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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD JOTTINGS

Happenings of Interest Here
And There in Lake Co.;
County Seat News
and Notes

Infantile paralysis, dormant at Waukegan since 1913, has broken out again, according to city health officer, Dr. John C. Foley. One case is reported.

Carl Birst, Wauconda, has a fractured hip and is badly bruised as the result of being jammed into the wall of a stall by a horse at his home last week. He was taken to the Victory Memorial hospital, Waukegan.

Sheriff Elmer J. Green received a delightful surprise when he was presented a fine purse of money by the men who had served as his deputies for a number of years.

Speculation is rife in Waukegan as to whether any more hard coal boats will arrive in that city this year before the close of navigation. It is admitted that if more boats do not come that the supply may be insufficient to meet the needs of the public.

Mrs. Thomas Rankin of Lake Bluff, escaped what might have been a fatal accident last week, when a Ford sedan in which she was driving ran wild and tumbled into the electric tracks under the viaduct on Broadway, North Chicago. She was unhurt except a few scratches about the face, but the car was badly demolished.

What is purported to be a list of the Waukegan members of the Ku Klux Klan mysteriously distributed in that city and found on the doorsteps of the foes of the Klan caused a furore there last week. The list is an alphabetical one and contains the names of many prominent Waukegan men.

Summons was issued last week for F. W. Phillips, superintendent of the Hill Crest school and orphanage at Fox Lake, and his wife, who, it is charged, by Miss Ida Himmelreich, officer of the Lake County Humane society, practically starved and froze the 19 inmates, most of them from Chicago, and otherwise mistreated them in an almost unbelievable manner.

State and county authorities also have taken a hand in the investigation.

Although there have been continued rumors from Zion City that there have been six or seven deaths from diphtheria no report had been made to Coroner John L. Taylor, of Libertyville. The state investigators of the health department were in Zion and reported the situation is under control.

REVENUE BUREAU IS AFTER BACK TAXES

Endeavoring to Clean up All
Amounts Owing for Past
Years

Under the revenue laws the government cannot inaugurate any action for collections of any internal revenue tax after the expiration of five years from the time tax was due. The revenue taxes on incomes, profits, etc., for the year 1917 were due March 15, 1918. The five-year period in which the government can institute suits to recover money from tax evaders expires March 15 next.

In view of that fact, the Internal Revenue Department is bending every energy to clean up all uncollected and disputed tax cases for the year 1917. Tens of thousands of these cases were left by the Democratic administration. Moreover, it has been ascertained by the present administration that thousands of tax cases were closed which should not have been. Their closing meant the loss of tens of millions of dollars to the government.

The present revenue department is reopening a large percentage of these cases and compelling tax evaders who compromised with the Democratic administration to pay what they owe the government. The larger cases involve payments in sums ranging from \$500.00 to \$5,000,000.

It is the intention of the present administration, to cut all red tape in the consideration of these claims in order to arrive at a decision before the statute of limitation takes effect. In addition an extra force is being put on for the purpose of re-auditing those returns which have excited some suspicion. As a result of amended returns have been filed with the Internal Revenue office and back taxes are coming in at the rate of about \$26,000,000 a month. This is one of the results of the present administration's injection of business into government.

When people thrown down the gage of battle, they have to pick up and carry off the mortgages of a war debt.

A satisfactory demonstration of what should be done with the Turks was given by father with his carving knife Thanksgiving Day.

FEDERAL PRISONERS FEES KEEP UP JAIL

COVER OTHER EXPENSES

Interesting Facts Regarding the
Operation of This Lake
County Dept. Under
Sheriff

In connection with the assumption of duties of sheriff of Lake county last week by Edward Ahlstrom, it is interesting to note the change that obtains in the sheriff's office and conduct of business now and during the last term of Sheriff Green's administration as compared to years ago.

It was during the last term of Sheriff Green that the state law was changed whereby instead of being allowed 50 cents a day for the meals for each prisoner the county pays the bills in a different way. Under the new law the sheriff buys the food for the prisoners and the county pays the bill. Furthermore the sheriff's wife is allowed to hire a domestic and pay her upwards of \$18 a week for her service.

The county pays these bills whereas under the old plan the sheriff had to buy all the food, pay the expenses for serving it on the basis of 50 cents per person a day.

Many Federal Prisoners
However, former Sheriff Green points out the fact that since the federal government in Chicago has utilized the Lake county jail so generously in keeping federal prisoners here oftentimes for a long period enough money has come in from the federal government to practically pay the entire food expense of all the prisoners kept in the county jail.

Under the federal law the sheriff of the county where they sent federal prisoners is allowed 65 cents per day per man. During the past few years the federal government has had on an average of between 18 and 20 prisoners in the Lake county jail most of the time. Some times these prisoners are here for a short period other times for a longer period. There were 21 of these federal prisoners in the Lake county jail last week. One fellow has been here ten months.

Turns Over 39 Prisoners
When Sheriff Green turned over the keys at the county jail to Sheriff Ahlstrom he also turned over 39 prisoners. That is about the average that are kept here all the time. However, when the jail is filled the sheriff has had as high as 52 prisoners at one time.

In connection with the federal prisoner plan however, it is of interest to know that the federal government is very slow in paying up. According to retiring Sheriff Green the federal government has not paid for keeping federal prisoners for the past year. Recently he notified the agents of Uncle Sam that he wanted his money in order to square up before leaving office and he was given assurance last week that the government check would come through very shortly.

ANCIENT BRONZE CHINESE MIRRORS

Specimens on Exhibition Were
Made About Beginning of
Christian Era

In the old, old days, as early as the beginning of the Christian era, artists in China were making beautiful bronze mirrors. Superstition was prevalent, and the mirror was regarded as a means of warding off evil spirits. So the Chinese of importance wore a mirror on his breast and one on his back, so that he could get the Evil One either coming or going. The moment such a spirit saw his own likeness he would immediately decamp for other places.

The Art Institute has just received as a loan from Mr. S. H. Mori, of Chicago, three especially fine bronze mirrors of early Chinese periods. The earliest one of the three was cast about the beginning of the Christian Era, and the two others date back to the Tung Dynasty in the 6th Century. The latter two are especially fine and delicate examples of casting and show what a state of perfection the Chinese had attained in this art. To get the beautiful patina, the artistic covering or skin of the metal, they used the juice of some fruit, possibly that of the persimmon, together with quicksilver. The three mirrors may be seen in Gallery 5, on the first floor.

ILLINOIS BUILDS 700 MILES OF ROADS

Illinois has set a new record for road building this year with the completion of 700 miles of concrete pavement by the state division of highways. The total is an average of 274 more miles than were laid in 1921, and shatters the record set the next previous year by the state of Pennsylvania, where approximately 600 miles were laid.

The program of Illinois for the year was 1,000 miles, but the total was reduced 300 miles by inability to get material. In addition to the total mileage record, the department announced that a new world's record for cement laying in a single day was established on the Beardstown road when one firm laid 1,583 feet of 15 foot concrete pavement.

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