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**COST OF SCHOOLS
IN COUNTY SHOWN
REPORT FOR PAST YEAR**

Per Capita Expense Was \$166, According to Statement Issued by the County Superintendent

The cost of operating the schools of Lake County during the year just closed was \$2,399,444.83, the cost per pupil being \$166, according to a report just completed by County Superintendent T. Arthur Simpson for the state department of public instruction.

The total number of children under twenty-one was 28,004, of which 14,314 were boys and 13,690 girls. Of this number 8,736 were under six years of age.

Total Number of Children

The total number of children attending school was 14,392; the elementary grade enrollment being 12,119 and the high school enrollment 2,273. The average elementary grade enrollment was 1511, the lowest enrollment—that of the kindergarten, being 666, and the highest—that of the first grade, being 1826.

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Considering the fact that the 8th grade enrollment was 1064, it would appear that approximately 58% of the children who enter the first grade reach the eighth. The average high school enrollment per grade was 568, first year 866; second year, 636; third year, 407; and fourth year, 864.

From this it is seen that the number enrolled in the Senior year is but 42% that of the Freshmen year. Thus it is apparent that the percentage of those who reach the eighth grade is over 38% higher than of those reaching the Senior year of high school.

Lake County with its 107 districts has an average daily attendance of 10,850, the average length of term being 8 1/2 months.

More Girls in H. S.

The 14,392 pupils were about equally divided as to the number of girls and boys. The total number of boys was 7,354 while that of the girls was 7,038. This division was about equal through all the grades, from the kindergarten with its 314 boys and 322 girls to the high school grades with their 1,134 boys and 1,139 girls. Curiously, however, the number of graduates was not so evenly divided; that of the eighth grade being 385 boys and 419 girls, and that of the high school being 140 boys and 175 girls. This difference is probably due to the necessity on the part of the boys of becoming wage earners rather than superior intelligence on the part of the girls.

Lake county employed 539 teachers at an average monthly salary of \$133.75. The educational eminence of this county is evinced by the fact that over 66% of these teachers were graduates of some higher institution of learning above the high school.

Teachers Got \$865,000

The total amount of salary earned by the teachers during the past school year was \$865,082.47 of which women teachers earned approximately three times the amount earned by men.

Of the 539 teachers, 442 are contributors to the State Pension Fund, and the amount contributed this year was \$3,808.00.

Lake county has 124 school buildings valued at \$4,450,039 which, together with equipment valued at \$618,230 makes a total public school valuation of \$5,068,269. One hundred five of the schools have school libraries with a total of 34,423 volumes.

There are 23 private schools with a total enrollment of 4,402 pupils and 315 teachers.

There are fourteen schools employing either a nurse or physician or both. The total amount paid for nurses was \$10,850 while the amount paid physicians was \$1,021; 8,966 children were examined and 3,442 were found defective.

Six districts employed truant officers at a total cost of \$903. The total number between 7 and 16 years of age not attending school was 49. Of this number ten were arrested and five sentenced by court. The number of school and age certificates issued was 107. The number reported between the ages of 12 and 21 as being unable to read and write was 12. Hence there is still work for truant officers.

The total expenditures for the fiscal year amounted to \$2,399,444.83, making the per capita cost of education approximately \$166. However, considering high schools an elementary schools separately the per capita costs are approximately \$197 for high schools and \$160 for elementary schools.

The amount paid physicians and nurses was \$12,771 and the amount paid truant officers was \$903, while the expenses of school boards and business offices was \$24,037.32.

The cost of fuel, water, lights, and janitor's supplies was \$98,569.84 and the total salaries of janitors was \$91,682.61.

New school equipment to the value of \$74,034.97 was added during the year.

The total amount of tax levy in 1923 was \$1,907,611, and the amount of bonded indebtedness at the close of the fiscal year was \$1,462,200.

Forty-five one-room schools and 8 village schools have either been issued standard school diplomas or had their former one renewed during the

year, and three schools have been issued superior school diplomas.

During the year ending June 30, 1924, three one-room schools, one two-room school, 2 six-room schools and one eight-room school were built in the county.

During the past school year there were eleven schools having an enrollment of fewer than fifteen pupils, two of these having fewer than ten pupils. Sixty-three inexperienced teachers were employed last year of which 10 were college graduates and 30 were Normal school graduates.

USING SPEEDY CARS TO SMUGGLE BOOZE

Beer Runners Discard Heavier Trucks For Light, Fast Ones Is Report

Small trucks, light and speedy, are being used to run beer since the big ones have been found too large to elude the motor-cops and sheriff of the county.

The discovery was made the other day after two of the sheriff's cars had combed the roads for a beer truck. They figured just about where they would strike the prey, they were seeking and set to that point with the idea of working back.

The time was unusually short between Waukegan and the road they

picked so they figured they had the runners trapped. To their amazement they found no trucks all the way back to the point where the call had been put in.

"What kind of a truck was it?" the sheriff asked a farmer.

"A little Reo and it was going pretty fast," came the reply.

That explained it. The chase was off. The truck, by that time, could have almost reached its destination. Since then it is understood that a number of light trucks, traveling at all the law allows, have been eating up the county roads.

The establishment of speed trucks in this county does not mean something new to the "racket." Booze agents, from Peoria and that section of the state, declare that runners there have been using light trucks for many months with reasonable success.

STATE ROADS NOW BETTER THAN EVER

Illinois roads are now, generally speaking, in better condition than ever before in the history of the state. This, at least, is the opinion of motorists who have traveled extensively in recent weeks. Tourists from out of the state comment enthusiastically on the state's highways.

Grading and oiling of the earth roads has been carried on more extensively this year than ever before, it is reported. This work is now nearing completion, giving the state thousands of miles of secondary highways to supplement the paved road system.

The hard road system is growing at the rate of about 50 miles a week under the efforts of thousands of men and score of concrete mixers. There are now about 500 miles more pavement completed in the state than at this time last year.

The parts of the state highway system on which paving work has not yet started are being maintained by the division of highways and are reported to be in splendid condition generally. Detours around gradings and paving work are also being maintained by the state in the best condition possible under the circumstances.

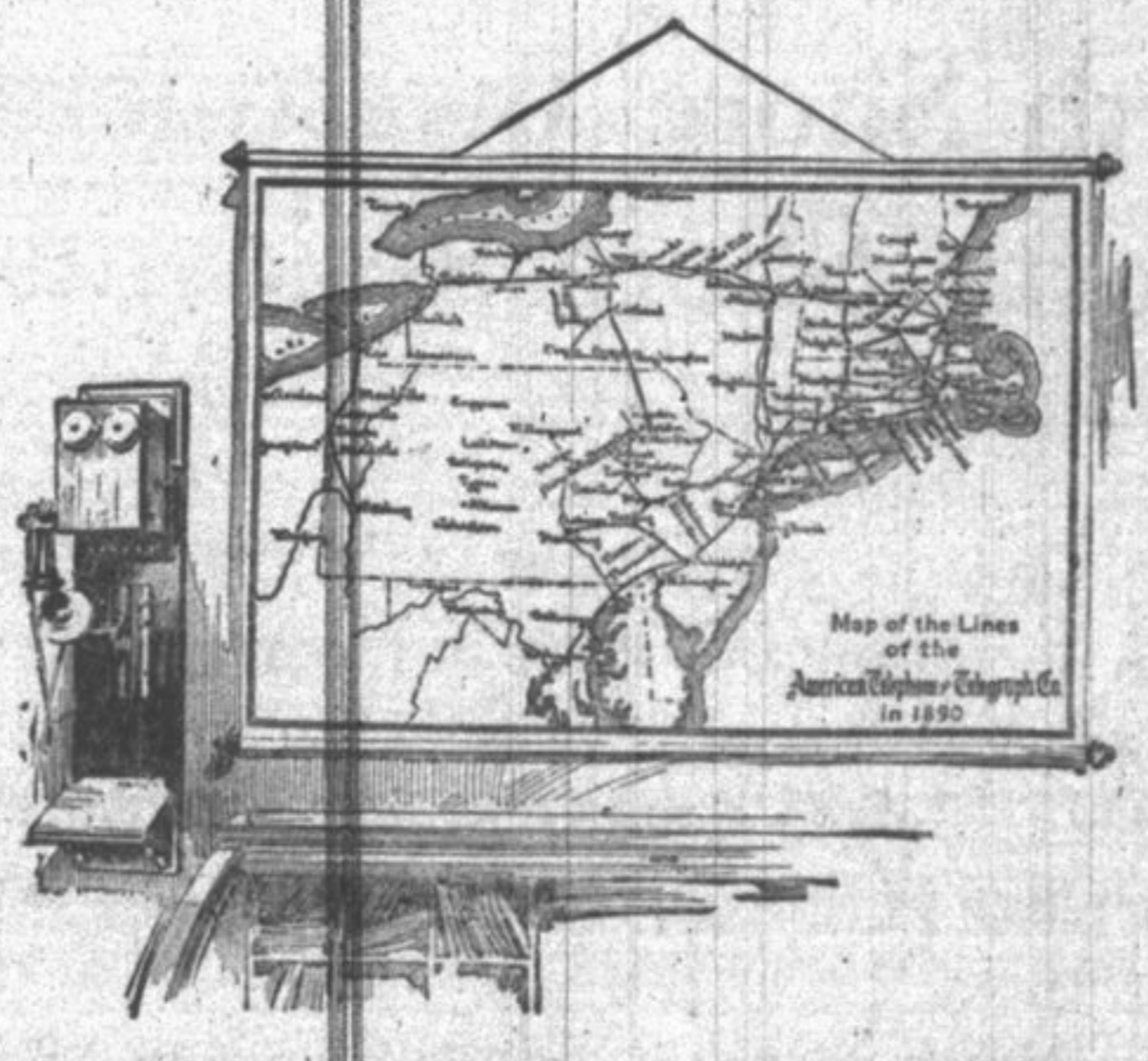
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