

and regulations were adopted, presented to the Executive Council, and approved.

In 1954, this department had 673 cars and 278 trucks, making a total of 951 units. The total for 1953 was 827 units. The policy of eliminating the operation of high-mileage personally-owned cars increased the fleet considerably. In 1953, 507 new motor vehicles were purchased by this division of the Executive Council, and 317 used units were sold. During 1954, 220 new units were purchased and 190 used units were sold.

The Car Dispatcher Department maintains a record of miles driven, cost per mile of each unit, and the overall operation cost. All purchases of cars and trucks are made by bid, and with the approval of the Executive Council. The assignment of all motor vehicles must have also the same approval. For 1953, the operating cost for passenger cars was \$.0311 per mile, and for trucks \$.0699 per mile. For 1954, the cost per mile for cars was \$.0316 per mile, and \$.0679 for trucks.

IOWA CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The responsibility of the Iowa Centennial Memorial Commission is to administer the \$200,000 fund realized from the sale of memorial half dollars during the Iowa centennial year, 1947. The commission is authorized to spend the income from this fund for awards and scholarships. In 1951 the "Iowa award" was created and presented to Herbert Hoover. More than a score of scholarships to Iowa colleges have been granted.

The commission was set up in 1949 by Governor Robert D. Blue.

The membership of the commission includes all former governors, four "citizen" members, and several state officials, who serve ex officio. The last include the governor, who is chairman of the commission; president of the state board of regents, who is secretary; treasurer, who is treasurer; and attorney general, who is attorney. The "citizen" members are Mrs. Mary Humeston, Albia; Mrs. Helen Mitchell, Mason City; Ralph Evans, Davenport; and John M. Henry, Des Moines.

Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar

