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COUNTY FARM FACADE PROVES DECEPTIVE
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 the building. A few of the employees do sit there, having no other place, but it would never stand the weight of a number of persons, so none of the old people are permitted there.
 Medieval Inside
 Inside one is constantly reminded of dungeons or chambers of horror in medieval prisons. All is gray and gloomy, with the uncleanness of decay, which no amount of soap and water, scrubbing could eradicate. Green mould appears promptly to cover a new coat of paint on basement walls; sounds of creaking wall-paper and dropping plaster may be heard. Originally cheap, ancient furniture, many times repaired, is still in use.
 To get to their meals the eleven old ladies on the second floor must come down two steep flights of stairs and through a long, dark runway to their basement kitchen-dining room, where the large cook-stove has kept the temperature up to 80° F. most of the summer. The men's dining room is also in the basement, a gloomy, damp hole requiring artificial light even at mid-day. At night, as soon as the lights are off, millions of cockroaches also feed in these rooms and take possession of the entire house. They come from behind moldings and steam pipes and through countless cracks in plaster and old floors. The caretakers use brooms and dustpans to sweep them up, but more and more roaches, with their companion pest, the bed-bug, are constantly hatching out in their inaccessible retreats, and nothing less than burning of the entire building could ever exterminate them.
 There is one bath room for the forty-old old men and the writer noted three family towels and a wash basin for additional conveniences. These are mere matters of comfort, perhaps not to be expected at a poor farm. However, a condition does exist which cannot be neglected, and that is the menace of fire. Only a miracle could save the lives of any of the old people if a fire gained headway at night. The drafty corridors and staircases would rapidly fill with smoke. No tottering old person could ever hope to escape through those avenues, and there are only two so-called fire escapes. An able-bodied man might scale one and climb into the upper windows, but only an athlete could climb out of the windows and across the ridge of an intervening roof and reach the ladder.
 Because of the sagging of the building, return steam pipes, which are supposed to carry down, tilt up, which necessitates carrying a greater steam pressure than safety demands, making fire not a probability, but a possibility. In fact several fires were discovered in time the past few winters. However, there is no night watchman, so some time the tale may be different and a country of horrified citizens will find no excuse for having permitted the present menace.
 No Criticism of Superintendent
 None of the foregoing is intended as criticism of the superintendent in charge—he and his family suffer and endure along with the old people. There isn't even one window in their bedroom or connecting bath—the only ventilation coming through a door on to the porch.
 Our supervisors are likewise, not to be blamed. They have spent the money allotted to poor farm purposes to good advantage, as is evidenced by the excellent laundry, dairy and bakery equipment, water system, adequate barns and good condition of the cattle and farm in general. The land produces enough vegetables to last throughout the year, the barn lofts are full of hay for the cattle, and there is plenty of butter and butter-milk for everyone, with some to spare, which is sent to the county general hospital.
 The intent of this article is entirely for the purpose of acquainting Lake county people in general with conditions for which they are responsible and which they can remedy. A poor farm is a necessary expense. We cannot allow the aged and helpless to die in the street or beg from door to door. Where they are housed is not of prime importance so long as they are made comfortable—this from a humanitarian standpoint.
 From an economic standpoint, we should not allow a few, with private gain in view, to use the sad plight of our county poor as a means for forcing our supervisors to sell this valuable acreage north of Libertyville for a price far below its present value.
 It should be borne in mind the county owns now this valuable 140 acre farm with a water system worth \$100,000.00 already installed and paid for. This special equipment would have to be provided at a cost of another \$100,000.00 if a new farm were selected.
 If the present rapid increases in land values continue, and it seems reasonably certain that it will, in twenty years, or by the time the bond issue is paid, the land should be worth twice its present value. Lake county should give this matter careful thought, so that the best interests of the present poor and the future good of the entire county may be served.
 Some people get hit in the head with baseballs, but that may not be as dangerous as getting struck with an idea.
 Farm papers report great activity in the country's orchards about now, which is noticeable particularly after dark along the automobile roads.

TO START HUNT FOR LOST SHIPS
RETRIEVE G. L. TREASURE
 Great Lakes Naval Station Is Base for Treasure Hunting Expedition; Site of 12 Sunken Vessels Known
 Wellington Quirk's hunt for sunken treasure in the Great Lakes will be conducted for the present from the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill. He has moved the hydroplane with which he will spot the sunken ships to the station.
 Great Lakes will be the new base of the adventure, and it is from there the men will conduct their search. Frank P. Blair and James L. Martin, partners of Quirk in the venture, are at the present time located at Wilmette harbor, where they have moored their salvaging tug, Lillian Dorn.
 The men are ready to start on the quest of the vessels and are now awaiting favorable weather conditions in which to conduct the search. Perfectly clear weather must prevail before any progress can be made, according to those in charge.
 Buys Spot Treasure
 Quirk will lead the search for the vessels in his plane. He plans to soar above the waters where his charts show the boats to have gone down, and when the sunken craft is sighted he will drop specially prepared markers.
 His aids, following in the tug, will then speed to the markers and drop great buoys, which will mark the location. Then will commence the work of dragging the bottom until the vessel is found.
 Once the vessel is located the rest of the task will be comparatively easy, according to members of the expedition. The tug is equipped with air pumps, which will be used in filling the sunken hulk with air after the holes have been plugged up. The craft will then rise to the surface of its own accord.
 Nearly a dozen vessels sunk during the last sixty years will be the objects of the search. One of the foremost of the prizes will be the Westmoreland, a passenger boat which sunk in the northern regions of the lake with \$100,000 in its strong box.
 The men will make their headquarters at Wilmette harbor and at Great Lakes. From these harbors the expedition will journey forth to the different localities with which only those in charge are familiar.
 On several of the trips the men will

be gone for weeks. While in the northern regions headquarters will be established in small fishing villages, where supplies and repairs will be forwarded.
 The first trip, which will be a short one to test the equipment, will be made during the next two weeks. The quest on this trip will be several well-known wrecks of the lower shores of the lake. Following these practice trips the expedition will go after the bigger prizes.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR
 New York City, Sept. 8, 1925.
 To the Editor
 Dear Sir:
 May I call the attention of your readers to the new emphasis placed on the Golden Rule as a guiding principle in international relations, by the action of the recent congress of nations in Stockholm, which appointed December 6th for international observance as Golden Rule Sunday on behalf of the orphans of the Near East?
 The Golden Rule is now recognized as the most universal proposition for human conduct ever offered for the attention of mankind.
 In the whole circumference of life, there is no point that it fails to touch. From every angle of experience it confronts conscience with a commanding law. For every question of duty it has an imperative answer, for every human relation a flawless solution. If men and women would all observe it, every clash and friction that sets up ill-will would disappear.
 The Golden Rule teaches all citizens to observe and preserve the supremacy of laws, government and justice, sincerely dedicated to common and equal rights for every class of the people.
 It teaches all statesmen to uphold fair-dealing, irrefragable honor and the sympathies of unfeeling human good-will, alike in national and in international politics.
 It teaches all nations to seek and find the way to which every people's aspirations for life, liberty and worthy development may be satisfied, without trenching on the rights of neighbors or sowing seeds of enmity in the field of the world's peace.
 It teaches the prosperous and happy everywhere to open hands of bounty to the poor, the miserable, deprived and hopeless throughout the globe.
 Surely no observance can have a wider appeal or a greater potential usefulness than Golden Rule Sunday on December 6th.
 Yours truly,
 Charles V. Vickrey,
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