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BOARD TO CONSIDER GASOLINE TAX PLAN MAY URGE LEGISLATION

Report From Waukegan That Lake County May Join Win- nebago In Memorial To State Authorities

A proposal that the Illinois legislature consider the passage at its coming session an act placing a tax on all gasoline consumed, except that used for agricultural purposes, may be considered by the Lake county board at its session this month, according to reports from Waukegan, the county seat. Such a proposal is coming before the county board of Winnebago county and other county boards including Lake county, are to be requested to take similar action.

A. R. Carter, county superintendent of highways of Winnebago county, has drafted a resolution for his own county that may be taken as a model for Lake and other counties in case it is decided to bring up the matter.

For Road Improvement

The tax collected from gasoline sales is to be used for the improvement of the state-wide system of roads, according to Carter's plan, but not all of such taxes would be used in state bond issues routes.

The proposal is to urge the governor and legislature to enact a law for a gasoline tax, which will provide at least one-half of taxes collected to be returned to the county treasurer of the counties to be placed in the county highway fund, to be used together with the present county highway tax, and in addition for the purpose of maintaining and improving the state aid roads under the jurisdiction of the county boards of supervisors.

"Counties Over-Burdened"

Illinois is one of four states at present which does not have a gasoline tax.

The resolution as drafted by Carter cites that the department of public works and buildings, by reason of the \$100,000,000 bond issue, now has sufficient funds available to satisfy its construction needs for several years to come in improving with durable hard surface pavements the state bond issue routes now unpaved; also, the legislature, by passage of the Meents act several years ago, has placed the burden with the various counties of maintaining and improving the state aid roads of the counties other than those improved as state bond-issue routes, and has provided a tax known as the county highway tax for this purpose. Carter permits that the county highway tax does not provide sufficient funds for the maintenance of the state aid roads for the construction of any durable hard surface pavements thereon, although many of said state aid routes are now carrying traffic as heavy as is being carried on some of the state bond issue roads.

NEW TRIER EXPECTS GOOD FOOTBALL YEAR

Indications point to a successful football season next year at the New Trier high school. With the election of Bob Sweet as captain, a leader of proven merit on the field has been selected and it is to be hoped that under his leadership the football map will be shifted so as to include the local school. Material for the squad seems to be plentiful despite the passing of a number of experienced players, and the dawn of a new season will see the coach coming "more into his own" as the results of his work cover a larger number of the players who will make up the first string men. Another feature of football plans for the coming year is the election of Harold Keith as football manager for 1927. The manager system has proven very successful thus far and with the advent of its second year it is considered probable that it will be proven even more so.

PLAN NEW HOSPITAL IN GLENVIEW REGION Home for Convalescents to Be Erected on Wagner Road; Start Soon

Work, it is said, will start the first of the year on Glenview lodge, a new convalescent home on health sanitarium, which it is planned to erect in Glenview, on Wagner road, between Glenview road and Lake avenue. The site comprises twenty-seven acres, part of which is of virgin timber, purchased recently, it is said at \$4,000 per acre, and it is stated that the investment, on completion of the home, will be about \$1,225,000. The plan is to complete the structure in August, 1927.

The establishment is to be erected by a group of Chicago physicians and business men. The board of directors consists of five and there will be a medical advisory staff of twenty-five. Gilbert Fitz-Patrick, head of the Masonic hospital will be on the advisory staff and Lorin W. Coleman, treasurer of Passavant hospital, will be treasurer of Glenview.

WILMETTE MAN FIRST DIVISION GROUP HEAD

Edward M. McGuire Elected President of Society at Meeting Recently

Edward M. McGuire, 408 E. Railroad avenue, Wilmette, was elected president of the Illinois branch of the First Division society, A. E. F., at the annual dinner of that society of war veterans held at the Morrison hotel recently.

Mr. McGuire was with the first troops to land in France, attached to the 5th Field Artillery of the First Division, and saw action in four major operations, at Cantigny, St. Mihiel, Soissons and the Argonne. He was wounded and gassed. He also was with the Army of Occupation in Germany for nine months after the armistice.

Mr. McGuire is a member of Wilmette post No. 46 of the American Legion.

NORTH SHORE MUSICAL SOCIETY HAS MEETING

Hear Talk by Mrs. Macaulay, Honorary President; Also Fine Program

Mrs. Dorothy Wing Macaulay, founder and honorary president of the North Shore Musical society, talked to the members at their recent meeting at the home of Mrs. E. L. Essley, 234 Warwick road, Kenilworth. Mrs. Jean MacShane, who has recently spent three months in piano study at Fontainebleau, France, gave a comparison of American and European music. Mrs. Macaulay has just returned from a year's sojourn in France and Italy.

A delightful Bach program was given, the members taking part being: Mrs. MacShane, Mrs. Cree, Miss Swartz, Mrs. Akely, Mrs. Neukranz, Mrs. Dazzy, Mrs. Weixel, Mrs. Cophorne, Miss Flentyre, and Mrs. Hathaway.

Mrs. E. L. Essley was hostess, assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Corde, Mrs. Frances Evans, and Miss Dorothy Rae. Mrs. Frances Evans had charge of the program.

NORTH SHORE ART LEAGUE MEETING

To Be Held Dec. 9 In Winnetka Community House; Lionel Robertson Talks

The December meeting of the North Shore Art league will be held in the Camp Fire room of Community house in Winnetka, the evening of December 9, at 8 o'clock.

Lionel Robertson of Chicago will be the speaker of the evening, and will talk on "The Romance of Block Printing." Besides the address, Allen Philbrick of Winnetka is scheduled to give an exhibition of etching, and Harry Timmins is sending an interesting exhibition of paintings. Judging from his contributions to the last exhibition, his group of pictures will be most delightful.

WIDER ROAD PLAN READY FOR STUDY

FOUR COUNTIES APPROVE Regional Planning Association Visions Waukegan Road as Forty-Foot Highway; Other Details

Maps and specifications for state extension of the 40 foot highway pavements authorized in Cook county across the local lines and through congested territory in neighboring counties are ready for final study on the part of county authorities, it is announced by Robert Kingery, secretary of the Chicago Regional Planning association.

These detailed plans, showing the extension of widening on highways such as Roosevelt road, Ogden avenue, Lake street, Milwaukee avenue, Waukegan road, Dixie highway and Joliet road, and the state and county financing necessary to complete their extension will be submitted to county boards in Lake, Kane, Du Page and Will counties for final agreement. They will then be taken to Springfield for the sanction of Gov. Len Small, Col. C. N. Miller, director of public works, and Frank T. Sheets, state superintendent of highways.

Four Counties Approve

Practically all road building and government interests in the four counties have given their official sanction and aid in this second highway widening campaign, it was pointed out yesterday by the regional organization. In Lake and Du Page counties meetings have been held by county supervisors and state highway representatives following resolutions urging the state to carry on the Cook county widening within a radius of at least 50 miles of Chicago.

For Three States Road

Meanwhile, the second joint campaign for the benefit of motorists using the great terminal highways about Chicago also has reached its final stage before construction work, according to the planning association. It has as its object the building of an entirely new 200 foot belt boulevard from Milwaukee, straight south thru Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha counties in Wisconsin, and Lake, Cook and Du Page counties in Illinois to the Sag, east across the Illinois-Indiana state line, and through Lake and La Porte counties in Indiana to Michigan City and La Porte.

KENTUCKY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The North Shore Kentucky society has chosen to give a Christmas party on the occasion of its next meeting which occurs Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m., in the ballroom of the Orrington hotel. Dean Peter Lutkin's choir will sing Christmas carols and Mrs. Dan B. Brummitt will read the Christmas story.

Mrs. Leroy Gidding is chairman of the hostesses who will be Mrs. John A. Lee, Mrs. J. B. Heth, Mrs. W. L. Wright, Mrs. D. L. Fester, Mrs. Irwin Keller, Mrs. Robert Reed, Mrs. W. H. Bryant, Mrs. John W. Leathers, Mrs. Preston Williams, Mrs. H. W. Talbot, Mrs. Henry Webster, Mrs. Crain, Mrs. Musick, Mrs. J. Sherman Dudley, Mrs. Harrison Smith, Mrs. James W. Guest, Miss Bessie Duke Kinney and Miss Lucy Blakemore.

MUSIC CLUB PLANS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Winnetka Music club is giving a Christmas program at the Glencoe Union church Monday, December 13, at 3 o'clock. Christmas carols will be sung to organ accompaniment.

Mrs. Percival Hunter and Mrs. Dwight Orcutt will play organ numbers. Mrs. Valona Brewer, violinist, and Mrs. Guy Stuart Bailey, soprano, will render solos. In addition, there will be a trio of women's voices consisting of Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Burton Atwood, and Mrs. John W. Hansel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS CENTER TO COST \$260,000

PLAN OF JEWISH GROUP North Shore Congregation Israel Preparing to Erect Fine Building; Funds are Guaranteed

The North Shore Congregation Israel, at a dinner at Community house, Winnetka, Monday evening, unanimously adopted reports from its building and finance committees on the question of building a religious center, work on which is to go forward at once. The new building will be located at the northwest corner of Vernon and Lincoln avenues, Glencoe, and the estimated cost of the proposed improvement is \$260,000.

Diagrams and drawings of the building were at each place at the Monday evening dinner, and also were thrown upon the screen as a further guide to the explanation which was given in detail by the architect, Alfred E. Alschuler, a member of the community and congregation.

Sufficient funds have already been subscribed to guarantee the completion of the project, according to the report of Samuel Goodham, chairman of the finance committee. The building will house separate Synagogue auditorium and assembly hall, ten class rooms and facilities for social activities.

Group Seven Years Old

Thus, in the seventh year of the life of the congregation, the latter finds itself ready to proceed with the matter of erecting its own home, a plan which it has had in mind for a long time. Last year this desire became so strong that it was decided to proceed, the first step being the purchase of the building site.

At the annual meeting on June 7, the congregation approved the general proposition of proceeding with the preliminary building plans, and instructed the board of directors to organize building and finance committees, and to report back their findings. During the past summer and fall these committees worked out their plans—the ones which were unanimously approved at the meeting Monday evening.

It was much to the regret of all present that Harry N. Gottlieb was absent. Mr. Gottlieb is president of the congregation and has since the moving spirit in its affairs since its inception. A telegram informing Mr. Gottlieb of the result of the meeting was dispatched upon the suggestion of the chairman and the ready approval of the congregation.

ONE NEW SUPERIOR SCHOOL IN COUNTY

One new superior school will be made in the county this year, Gavin school at Ingleside, U. J. Hoffman, assistant to Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of public instruction, admitted last week, after a two day tour of the county with T. A. Simpson, county superintendent of schools.

That will make 4 superior schools in the county, the others being Hawthorn, near Libertyville, West Ridge, near Highland Park, and Wilson at Wilson.

There have only been 34 superior schools created in the entire state but many of these citations have been taken away where the exacting standards were not maintained. It means, Mr. Hoffman admits, that Lake county has the greatest record in the state.

To get a superior citation the building must be perfect, the teaching far above the average, and the community interest at a high pitch. The condition of the grounds, libraries, general equipment, and the spirit of the children are also taken into consideration.

To gain the distinction is almost an impossibility, and to hold it, for year after year as these Lake county schools have, is another great problem.

GLENCOE AGENT IN SERVICE 29 YEARS

James N. Faucett In Employ of Northwestern Railroad, Long Period

Twenty-nine years ago last week James N. Faucett, agent at Glencoe, entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad company and has remained in the employ continuously ever since. He has not been at Glencoe all that time, however, but on next St. Patrick's day, will have spent eighteen years of his service with the company as its Glencoe agent.

Glencoe, when Mr. Faucett took up his official duties here was a village of only 1,500 population, but with great aspirations and future prospects of becoming what it is today one of the finest north shore villages and still growing, and boasting more desirable finely located wooded vacant lots for future home building than any of her sister villages along the north shore. Glencoe's population today is around 5,000.

The present depot had been erected prior to Mr. Faucett's coming, but the increase in population from 1,500 to 5,000 is indicative of the many changes which have been wrought in the building and residential section of the village, especially, during that time. The Ziesing building in which the post office is located, had just been completed, about the time he came, and work had just been started on the Lake Shore Golf club.

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN HUBBARD WOODS

Several Residences In Course of Erection Despite Bad Weather

Numerous scraper and shovel gangs, concrete mixers and carpenters have taken up winter quarters along Greenwood avenue, Hubbard Woods, where dirt, concrete and chips are flying, despite the encroachment of Jack Frost and Old Boreas, long time obstructionists in the building game.

Greenwood ave., from Tower road to a point just across the line into Glencoe is one of the busiest spots along the north shore, in the way of building activity. At the northwest corner of Tower road and Greenwood avenue, Andrew W. Paulson is speeding to early completion the quaint new residence which has already been described in detail in this paper.

A short distance east of the Paulson building, on Tower road between Greenleaf and Vernon avenues, ground has been broken and the foundation is well underway for a large, new residence being erected for R. W. Gerding, of Chicago.

OPEN SHERIDAN ROAD IN GLENCOE DEC. 25

Last of Concrete Poured Last Friday; Dedicate Christ- mas Morning

The last section of concrete completing the paving of Sheridan road through Glencoe, was poured Friday evening, Dec. 3 at 5 o'clock. The road, which has been closed for so long, will be officially opened to traffic Christmas morning, by state inspectors and Windes & Marsh the village engineers, who have been in charge of the work. The Highway Construction company of Highland Park, had the contract for paving.

GLENCOE POLICE BALL IS SPLENDID SUCCESS

The Glencoe Police Benevolent association now has over \$800 in its treasury as a result of its first annual ball, Thursday evening of this week.

This amount it is said, will be somewhat increased, as the association is still receiving belated responses to requests which had been mailed to citizens of Glencoe to buy tickets, and thus aid the worthy cause. The total net receipts, it is said may reach \$900.

INEQUALITIES IN EDUCATION SHOWN IN FINANCING SCHOOLS

Comparisons Made Between Those In Different Counties; Lake Is Among Them; Fig- ures are Offered

It is not generally known that the greatest inequalities in ability to finance schools are, found among the one-room country districts. But such is the case according to figures taken from official records by the research department of the Illinois State Teachers association.

Since each of these districts maintains a one-room school with one teacher, their relative ability to support schools may be expressed by comparing their assessed valuations. Such comparisons show striking inequalities. For instance, in 1925 District No. 21 of Peoria, county had an assessed valuation of \$275,554, while District No. 52 had only \$40,050. This means that the first is nearly 7 times as able to support its schools as is the second.

Comparisons

Comparisons for districts in other counties are as follows: Maissac, No. 24, \$281,795; No. 59, \$15,995; ratio 17 to 1. Saline, No. 14, \$130,460; No. 56, \$9,500; ratio, 13 to 1. Fayette, No. 125, \$270,499; No. 115, \$24,165; ratio, 11 to 1. Clark, No. 36, \$1,728,662; No. 50, \$8,600; ratio, 200 to 1. Lake, No. 50, \$2,412,295; No. 30, \$54,139; ratio, 45 to 1.

But these comparisons are within counties. If we compare district 50 in Lake with district 50 in Clark, we find the ratio of ability to be 280 to 1. This means that the first is 280 times as able to support its schools as is the second. Or, to state it in other words, if district 50 in Clark county can support a one-room school, district 50 in Lake county can support 280 schools of equal standards.

Causes

The causes of such great inequalities are: the difference in size of districts; the wide difference in land values; the fact that some districts contain factories, mines, oil-tanks, and many miles of railroads, while other districts have none of these; and the fact that a few districts contain "tax colonies," or suburban residences of very wealthy people who have no children in school.

The results are extreme inequalities in school tax rates and in educational opportunities for the children.

The remedies applied and found effective in some other states are larger district units, and large state school funds raised by state taxes and distributed according to educational needs. These other states are no longer suffering from the extreme localism in school taxation and administration that formerly prevailed.

OPEN CENTER STREET WINNETKA TO PUBLIC

The newly paved Center street in Winnetka was opened to traffic last week, and Frank A. Windes, village engineer, is now working on plans for paving the north end of the new through highway, from Elm street to Tower road and also the remaining 900 feet at the south end, south of Winnetka avenue.

Kenilworth has special proceedings pending for its share of the through highway improvement, and the south 900 feet which Winnetka has yet to construct will be delayed until the Kenilworth decision is reached that it may be made to connect up with the Winnetka section.

GLENCOE THESPIANS TO GIVE FIRST PLAY

On Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 9 and 10, the Threshold Players of Glencoe will present their first play since their organization recently, "The Judsons Entertain." It will be given at the new auditorium of the Glencoe Union church at 8:15 o'clock.

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