

LAW TO REGULATE ROAD HOUSES, PLAN

Bill Introduced in Legislature For This Purpose by Woman Member

A law which would regulate road houses in the state of Illinois, has been introduced for passage in the senate by Senator Florence Fifer Bohrer, (Rep.) of Bloomington.

The measure would require all dance halls outside of the city limits to be licensed by the county board and that a written application, showing the name and address of the applicant, his birthplace and whether he has ever been convicted of felony or misdemeanor punishable by six months in jail; location of dance hall and such, be presented.

The applicant must also prove, it would be provided, that he is a person of good moral character and that the building in which he proposes to hold dances must be thoroughly equipped with fire escapes and must be equipped with a sufficient number of toilets for either sex.

The county board would be required to make a thorough investigation of the application and the truth of the statements of the applicant.

The license could be revoked without notice at any time the applicant permits persons under 16 years of age to attend the hall, or permits any one to attend the road house who has been convicted of felony or when the dance hall becomes a public nuisance.

The bill was submitted to the committee on community welfare.

COURT DECISION HITS ZONING LAW

Opinion in High Court on Case From Aurora Believed to Menace Plan

Zoning ordinances of Illinois cities were hit hard in an opinion of the supreme court at Springfield last week, which denies the "aesthetic" right of a city to exclude a new business from any district when a similar business already exists in the district and is allowed to continue in operation.

The decision is in a test case involving the validity of the Aurora zoning ordinance but attorneys say that the decision will invalidate about 75 per cent of the sections of every city in the state which has adopted a zoning ordinance.

The court ruling does not go into the validity of zoning ordinance measures except insofar as discrimination is concerned. A decision on the general subject of rights of a city in limiting building and business within certain zones will only be made when that question is brought to the court's attention.

In the Aurora case the city of Aurora brought suit against Robert Burns and Albert De La Tour, chain grocery store operators, seeking to withdraw a building permit already issued. The defendants had secured a permit for a four apartment building, in a restricted district and the city later sought to revoke the permit on the ground that the building was so planned that it might later be used as a grocery store.

The defendants while not arguing for the right to start a grocery store argued that it was so built so that it could be used if grocery stores were ever allowed in the district.

The schools are turning out some excellent artists in declamation, and they ought to make good automobile salesmen.

Why claim there is no chance for poets in the United States, when all the automobile advertising has to be written?

If Raphael, Michelangelo, and all the other classic artists had lived in these times, they could have got rich drawing pictures for the fashion papers.

Claimed there are too many unnecessary offices, but the politicians say many of the "boys" are as yet unprovided with public jobs.

MANY CATTLE NEED TUBERCULIN TESTS

Millions Under Supervision, But Summary Shows Waiting List Is Large

With 9,000,000 cattle already under supervision for the eradication of tuberculosis, veterinary officials of the United States Department of Agriculture and the various states are making efforts to meet the continued demands for additional testing. A summary of the status of the work up to December 1 shows a waiting list of 226,534 herds containing more than 2,500,000 cattle. This list represents applications for testing in 34 states, the others having been able to handle the testing as fast as requested.

The states which had "clear slates" in this respect at the time the summary was prepared were: Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming and the District of Columbia.

During November official veterinarians tested more than 50,000 herds or lots containing more than 600,000 cattle. Of this number, about 18,000 cattle reacted as tuberculous and were removed from the herds, thereby leading to the establishment of accredited herds and areas.

CO. SUPT KENOSHA SCHOOLS IS DEAD

John J. Kerwin, Well Known Wisconsin Educator Victim of Paralysis

John J. Kerwin, for more than 20 years superintendent of the schools of Kenosha county and an educational leader known throughout southern Wisconsin, died last week, after an illness of several months' duration. On May 18, 1923, Mr. Kerwin was stricken with an attack of paralysis from which he had recovered partially; several weeks ago he suffered another stroke from which he could not rally. He had a sinking spell on Wednesday and died Thursday morning.

Since the first attack he had recovered sufficiently to resume his work and with the aid of his daughter had carried on the direction of the work of his office as county superintendent.

TEACHING BUT HALF UNIVERSITY'S JOB

RESEARCH WORK IS DONE

State Institution Takes Leading Part in This Important Activity; Other Benefits

You know the University of Illinois teaches students. Everyone knows that. You may or may not know, however, that teaching is only a part of the work of this great state institution. A very large portion of the money spent by the university goes into research and investigational work.

What, then, are some of the university's recent accomplishments, other than teaching? These:

The Illinois Soil Survey, whereby one of the departments of the university is analyzing and mapping the soils of the state as a basis for future recommendations on how to conserve and increase fertility, has practically covered the entire state, and 26 of the county soil reports have been published. Others will follow.

Thirty-nine publications of the agriculture experiment station at the university have been issued the past two years. These include 15 bulletins, 19 circulars and 4 county soil reports.

Eleven bulletins and two circulars have been published by the engineering experiment station the past two years, taking to the people new discoveries or better ways of doing things.

Hundreds of Annual Projects

More than 400 project demonstrations are held annually by the university in various counties in the state. Projects include soils, crops, animal husbandry, farm mechanics, horticulture, dairy husbandry, entomology, farm management, marketing and junior club work. Approximately 1,000 meetings are attended each year by specialists who assist in planning and carrying out these demonstrations.

Ten important engineering investigations are being carried on co-operatively by the university's engineering experiment station and outside organizations interested in the solution of similar problems.

Thirty-eight other research projects are being carried on solely by the engineering experiment station.

Four conferences are held each year with farm advisors by which results of university experimental work are sent to farmers in the counties from which the advisors come.

Five "short courses" of instruction, open primarily to citizens of the state, are offered by the college of engineering: (1) plumbing, heating and hydraulics; (2) ceramic engineering; (3) highway short course; (4) electric metermen, and (5) gas metermen. Funds for the two latter were furnished by the Illinois State Electric association and the Illinois Gas association.

Work of Medical School

The medical college of the university, located in Chicago, aims to train three types of men—practitioners, investigators and teachers. A great deal of emphasis is given in this college, towards the prevention of disease and the causes can only be discovered through research.

In the past two years the university dispensary handled 57,375 cases in spite of the overcrowded conditions prevalent at that time.

Military instruction at the university includes infantry, field artillery, cavalry, engineers, signal corps, and air service. For years, because of its fine military work, the university has been awarded the designation of "Distinguished College."

Such important results were secured in the warm air furnace work, that a national association of manufacturers contributed moneys for a new "research residence" and equipment.

Work in Physical Welfare

The university is taking care of the future physical welfare of the boys and girls—those of high school age—by training athletic coaches who will go into the high schools and carry on physical training work in all forms. There were 297 in the four-year athletic coaching course last year.

Two important radio contributions were announced. One was the perfection of a detector tube several times as sensitive as any on the market; the other was the perfection of the non-carrier wave system of broadcasting.

The university further improved its Parr low temperature process for coking Illinois coal, "worth untold wealth to the state."

Years ago the university recommended limestone for certain soils in the state. In some counties the use of limestone was increased 50 per cent and in a few as much as 1,000 per cent a year for the past two years.

The state acreage of legumes has increased from 36,000 acres in 1919 to 442,000 acres in 1923 as a result of university recommendations.

The organism that produces the tallowy flavor in milk, cream, and other dairy products has been discovered by the university.

Commercial pasteurization does not necessarily always kill all milk bacteria. The university discovered certain bacteria which stand a temperature of 145 degrees F. for five hours.

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