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REPORT "IRREGULARITIES"
Research Department of State Teaches Association in Investigation Give Figures

The Research Department of the Illinois State Teachers association has recently worked out some striking facts concerning tax assessments. Not only is property assessed at much less than its "fair cash value" but also certain classes of property bear unjust burdens in comparison with other classes; and moreover, there are great inequalities in assessments of the same class of property. Below are compared the assessments of real estate in several counties and cities with the actual value. The ratios of assessed to true value here used are the average findings of the tax office of the C. and N. W. Railway Co. after making an exhaustive study of numerous transfers.

Some Comparisons
Lands that sell for \$10,000 in McHenry county have an equalized assessed value of \$2,502; but in Lake county land of the same sale value is assessed at only \$1,197. Therefore, with the present tax rate of 65c on the \$100 for state purposes, the owner of \$10,000 worth of land in McHenry is paying a state tax of \$16.26; while his Lake county neighbor with land of the same real value is paying a state tax of only \$7.78.

Under the same conditions, a Sangamon county land owner is assessed \$2,892 and pays \$18.81 in state taxes; but a Whiteside county land owner is assessed only \$1,248 and pays \$8.11 state taxes.

A comparison of acre property with city lots in 22 counties shows that \$10,000 worth of the former is assessed at \$2,003 and pays \$13.02 state taxes; while the latter is assessed at \$1,616 and pays \$11.50 state taxes. But even in cities and villages there are wide differences and great inequalities. The owner of \$10,000 worth of real estate in Springfield is assessed \$2,334 and pays a state tax of \$15.17; but the same actual value of real estate in Maywood is assessed at only \$1,331 and pays \$8.65 state taxes. In Belvidere \$10,000 worth of real estate is assessed at \$2,869 and pays \$18.65 state taxes; the same value in Melrose Park is assessed at \$1,067 and pays but \$6.94 in state taxes. The report states further:

Los Assessment Is Aim
"The struggle apparently is to get all the other classes of property assessed as low as the lowest and thus further violate the law, which says that property shall be assessed according to its fair cash value, instead of getting the low assessed property raised; to comply with the law. For instance, last year an organization found that property of another class was assessed lower than theirs; but instead of asking that the low assessed property be raised to comply with the law, the members of the organization asked that their own property be reduced to the assessment ratio of the class that was "getting by" in an easy manner. Of course, the hiding and non-assessment of a few billion dollars worth of intangible property accelerates this downward trend in assessment of tangible wealth. This downward trend and the inequalities accompanying it have brought us to a breakdown of our tax system. People who have tangible property or who give in an honest assessment are complaining bitterly and our public institutions are beginning to suffer. Something must be done to enforce the law equally and impartially, or a new equitable and enforceable law must be enacted."

URGING TRUTH IN ADVERTISING COPY
Better Business League Takes Up Matter of Misrepresentation in Publicity

The Better Business Bureau, which has carried on a program against illegal brokerage activities and fraudulent securities, extended its work about Feb. 15 to include similar wrong practices in the merchandising field, according to an announcement made by Bayard Dominick, the president.

At a meeting at the Advertising Club of New York, representatives of leading trade and industrial groups reported subscriptions totaling \$50,000 for the first year's work of the merchandise section of the Better Business Bureau. These subscriptions were made by hundreds of merchants, wholesalers, and manufacturers and by a number of New York newspapers "who desire to see high standards maintained in the advertising and selling practices of New York in order that the good name of this commercial center may be protected."

The bureau will endeavor to reduce unfair competition arising from misleading or untrustworthy advertising.

The windmills of Holland are fast passing away and no new ones are built. They were intricate wooden machines and the art of making them is being lost. A windmill costing \$10,000 develops 1 1/2 horsepower, and the wind blows with sufficient strength only 1,440 hours a year. Motors are supplanting windmills.

RECOMMENDS RADIO POWER INCREASED
CONSIDER PUBLIC FIRST

Commerce Department Favors Trying Addition Strength by Degrees; Must Avoid Interference

The National Radio Conference which adjourned last week at the Department of Commerce recommended that a general increase in power over 1,000 watts was desirable in all stations in order to overcome static and give better service to the listeners. This is a question entirely apart from so-called super-power stations, of 25 or 50,000 watts, which are not here dealt with.

In order to include increases up to a maximum of 5,000 watts, the department feels that it should be proceeded upon an experimental basis under strict limitations which will insure that this development may be without interference with the service of other stations or with the reception now enjoyed by listeners. The department is receiving many inquiries as to the granting of licenses authorizing this use of increased power.

License Conditions
Licenses for the use, in broadcasting, of power up to 5,000 watts on a purely experimental basis will be issued under the following conditions:

1. Experiments may be carried on only after due notice to the supervisor of radio of the district and must be at all times under the control and regulation of the supervisor and the department.
2. Stations operating under experimental licenses may at the outset use a power input to the antenna not exceeding 1500 watts. Whenever the radio supervisor of the district and the department are satisfied that the public interest is served by the use of such increased power and that no undue interference with other stations or with receiving sets results, its use may be continued. All applicants for such licenses must agree in

advance they will reduce the power used during the course of the experiment whenever the department or the supervisor of radio deems such a course to be in the public interest and so direct.

3. If as a result of the experimentation above specified, the use of the additional power is found to be in the public interest and the station desires to make a further increase, such increase will be allowed in successive steps of 500 watts, and experiments may be carried on at each of such increased and restrictions as are above specified for the first increase.

4. The department anticipates difficulty in laying down any general rule which will be of universal application to all such stations. It will therefore consider each station as a separate entity and deal with it according to the local conditions involved.

5. It is anticipated that the location of the station will be a factor of great importance and that the amount of power that may be safely used will be in direct proportion to the distance of the station from congested receiving centers.

6. All such experimentation will be absolutely at the risk of the station conducting it, both as to location and power used, and notice is given in advance that these licenses will carry with them no permanent rights or privileges of any character, are entirely temporary and experimental in their nature, and are subject to withdrawal or revocation by the department at any time in its absolute discretion.

7. The prime consideration of the department is directed to the listening public. The operators of stations must necessarily take the same attitude, for broadcasting is finally dependent upon them for its support.

The operation of these stations will be observed very carefully and reports from the listeners will be appreciated.

Rev. Thornton Mills, son of the late B. Fay Mills, roused his fashionable Chicago church by making Ben Reitman, king of the hoboes, head of the Adult Bible class, returning the compliment, the Rev. Mr. Mills became a lecturer at Hobo college. Mr. Mills does not favor an exclusive church.

PLAN EXPLORATION OF SARGASSO SEA
Scientific Expedition Starts For Great Ocean Waste; Take Six Months

An expedition under the direction of the New York Zoological Society and financed by prominent Wall Street men left Tebo's Basin, Brooklyn recently for a six months' exploration of the mysterious Sargasso Sea, between the Azores and the Bahamas.

Members of the financial syndicate backing the expedition include Marshall Field, George F. Baker, Jr., Henry D. Whiton, Harrison Williams, Vincent Astor, Clarence Dillon, George Palmer Putnam, Henry Fairfield Osborn Jr., and others who have an active interest in the Zoological Society, the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and the Field Museum in Chicago.

The expedition is led by Dr. William Beebe, who takes with him a large staff of oceanographers aboard the 280 foot wooden hull Arcturus. The investigation will first go to the Sargasso Sea and thence to the west coast of Africa.

ADJUDICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Subscriber Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Margaret Rogan deceased will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be held at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of May next, 1925, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

THOMAS ROGAN,
Executor.
ERNEST S. GAIL,
Attorney.
Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 16, 1925.

The women of Burma believe that they must be reborn as men to join the noble order of the yellow robe and so attain humanity.

OPEN BIDS FOR NEW HOSPITAL MARCH 17
Veterans Bureau to Erect It At Great Lakes Station During 1925

Bids for the construction of a neuro-psychiatric hospital at Great Lakes will be opened in the United States Veterans Bureau at Washington March 17, according to a letter from Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, addressed to Capt. John A. Hartman of the Sixth District Rehabilitation committee, American Legion.

"This construction," writes Gen. Hines, "will provide for a total of 285 beds, all of which will be arranged for psychotic patients, of this total seventy-eight beds will be in spaces arranged for the care of acutely disturbed patients. The construction will be clean cut with a minimum of outside work in connection with mechanical utilities, and the contract time for completion should not exceed eight months. The building should be ready for occupancy or or before December 11, 1925."

This announcement was received by Capt. J. M. Dickinson Jr., Capt. Hartman and other Legionnaires with much satisfaction, as it marks the culmination of several years effort on their part and that of Judge Edward K. Jarecki, Anthony Czernecki, Maj. Fred V. Maguire and others to establish a neuro-psychiatric hospital at Great Lakes.

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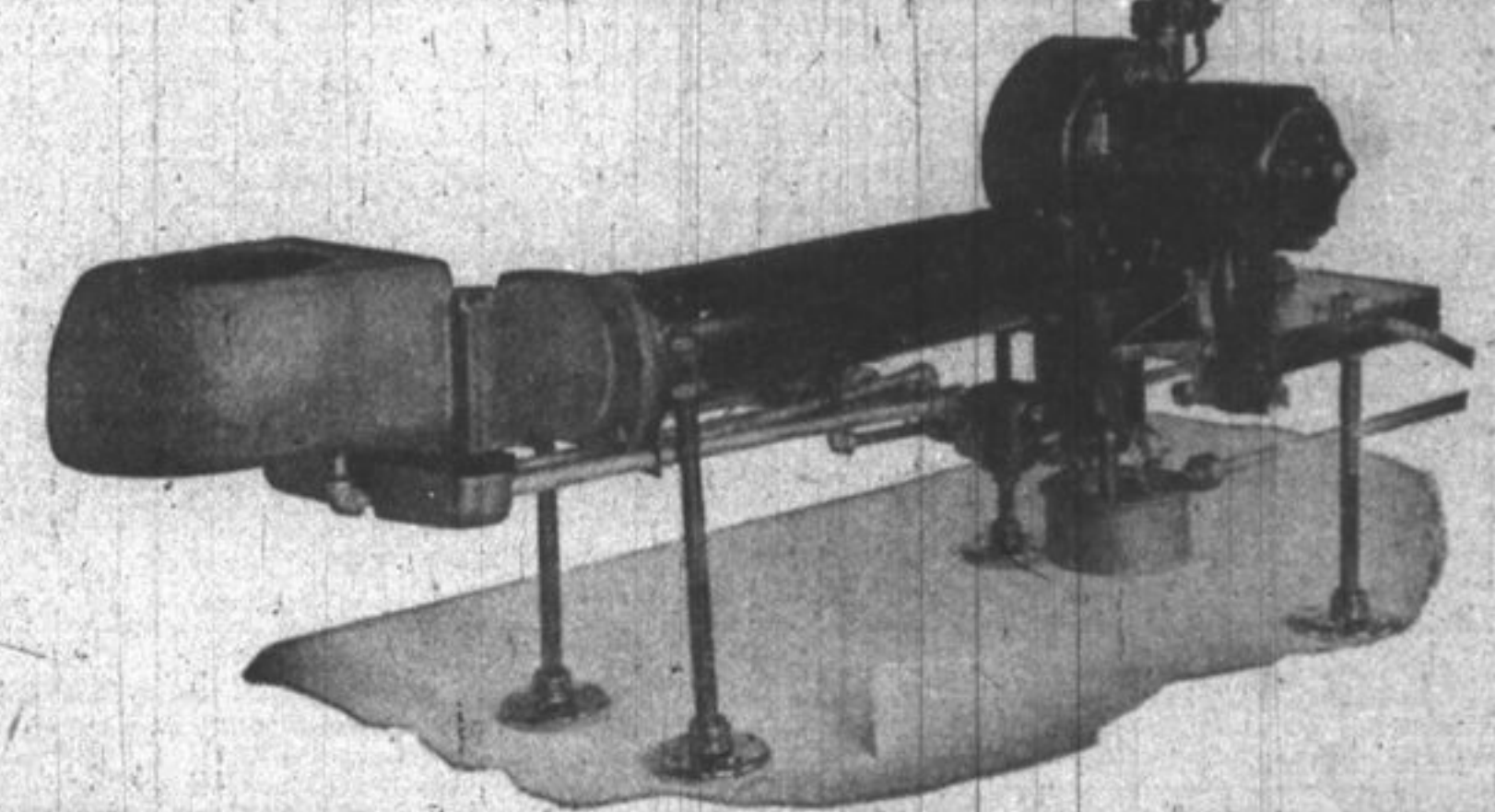
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