

**HUNDRED TYPES OF TREES IN ILLINOIS**

INTERESTING FACTS GIVEN

Department of Conservation Is Issuing Information Regarding Native Woods; Oldest Tree In State

How many variety of trees are there in the state of Illinois, and how many of these are you able to recognize?

Because the commonwealth bears the nickname "The Prairie State," you may lose sight of the primeval forests which centuries ago covered the domain, evidence of which is to be found in the immense coal deposits. You are also likely to forget that with the coming of the first settlers forty-two per cent of the area of the state was covered with timber.

At best the average person will not place his estimate much above a score. In his classification he will state. The department now has in pre-hickory, the maple. Then he may study for a moment, after which he will probably be able to add a few more varieties with which he is acquainted. But he will fall far short of the number classified in the survey of the Department of Conservation, which definitely locates and classifies 100 important varieties.

**Newest Department**  
This department, which is one of the newest under the code, was created by Gov. Small, himself a lover of nature and an ardent supporter of conservation, and whose farm home near Kankakee is surrounded by possibly as large a variety of trees as will be found in any section of the state. The department now has in paration a bulletin describing ninety-four of the varieties of trees in the state so minutely that the boys and girls should be able to tell them apart by the sketches of leaves, twigs, and fruit. The bulletin should also receive a hearty welcome from the tourist and summer picknicker. It gives a closer acquaintance with nature's gifts.

Study of the bulletin will lessen the ruthless destruction, particularly by the city dweller, who cranks up his automobile and takes his family out to some beauty spot for an outing, returning in the evening loaded with spoils from the groves—spoils gathered only for the momentary beauty and without regard to damage done to the trees.

About ninety-four of the trees identified by the Department of Conservation are hardwoods—trees which shed their leaves in the fall. The re-

maining six are softwoods, or needle-leaved trees, like the pine, the so-called evergreen.

**Nineteen Kinds of Oaks**  
You may be surprised to know there are nineteen different kinds of oaks in Illinois—eight white and eleven black, together with some badly crossed varieties which the botanist calls "hybrid" oaks.

There are seven varieties of hickory, six of ash, four each of birch, maple and elm, three locust and two hackberry in Illinois. With such a variety of trees to be found there is wood suitable for all purposes if properly cared for and pains taken to grow another crop—for furniture, railroad ties, farming implements, fence posts and the many other uses which only wood can fill.

There are in the neighborhood of twenty-five varieties of trees cultivated in Illinois until they feel very much at home. Among these are the "Tree of Heaven," the osage orange, the white and black mulberry, the apple tree which is a native of Asia, the balsam poplar and the European alder.

**Largest Tree in State**  
In the survey foresters of the Department of Conservation located near Paris, in Edgar county there is believed to be the largest tree in the state of Illinois. This is a burr oak which measures eighteen feet in circumference at the height of a man's chest. The topmost branches of this monarch of the forest tower 108 feet above the earth. It is estimated the tree is more than 275 years old.

**CHARITY GETS \$5,000 FROM GOLF EXHIBIT**

Succeeding twice where East and West Coasts have failed, Chicago has again given and recaptured the International Golf Show and Country Club Equipment Exposition, and set next year's (third) show dates for March 12 to 17, inclusive, 1928.

National Golf tournament secretaries in all parts of the country have been requested to avoid conflict with these date in planing 1928 spring tournaments.

Double the exhibitors, sales and attendance, from all parts of the United States and Canada, marked the second annual International Golf Show which recently closed at the Hotel Sherman. Spearman Lewis and A. R. Shaffer reported satisfactory financial returns on the project, which is now permanently established.

Emerson House, a west side Chicago charity, received approximately \$5,000.00 for its share of the advance ticket sale and golf fashion revue, in which 50 Chicago "debits" participated as models.

Permanent quarters of the International Golf Show are maintained in the Otis building, Chicago.

**SEEK RELIGIOUS SPIRIT SUPREME**

EVIDENCED BY DONATIONS

Will Hays Comments on Drive For Presbyterian Ministers Fund; Campaign Soon to Be Started

Will H. Hays, chairman of the National Campaign being held by the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., to raise a \$15,000,000 pension fund for its old disabled ministers, in a statement reviewing the amount and volume of subscriptions thus far received, today declared that in them and in the response to the church's appeal is found proof that the spirit of Christianity still rises above all theological theories and individual denominational dissension.

Mr. Hays terms the causes of Christianity "the greatest of all opportunities for exceptionally generous giving by the very wealthy." His statement was made public through campaign headquarters here for Illinois, in which a campaign for its quota at \$1,507,000 will be held in April and May, under direction of George Woodruff, state chairman simultaneously with campaigns in 13 other states, from Illinois to California, which wind up the national drive. Nearly \$10,000,000 has been pledged in eastern drives. The statement follows:

**Forget Differences**  
"Just as the citizenry of a nation will unite, in time of need, under a government that they have been criticizing, so do Christians forget all personal differences and put their shoulders together in any cause in which Christianity itself is furthered. "The unity which has been created in our own church through this campaign, and the way in which all differences have been forgotten in furthering the work immediately at hand bring a feeling of confidence in the structure and foundation of Christianity itself and show that the spirit of Christianity still rises above the theories of theology.

"Those who differed with each other on interpretation of religion have forgotten their differences while this work is on. Churches which were weak, disorganized, or divided have become strong and united. Religion itself has been given impetus.

"Tens of thousands of persons, many from denominations other than Presbyterian, have contributed to this \$15,000,000 fund in campaigns held in the east, each in the knowledge that, in caring for the old minister, he is caring for Christianity itself, for

without the ministry Christianity fails, and without Christianity civilization and progress cease.

**Some Large Subscriptions**  
"In the tens of thousands of subscriptions already received, are three for \$200,000 each, one for \$150,000, four for \$100,000 each, one for \$60,000 for \$50,000, two of \$37,500, two of \$30,000, and nine of \$25,000, and so on down to those of a few dollars each from the poor. The volume of small subscriptions is inspirational in showing to the very wealthy the unity that comes in the rank and file when Christianity itself is concerned and suggests that causes, such as this are the greatest of all opportunities for exceptionally generous giving by the very wealthy.

"We have given our contributors five years to pay, and it is worthy to note that our largest subscriptions are on the five year basis. The man of big business sees the business value of such giving.

**Memorials Chosen**  
"Some of our wealthier people already have taken this opportunity to give to this ennobling cause by creating memorials to their dead; others have seen in it the moment for setting differences with their church, at the same time bringing to themselves that warmth and glow of satisfaction that always comes from giving help to those in need.

"In these days of constantly changing political, economic and religious theories, it is encouraging to feel that thousands of every-day citizens have delved deeply into their none-too-full pockets to help a religious cause, that their response will inspire the very wealthy to even more generous giving and that all still look upon the office of the ministry as the office of Christ, Himself—an officer that must, and will, be protected to the end, regardless of all else."

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