

BETTING LEGAL AT LICENSED TRACKS

LAW PASSED BY SOLONS

Director of Agriculture of Illinois Explains Operation of Law; Fees Paid and Other Facts

On and after July 1, wagering on the result of horse races at licensed race tracks in Illinois, will be legal and the state receives a revenue from the operation of such licensed race tracks, in accordance with the provisions of an act, passed by the 55th General Assembly.

This law provides that the director of agriculture shall issue licenses to tracks that fulfill certain requirements, and places upon that official, the task of administering the law. In order to acquaint the public with the provisions of this law, and its enforcement, S. J. Standard, director of agriculture, issues the following statement:

Not At Fairs

"Contrary to the apparent opinion of some people, this law has no relation to the races conducted at county or other agricultural fairs, including the state fair. It does not legalize dog racing, or wagering on any races other than at the tracks for which licenses are issued.

"In accordance with the law, it is necessary for an organization that proposes to race under its provisions to make application ten days prior to the first day of the racing meeting. As the law becomes effective July 1, the day for filing applications was June 20. On that day, two clubs made application.

"The Lincoln Fields Jockey club, operating a track near Chicago, proposes to hold races from July 2, to August 13. Excluding Sundays, as the law forbids Sunday racing, they will have 37 racing days. The license fee for any track within 25 miles of a city of more than 500,000 population, is \$2,500 per day. The Lincoln club tendered a certified check for the sum of \$92,500.00.

Are Deposited

"These payments total \$100,000 in license fees, and were tendered to me and deposited in the State Treasury June 20.

"In addition to this payment of \$2,500 per day, (or \$1,500 per day for tracks that are more than 25 miles from cities exceeding 500,000 in population) all licensed tracks must pay the state 20 cents for each paid admission ticket.

Requires Bond

"In order to insure the payment of the fees the law exacts, the act provides that the racing organizations seeking licenses, file a bond, not to exceed \$50,000. The strongest insurance the law provides against non-payment of these funds, is the maximum bond of \$50,000. The amount of this bond will not be prorated in accordance with the number of days the tracks propose to operate. It is \$50,000—the highest amount the law allows me to exact—whether the meeting is for fifty-one days, or for one day only. Lincoln Fields put up a \$50,000 bond to race 37 days. Fairmont, for three days' races, filed a bond for the same amount.

"All the protection this law provides, will be given the public and the state if it is humanly possible to enforce it.

"Regardless of what anyone may think of legalized wagering on horse races, the law allows it, under state supervision. It is a part of my duty to enforce this law, and I propose to enforce it to the best of my ability."

FOREIGN STUDENTS

WIN ESSAY CONTEST

Chinaman and Peruvian Are Declared Successful in Annual Tryout

In an effort to encourage the study of American life and ideals, John C. Shaffer, editor of the Chicago Evening Post, has offered prize awards for the best theses on the topic by foreign students at Northwestern university, it was learned recently, with the announcement of the first awards in the essay contest. Richard M. Sia, of Pao Shu Yuan, Foo Chow, China, and George M. Chavarri of 324 Lambagegus Estate, Peru, have been declared this year's winners by the committee of judges. The committee, consisting of Prof. Arthur J. Todd, head of the sociology department and Dean Thomas F. Holgate and Dean James A. James apparently had some difficulty in naming the winners, as both Sia and Chavarri were chosen to divide the second prize of \$50 and none of the theses was declared comprehensive enough to garner the \$100 first award. Both the prize winners have been felicitated by President Walter Dill Scott.

In his statement regarding the reasons for offering prizes to foreign students Mr. Shaffer has made it plain that he wants to see students from foreign lands become interested in American life and problems. Students who were born in foreign countries and who expect to return there after finishing college work at Northwestern are alone eligible.

The June bride looked very wonderful in her bridal gown and veil, but the question now rises how she looks to the bridegroom in her kitchen apron.

ELECTRIC ICE BOXES RAPIDLY INCREASING

On January 1st of this year there were in operation 350,000 electric refrigerators, of which nearly two-thirds were sold in 1926. About \$14,000,000 of electric energy is consumed every year by these 350,000 refrigerators, while only six years ago electric refrigerators used less than \$200,000 of electric energy.

This present number of electric refrigerators in service represents but a very small percentage of the possible market, and the demand for installations is increasing constantly.

MANY WOMEN SEEN AMONG CREDIT MEN

AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Notable Feature of This Year's Meeting at Louisville, Ky.; Some Matters Discussed in Addresses

An unusual phase of the thirty-second annual meeting of the National Association of Credit Men, who gathered recently at Louisville, Ky., from all parts of the country was the increased number of women credit executives, members of the association, who took active part. Because of the growing number of women entering this profession the proposal was mentioned at the convention that the association may eventually, and appropriately, amend its title.

So many women delegates came that a special breakfast was served for them, presided over by Miss L. M. Guth, chairman of the women's committee, eastern division, at which were discussed credit problems affecting the special interests which the women executives frequently handle.

Addressing the conference of Robert Morris Associates, an organization of financial credit men, Dr. Irving Fisher of Yale university, held the fluctuating purchasing power of the dollar to be a handicap to the well-being of American business.

Fifty per cent of the estimated \$42,000,000 in retail sales during 1926 were credit sales, J. E. Hewitt of Baltimore, vice-president of the Retail Creditmen's association, said.

Judge John C. Know of the Southern Federal District of New York, talking on "Credit Protection from a Judicial Standpoint," asked credit men, and business men generally, to come to court and serve as jurors, in order to improve the standard of juries and to do justice to both government and defendant. Such cooperation will result in fairer administration of justice and an improved method of handling cases involving business practices, he said.

The boys seem to be willing to do any kind of work provided they do not have to soil their hands.

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FAMOUS PAINTING FOR DETROIT MUSEUM

PURCHASED IN NEW YORK

Work of Famous Master and Leader Among Netherlands Painters, Gerard David, Rich in Art Value

An early sixteenth century painting by Gerard David has been obtained for the Detroit Museum of Art by Dr. W. R. Valentiner, director of the museum, it has just been learned.

The painting is a panel 9 1/4 by 13 1/4 inches representing the Annunciation and its authenticity has been vouched for by competent critics, according to information given out at the Van Dieman Galleries, where the picture was purchased for about \$50,000.

Gerard David was one of the last of the great masters of the famous school of early Netherlands painters who devoted himself to religious subjects. Many of these pictures were destroyed in the sixteenth century, which increases the value of those being discovered at the present time.

While Dr. Valentiner was traveling in Europe looking for desirable additions to the Detroit Museum, a photograph of this panel was shown to him by Dr. Edouard Plaietzsch of Berlin. When he learned that the original had been shipped to the New York office of Van Dieman & Co., Inc., Dr. Valentiner immediately sent a cable dispatch to them instructing that they hold the painting for him. Early in May he inspected the picture and bought it, taking it to Detroit, with a Rembrandt, which he purchased from M. Kneidler & Company.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Philadelphia Art gallery possess pieces by David, as do a few private collectors here. Much of his work has been preserved in various European galleries.

While the aviators are hopping off, the boys are hopping on to any automobile that will give them a ride.

The girls are reported willing to sign on the dotted line provided it is an application for a marriage license.

The boys are stealing much fruit, but by nature's system of retributive justice, much stomachache results.

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MOTOR VEHICLES ARE REVENUE PRODUCERS

Motor vehicles take first place in Illinois as a revenue producer. The gain in the twenty years since a license law was placed upon the statute books of the state has set a record never before equalled.

With the forty-fifth general assembly when the question of passage of a license law was up for consideration it was estimated there were 15,000 motor vehicles in the state and a license fee of \$2 per car would produce an annual revenue of \$30,000.

Records for 1926 show there was collected from motor licenses in the state for that year the sum of \$14,047,207, or more than 486 times the estimate for the first year after the passage of the license law. Some increase in the license rate, based on the horse-power of cars has been made, but in the main the increase in revenue comes from the increase in the number of motor vehicles owned and licensed in the state. In 1926 a total of 1,370,503 licenses were issued.

During the past year eighty-seven of the 102 counties of the state each paid in excess of the estimate of \$30,000 made for the first year of the license law.

Added revenue will come from this source in the gasoline tax of two cents a gallon, which it is estimated will produce from \$13,000,000 to \$15,000,000 annually, or an average of \$8 per car.

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INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES GET FIRST AID BLANKS

Red Cross Announces Many Certificates Issued to Them; Accident Total

The Chicago Chapter of the Red Cross reports that it has issued 4,285 first aid certificates to employes of Chicago and suburban industrial firms during the twelve months ending May 31. Of this number, 222 lay instructors were appointed to teach the course free of cost to their fellow employes.

A toll of 75,000 lives is claimed each year by industrial accidents in the United States. To reduce mortality from this source, the Red Cross offers its course of training in first aid to the injured.

The General Electric company, like the companies of the Bell Telephone company with which it is associated, requires all employes to take the Red Cross first aid course. To set an example for their workers, all the high executives receive instruction in the emergency care of the injured along with the shopmen. As a result, this company reports, there is a striking decrease of accidents and loss of time from work.

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