

STATE HAS DEPT. FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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The State of Illinois has established a division of Vocational Rehabilitation. This work is administered through the State Board for Vocational Education in cooperation with the Federal Government.

The work of vocational rehabilitation is this: There are many cases of men or women who, in the pursuit of legitimate occupation, have at some time suffered injuries which makes it impossible for them to pursue their former occupation; consequently they have been compelled to resort to poorly paid jobs or have been unable to get any job at all. Now it is believed that most of these people, if they were given an opportunity, would be glad to learn some occupation which can be pursued by persons disabled as they have been.

Vocational rehabilitation undertakes to give these people such an opportunity, and to assist them in finding work at their new occupations.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation desire, therefore, to come in contact with such handicapped persons, and to give them training in some trade or occupation suited to their disability. This training may be in a school, or in an establishment where the person can learn on the job, under such instruction as may be necessary, or even under private tutelage. The expense of training will be paid by the state. The state will pay also for such books and supplies as are necessary to help the injured person in learning his special work, and may supply in addition, whatever artificial members are needed for the work in question. The state cannot pay for the support of the person while in training, but it can otherwise help largely in enabling him to remunerative labor. After the handicapped person is able to follow his new occupation, everything possible will be done to secure him work at it.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is undertaking to help other persons of employable age, no matter what their disability may be, or in injured in any kind of accident, so injured in any kind of accident, so that they cannot pursue a remunerative occupation, and persons handicapped by disease, whether congenital or acquired later in life, are also eligible for rehabilitation.

"Newt" Matter, of Wheaton, former county treasurer and coroner, is field agent for the department. He has charge of the counties of Will, Kane, Kendall and DuPage. He says the work is interesting and the department is doing a great deal of good for people who are so situated, before taking the training, that they become burdens on the taxpayers. Anyone knowing of a case which would come under the provisions of the law is asked to get in touch with Mr. Matter.

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SHORTAGE OF CARS FOR MOVING GRAIN MAY PROVE SERIOUS

Coal Car Shortage of 25 to 35% in Sight—Railroads Work on the Problem

Cars for the moving of bumper grain crops and the winter coal supply are going to be in great demand during the coming months if early indications can be relied upon. The transportation department of the Illinois Agricultural Association is urging farm bureau members who expect to make carlot shipments to place orders early.

A coal car shortage of 25 to 35 per cent is anticipated and the under supply of cars for shipping grains and grain products is already causing the railroads to use emergency measures to increase the supply of grain cars. This is being done in one way by relining damaged box cars with compressed paper.

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Tree's Roots Above Ground. The roots of the kizibua palm of Central America all spring from the stem above the ground, every new root emerging from a point higher on the stem than the one which preceded it.

Electrical Hair Cutting. There is in use in France an electric substitute for the barber's scissors. It consists of a comb carrying along one side of its row of teeth a platinum wire through which flows an electric current. As the comb passes through the locks to be shorn the heated wire in-stantaneously severs the hairs, leaving them of even length and sealing the cut ends as in the ordinary process of shingling with a taper.

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