816 automobile licenses and 9,207 drivers' licenses over 1939.

Maryland Racing Commission—It is very gratifying to report that, despite greatly increased competition throughout the Country, racing in this State has continued at the highest level, and the receipts accruing to the State have shown an increase during the year just past.

Under the administration of Chairman Chester F. Hockley and his colleagues, the standard of racing throughout the State has been maintained thoroughly, and the prestige of Maryland racing still further established.

Board of Post Mortem Examiners—At your last general session, an act was passed to establish the Board of Post Mortem Examiners, consisting of the Director of Health of the State, Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City, the Chief Pathologists of the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins Medical Schools and the Attorney General. This Board appoints one of more Post Mortem Examiners in the counties and three in Baltimore City. The latter are paid salaries by Baltimore City and the County Examiners are paid by the counties on a fee basis.

The Members of the Baltimore City Board are available for county services upon reimbursement by the counties for expenses. The Board is concerned with persons who are suspected of having died by other than natural means and has demonstrated its value in handling cases of this kind.

CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITALS

A Commission appointed by me last summer to devise ways and means for the most adequate care of aged persons with chronic diseases has submitted its report, which has been transmitted by me to the Legislative Council.

Upon a statistical basis, it has been estimated that there are approximately 1,700 persons in the State, outside of Baltimore City, who need treatment for