

accident and enforcement information for guidance of the various public safety programs that are within the responsibility of the safety department.

Division of Safety Education

BEN PLOOF, Polk County, Director.

The safety education division was created by action of the Forty-eighth General Assembly for the purpose of promoting highway safety through public information and education. The division co-operates with national, state and local civic organizations and official agencies in stimulating and developing the effectiveness of Iowa's traffic safety program.

Mailing lists are maintained to disseminate public information concerning accident trends, new traffic legislation, posters, pamphlets and other safety materials to schools, organizations, official agencies and news media. A film library maintained by the division distributes safety films throughout the state on a free loan basis.

IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

(Office located on ground floor Capitol Building)

ROBERT E. ECKMAN, Des Moines, Director

GARY L. CAMERON, Secretary of State and Chairman.

WILLIAM C. KNAPP, Des Moines; term ending June 30, 1969.

MAX E. GUERNSEY, Waterloo; term ending June 30, 1969.

STEPHEN G. DARLING, Iowa City; term ending June 30, 1967.

GERY M. MARTIN, Sioux City; term ending June 30, 1967.

The first real estate license law was enacted by the Forty-third General Assembly and became effective Jan. 1, 1930. The law was administered by the secretary of state, who was designated as real estate commissioner. This law was amended and revised by the Fifty-first General Assembly to provide, among other things, that as of Jan. 1, 1946, the law would be administered by a five-member commission composed of the secretary of state as chairman and four additional members appointed by the governor with the approval of the senate.

ECKMAN, Robert E.

Polk County

Director Iowa Real Estate Commission

Born Oct. 22, 1909, son of August R. and Rhoda A. Eckman. Educated in Des Moines public schools, graduated from North High School. Married Lillie B. Butcher of Des Moines, 1941. Father of a daughter, Marilyn, age 15. Member of National Guard, 1927, and called to active duty with the 34th Infantry Division February, 1941. Served overseas in WWII from April, 1942 to June, 1945. Taken prisoner by Germans in Tunisia, North Africa, Feb. 17, 1943. Liberated by American forces at Moosburg, Germany, April 28, 1945. Retired from active duty as lieutenant colonel, October, 1954.



During the past 19 years it has been the administrative policy of the real estate department to correct most of the evils in the real estate brokerage business which had developed over many years of uncontrolled practice. This has resulted in elevating the real estate business to a professional status and has tended to encourage men and women in all walks of life to enter this business where income is based on intelligence, initiative and hard work.

While the present law requires a rather complete and comprehensive written examination for all applicants it has not tended to deter or discourage the many people who are endeavoring to get into this business. The examinations are held once a month at a specific time and place set by the commission.

The fees for a broker's and salesman's examination are \$10.00 and \$5.00 respectively. The same amount is charged each year for renewal of the license, which expires on Dec. 31 of the year of issuance.

The department prepares and distributes free to the citizens of Iowa a Real Estate Primer which is a basis for the qualifying examination and which has been accepted and used as a textbook by many high schools, colleges and universities in Iowa and many other states. This primer and the educational institutes held over the state each year have contributed materially in reducing law violations to a minimum and have facilitated the economical and efficient operation of the department.

The department is also charged with the responsibility of regulating and investigating the business conduct of all real estate licensees in their relationship with the public, and holds hearings on formal complaints which contain evidence which would indicate a violation of the law.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

(Offices located on fourth floor, State Office Building)

Board members appointed by Governor; term six years.

ARTHUR DOWNING, Polk County, Democrat, Chairman; term expires June 30, 1971.

MRS. IRENE M. SMITH, Wapello County, Democrat, Vice Chairman; term expires June 30, 1969.

LAWRENCE PUTNEY, Tama County, Republican; term expires June 30, 1967.

DOWNING, Arthur, Polk County Democrat

Chairman, State Board of Social Welfare

Born in Des Moines, Nov. 2, 1907, son of James T. and Mary Alice Downing. Graduate of East High School, Des Moines; graduate, University of Iowa, 1934. Married Lois Allott in 1939; two children: a married son, James A. of Des Moines, and a daughter, Jean, at home. Worked for Rollins Hosiery Mills, Des Moines, and Interstate Assurance Co., Des Moines. Case worker, certifying officer and county director, Iowa Emergency Relief Administration 1934-1939. With Works Progress Administration as social worker and employment supervisor in Ft. Dodge, Sioux City, Waterloo and Des Moines, 1939-1943. Field representative, State Department of Social Welfare, 1943-1945. From June 1945 to Feb. 1946, state director of the War Relocation Authority, Department of Interior. Returned to Department of Social Welfare as field representative and in August 1946 was appointed director of field staff. Became director of community work and training programs, August 1964, administering Title V under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Appointed board member 1965. Methodist. Member American Public Welfare Association and Iowa Welfare Association.

