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### BILLS OFFERED BY WEISS AND SWIFT IN STATE LEGISLATURE

#### Mostly Affecting Schools and Are Being Taken Up in Regular Order; Some Amendments

Representative W. F. Weiss of Waukegan, and Senator Rodney B. Swift of Lake Forest, were responsible for the filing in the state legislature of numerous measures affecting schools during the month of April.

Senate Bill 174, by Swift, adds section 237 1-2 to Free School Act of June 12, 1909, to prohibit construction of maintenance of any garage, filling station or public parking space within 500 feet of any public school building within any municipality.

Senate Bill 232, by Swift, prohibits bond issues of cities, counties, townships, school districts and other municipal corporations unless authorized by a majority vote of the voters of the municipality at a general election held for the purpose of enabling electors to choose some public officer under the laws of this state or the United States. Not to apply to Forest Preserve districts or sanitary districts.

Senate Bill 280, by Swift, amends section 115 of the School Law. Permits the school board to establish and maintain a first aid room with a competent attendant in charge. The attendance to assist the children in case of sickness or injury, the assistance to be given at the school. Provision that the assistant shall not interfere with the children in their homes.

House Bill 374, by Weiss, amends sections 114, 115, 127, 144, 189, 274 and 275 of the school law. Increases the minimum school term from seven to eight months. Establishes classes of instruction for persons over 21 years of age. Provides if the parent or guardian cannot compel a child to attend school, it is the duty of the attendant or truant officer to prefer delinquency charges against the child in the municipal court. Exempts disabled children, children in parochial schools and children between the ages of 12 and 14, during attendance at confirmation classes, from attending public schools.

House Bill 421, by Weiss, amends section 115 of the school law by giving school directors power to employ school nurses and prescribe their duties.

### PLAN LARGE ADDITION TO WAUKEGAN HOSPITAL

#### Plans for Improvement to Victory Memorial Building to Be Submitted

Architects sketches of various plans for erecting a large addition to the Victory Memorial hospital, at Waukegan, including nurses quarters, will be submitted to the building committee of the hospital board within a month, Dr. F. C. Knight, chairman of the board stated last week. At a meeting last week the board decided to commence the business of selecting its plans.

The board decided upon the erection of the new buildings several months ago and a tentative financing was laid out. It was planned to dispose of the hospital property fronting on North Avenue, which is of no use to the hospital a sphere is plenty of ground around the present building for the addition. The money derived from the sale of the land would be sufficient to build the necessary additions, it is believed.

### IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE ON COUNTY JAIL

Sheriff Lawrence Doolittle announced last week that within the next week several changes at the county jail office and in the jail, such as installing two steel doors, putting bars on windows, placing steel screens on doors inside the jail, will be started.

The work is to be done by Jack Day, head of the North Chicago concern bearing his name, the material and equipment being ordered today. The jail committee of the board of supervisors some weeks ago empowered Sheriff Doolittle to make changes in the jail office and jail.

The door entering the jail office from the outside and the door inside the office leading to the sheriff's quarters are both to be steel doors. The windows will be heavily barred. The doors inside the jail are to have steel screens, so as to prevent visitors from handing anything to prisoners.

The sheriff is to have these changes made, so as to make it practically impossible for gangsters to overpower the turnkeys and get prisoners out of jail.

If We Had Some Ham  
Country School-teacher (on a country school-teacher's salary): "If each child will bring an egg to school tomorrow I will show you how Columbus made one stand on end. And if you cannot get an egg, why just bring a piece of ham!"

### IMPORTANT HIGHWAY MAY BE PAVED SOON

#### Strip of Interest to Residents of Libertyville and Gurnee May Be Improved

A strip of roadway important to Libertyville, Gurnee, and Waukegan residents, will be paved without question this summer, R. M. Lobdell, county superintendent of highways, stated last week in announcing that the state department of highways would call for bids for their next letting on Route 172.

The project would call for the paving of a continuation of Milwaukee avenue. It would start at Thomas' corners, at Belvidere and Libertyville road, and extend southwest to Libertyville entering on Milwaukee avenue where that thoroughfare curves to the northward toward Grays Lake. The road is about four miles long.

The route has always been extremely important due to the fact that it has been, prior to the paving of Rockland road, the principal artery for traffic between Waukegan and Libertyville. It is the most direct route between Gurnee and Libertyville, Zion and Libertyville, and Winthrop Harbor and Libertyville.

In the last two years the road has not borne the share of traffic it once did because the Waukegan road-Rockland road highway was fully paved.

### HOLD PUESCHELL TO OCTOBER GRAND JURY

#### Result of Preliminary Hearing at Waukegan; No Bail; No New Development

Odo Puschell, Lake Forest chauffeur, was held to the grand jury without bonds last Thursday by Justice Hervey C. Coulson on a charge of murdering Miss Wilma Miller, 25, maid in the home of the wealthy Thorne Donnelleys, Lake Forest, on the night of May 7.

He made no defense but his attorney, Hugo Radau, questioned the principal witness, Joseph Harrison, colored, at length but was unable to shake the story of the furnace tender. Chief of Police Lester Tiffany was the only other witness called by States Attorney Smith.

Harrison declared that he saw Puschell run from the Donnelley home as he discovered the body of the maid lying on the stairs. Her head was beaten in and her clothing torn.

Puschell, during early investigations, admitted, according to reports from Waukegan, that he knew the girl and that he had cut through the Donnelley yard about the time that she was found although he had denied this at first.

The next regular term of the grand jury is October. The case will probably be tried in the fall unless the prosecutor decides to call the present grand jury into session.

### REPORT FLYING FIELD NEAR LIBERTYVILLE

#### Vague Rumors Afloat That U. S. May Locate One In That Vicinity

Plans for an immense landing field for U. S. flyers are in the making for the northwest and two sites, Libertyville and Air City, Wis., in Racine county, are being considered as the two logical sites, it was reported today.

Air City has a tract of 160 acres and was once the scene of aeronautic activity.

Government men have investigated both proposed sites, it is understood, and have placed their recommendations in the hands of the government.

As to what is to happen there is a strain of uncertainty. Rumors are that the government will not only make a landing field for the northwest but will enter into the manufacture of planes. Pilots, as well, will be trained on the ground, it is stated.

Another report is that a large number of men will be employed to develop the field.

The tract in mind at Libertyville cannot be established.

### WAUCONDA MAN IS KILLED IN CRASH

G. R. Meyers, aged 55 years, of Wauconda, was killed and his wife, Mrs. Nellie Meyers, very seriously injured, in the West Suburban hospital in Chicago following the collision between an automobile driven by Meyers with a milk truck operated by Herman Paige, formerly of Wheeling, at a point near the junction of the Rand and Rollins roads 12 miles west of DesPlaines Friday.

The two machines came together on a curve. It is claimed that the automobile driven by Meyers was moving too fast when it reached the curve to permit control of the machine by the driver. The automobile crashed into the side of the truck and then turned over in a ditch on the west side of the road.

Many schools throughout the county, his wife, who received a fractured skull and broken ribs and other serious injuries, may die.

### LATE PROCEEDINGS IN PROBATE COURT

#### Action on Estates Under Settlement; Docket Entries and Orders

Probate Judge Martin C. Decker last week approved inventories in three estates, namely, Edward Boyes, Libertyville; Bowen W. Schumacher, Highland Park; Henry Cater, Libertyville.

Petition for probate of the will in the estate of Arthur W. Cort, Waukegan, was filed and hearing set for June 20.

The inventories and appraisal bills were approved in the estates of William C. Washo, Barrington; Harriet E. Price, Mundelein; George Findlay, Lake Forest.

Theodore H. Durst, Waukegan—Decree entered to sell 8 pieces of real estate in the city of Waukegan.

Willis Wesley Griggs, Lake Forest—Administrator ordered to pay certain notes.

Francis H. Merchant, Waukegan—Will admitted to probate. All property given to wife, Alice Merchant. Letters of administration with will annexed issued to Alice Merchant. Proof of heirship taken.

John H. Carlberg, Highland Park—Letters of administration issued to North Shore Trust company.

Thomas J. Brownlee, North Chicago—Final report approved. Estate closed.

Minnie Arnsward, Highland Park—Final report approved. Estate closed.

Carl Olson, feeble minded, Waukegan—Conservator's bond approved. Letters issued to William D. Jones.

Jerry Van Buskirk, Highland Park—Additional bond of executor in case of sale of real estate under way approved. Bond of \$30,500.

### DROPS DEAD WHILE FIGHTING ROOF FIRE

#### W. Porteous, Mundelein Treasurer. Victim of Heart Attack; House Saved

W. D. Porteous, 60, village treasurer of Mundelein for the past 18 years, dropped dead from heart disease last Thursday as he placed a ladder against the roof of his house to fight flames on the roof that had started from a chimney.

Dr. J. L. Taylor, the coroner, called to the side of the treasurer by neighbors, found that he had died instantly.

Fire had broken out about two o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Porteous rushed out and carried a ladder to the house. As it was placed against the eaves he toppled over. Neighbors were the first to reach him.

His health for some time has not been good, and he has been taking treatment for heart trouble. This was given as the cause of death.

### REPORTS PROGRESS ON HIGHWAYS IN COUNTY

R. M. Lobdell, acting county highway superintendent reports that the paving of Green Bay road north of Yorkhouse church is progressing, one quarter of a mile of this two mile stretch having been completed to date. He says that the Green Bay road paving will be finished and opened for traffic early in July. When the remaining one and a half miles are paved, Green Bay road will be paved between Chicago and Milwaukee.

The acting county highway superintendent says that the paving of the Grayslake road from route 21 into Grayslake, a distance of one and a half miles, will be finished in a few days and that the road will be opened in three weeks.

The paving of Deerfield avenue in the village of Deerfield is scheduled to get under way in a few days.

### SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN COUNTRY HAVE CLOSED

#### Most of Others Will Be Dismissed For Vacation by End of This Week

Many schools throughout the county on Friday closed for the summer vacation, according to an announcement made by T. A. Simpson, county superintendent of schools.

By May 27 nearly all schools will have closed with the exception of a very few which are running to June 10. These late ones are making up work due to illness to teachers and similar causes.

There are about 300 eighth grade graduates from the rural and village schools this year, a slight increase over last. Each year brings a slight increase about the same per cent.

### No Spake English

(At the Zoo): By George! that elephant looks just like Mary's beau.  
Big Boy: Why, is that a nice thing to say?  
Other: Aw, he can't understand what I said.  
Yes'ir Suz Fact  
"I've just had a harrowing experience."  
"Did you?"  
Yeah—I was working on a farm and broke up some land."

### BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

#### NEIGHBORHOOD JOTTINGS

#### Interesting Happenings About This Part of North Shore and Vicinity; County Seat Doings

Competing with crack teams from 111 high schools in all parts of the United States, the rifle team of the Waukegan Township high school last week again won first place in the National R. O. T. C. competition for the William Randolph Hearst trophy.

Appointment of Sars O'Farrell as chief of the Waukegan fire department was made at a meeting of the city council last week. The veteran fire fighter has assumed his duties as head of the department.

Plans for the erection of a new postoffice and federal office building in Waukegan by the treasury department were disclosed last week in the visit of a representative of that department to this city. Construction will be started within two years it is believed.

Dr. Hilton Ira Jones, president of Oklahoma university, will be the commencement speaker for the 1927 graduation class of the Waukegan Township high school when the 191 graduates will be presented with their diplomas at the annual Commencement program to be given in the new high school gymnasium at 8 o'clock Thursday night, June 2.

W. E. Hardin arrived in Libertyville last week, to take charge of the Libertyville-Mundelein Chamber of Commerce, as secretary-manager. He has been visiting around the two villages since that time, getting acquainted with the folks with whom he will be associated in the future.

Waukegan, if it keeps pace with the estimate average growth of twelve other middle-western cities, will have a population of 53,500 by 1950, according to calculations based on statistics compiled by Professor Rankin Jeter of the University of Chicago.

The executive committee of the Waukegan High School Alumni association has fixed Saturday evening, June 18, as the date for the annual banquet, to be held in Masonic temple. The program is now being arranged and preparations are being made for close to 400 guests.

The Difference  
There are a number of nickel cigars on the market. The trouble is that they charge fifteen cents for them.

Even Exchange  
"Excuse this bit of sarcasm," said Smith to Jones, "but I must say you are an infamous liar and scoundrel!"  
"Pardon this bit of irony," said Jones to Smith, as he knocked him over with a poker.

Just Like a Woman  
She (after a bitter fight): Well, the only thing left to do is to divide this house in two; you can have one side and I'll take the other.  
He: That suits me, what side shall I have?  
She: You can have the outside. I'll take the inside.

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