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### LOW LAKE LEVEL IS CAUSED BY DROUGHT

#### RAINFALL IS ON DECLINE

Weather and Not Drainage Canal Blamed By Expert for Receding Waters; Lengthy Report Made

Upon diminished snow and rainfall must be placed the blame for the present low water levels of the great lakes, it has been decided by D. C. Day, in charge of the climatological division, U. S. weather bureau. Mr. Day has announced results of a study of the records of fifty years of rainfall in the great lakes region and the lake levels to say that lake levels have fluctuated as precipitation in the lakes basin has fluctuated. With one scratch of the pen the government scientist, who had at his disposal not only the American but the Canadian records as well, swept aside the oft-repeated lake assertion that the Chicago drainage canal is the culprit.

Lake levels will fall still further, he made it plain, unless very soon there is a generous increase in precipitation. He is inclined to the belief that a period of greater rainfall will set in one day and the lakes again will be filled.

Precipitation Light in Past  
"Considering the drainage areas of the four lakes, Superior, Huron, Michigan and Erie only," Mr. Day declares in a carefully prepared and charted discussion, "some unusually dry years occurred, even in the earlier part of the period from 1875 to 1925. In 1888 the average precipitation for this entire area was only 29.6 inches, and the preceding and following years were nearly as dry."

"The driest of the fifty years was 1895, when the average was 27.6 inches, and 1894 was likewise dry. The year 1910 with 27.8 inches was the second driest of the period, but both the preceding and following years had amounts above normal. Continuing the record to 1925, that year had the least precipitation since 1875, with an average of 27 inches only."

"Examining the dry periods by groups of three years, one preceding and one following the driest year, 1887-89 had an average of 30 inches, 1894-96 had 29.8 inches, 1923-25 had but 29.2, this last group being the driest in the fifty-one years and the six preceding years also had amounts less than normal."

Rainfall on Decline  
"No matter how we may view the question of the distribution of precipitation in the lakes region during the last fifty years there can be but one conclusion—that there has been a marked falling off in the amount of precipitation received in recent years as compared with the amounts forty to fifty years ago."

"There is, however, apparently no cause to suspect human agencies as being responsible for any important part of this lessening. Nor has any other area of the earth's surface suffered within recent times a permanent important change of climate, a fact indicated by the rate of forest growth, which appears to have been not greatly variable for hundreds or even thousands of years, and by the agricultural products which have in many cases remained unchanged since earliest times."

Below Normal for Years  
Beginning with 1917, the annual precipitation in the basin has been constantly below normal, and except for slight interruptions, the lake level has continued to fall till in 1924 it was at the lowest stage of record, though this was only .01 foot higher in 1879, Mr. Day declared.

Compensating works at the outlet, Mr. Day pointed out, "permanently raised the level of Lake Superior one foot."

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### WHY EVERGREENS ON NORTH SHORE DYING

Winnetka Expert Horticulturist Tells Reason For Loss of These Trees

The cause of the demise of so many evergreen trees on north shore lawns this spring has been somewhat of a mystery to many. Thomas J. Lynch, the tree specialist, at 564 Lincoln avenue, Winnetka, attributes the cause to the heavy snow which came late this spring, followed by the unusual freezing and thawing weather.

Nurseries also report a very heavy loss, he says, of Globe and American arbor vitae from a similar cause. It is also noticeable, he says, that the foliage of the maple and other trees, have, in some cases, been affected by the unusually high winds, this spring.

Mr. Lynch also called attention to a small insect which has made its appearance and which is known as a "twig pruner," and which is responsible for so many small twigs falling to the ground. This insect, he says, is especially active in the horse chestnut trees.

Mr. Lynch explains that the only thing that can be done in this case is to gather up the twigs and burn them. He says the insects will work for

### WINNETKA BUILDERS HAVE INSTALLATION

The Builders held a public installation of officers at the Winnetka Masonic temple Monday evening, June 21, at 8 o'clock. The ceremonies were in charge of John Sutton, installing grand master builder.

Preceding the installation the Builders conferred the second degree on a group of candidates.

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about two weeks and will then disappear. He says there is no cause for alarm in this connection.

Squirrels are also busy at this season of the year, especially in the elm trees where they feed on the seeds. The squirrels cut off a great many twigs in the elms, just now, Mr. Lynch

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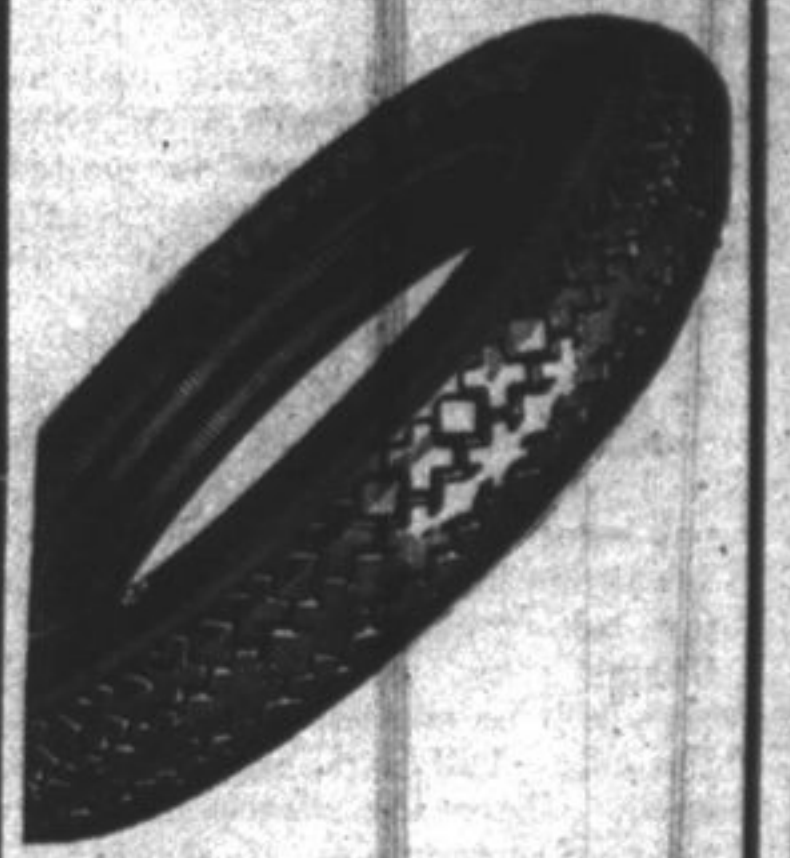
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