

BLIND PENSION RATE INCREASED

THIRTY IN LAKE COUNTY

Last Legislature Passes Measure Appropriating State Funds for Blind Aid

Approximately thirty blind people in Lake county will benefit by the increased pension provided by the state legislature at its last session, according to Miss Florence Effinger, deputy county clerk. The law goes into effect Oct. 1, 1928.

The state law formerly provided that blind people receive an annual pension of \$250 a year. There are about thirty blind people in Lake county who have been receiving county aid at this rate.

The new law raises the pension to \$365 a year, the state agreeing to pay half of the expense instead of the county footing the entire bill as is now the case.

At the rate of \$250 a year, the 30 blind people in Lake county are costing the county \$7,500. With an increase of \$115 per capita, the pension in the county will total \$10,950, or \$3,450 more. Since the state will meet half of the expense, or \$182.50 for each blind person, the county will have to pay only \$5,470 with a saving of \$2,030.

Although the state will reimburse the county for one-half of the expense of the blind pensioners, the increased rates will not take effect until the state tax has been levied, collected and deposited in the state treasury.

Another action of the state legislature which will effect Lake county is the law which provided that the assessment list be figured upon full valuation instead of upon half as before. The board of review, which is now meeting, is taking this matter into consideration and will submit its report on that basis when it adjourns, September 9.

"The doubling of the rate of valuation will not effect the taxes in Lake county or anywhere else in the state," a member of the board, said yesterday. "While the assessment rate is higher, the rate of taxation will undoubtedly be cut in half, or approximately so, depending upon the financial needs of the county. The final result, so far as the taxpayers' pockets are concerned, will be the same."

The change was made for the purpose of allowing Chicago to double its bonding power. Other counties in the state will have the same privilege under the new rate, altho it is not likely that they will have any need to make use of this power."

CONTRACT LET FOR GREAT LAKES BRIG

Needed Alterations and Repairs to Be Made at Once on Naval Prison House

A contract has been let by the Secretary of the Navy for certain improvements designed to enlarge the capacity of the Brig, or Naval Prison at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, according to an announcement made by local naval authorities. The work will include reinforced concrete; brick and hollow tile; ornamental terra cotta; built-up roofing; sheet metal work; miscellaneous steel work; plastering, and metal lathing; wood frames, sash, doors, and trim; and hardware, glazing and electric system.

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RECENT HAPPENINGS IN PROBATE COURT

Husband and Wife, Dying Month Apart, Leave Each Other His Estate

County Superintendent of Schools T. A. Simpson is much interested in the outcome of the state meeting of county superintendents held at DeKalb a few days ago. At the meeting recent legislation affecting schools are discussed and explained in detail.

One of the most important items of legislation is that effecting the attendance of pupils in four year high schools whose place of residence is in a nonhigh school district containing two or three years of high school. Hereafter such pupils will be obliged to attend the local school for the number of years of high school organized in that district, except that they be permitted to attend another high school other than their own by the county superintendent of schools.

Strengthen Local Schools
The law was evidently organized for the purpose of strengthening the local high schools by causing local pupils to attend the local school, thereby reserving for their school the nonhigh school district funds which otherwise would be given to the foreign high school.

Transportation may be provided by a district not alone for transportation within the local district, but of an outside district.

Schools may now hire nurses and dentists.

New Board Organized
An ex-officio board, consisting of the chairman of the board of supervisors, the county clerk and the county judge, may hereafter consider a petition of two-thirds of the legal voters of a high school district asking district boundary changes.

A new distributive law is to go into effect July 1, 1928, eliminating the so-called "stimulation aims" and substitutes for them "equalization aims" by distributing state school funds largely according to average pupil attendance.

Another law going into effect July 1, 1928, provides that the change in boundary by a district take place at any time by action of the board of trustees in public meeting.

The new bonding limits of school districts are to be 2% per cent of the full value of assessed property. This affords no decrease in the bonding limits for the old limitations of 5 per cent were based upon assessed property valued at one-half.

One way to increase the price of corn would be to make the corn fed girl fashionable again.

MAY PAY DAMAGES FOR GIVING RIDE

Driver of Car in Which Rode Two Guests Made Defendant in Damage Suit

Two nurses at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station hospital, Misses Ruby H. Hill and Helen Sprull, last week filed two separate suits for \$10,000 each against the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee railway and Miss Mary Ritter, another nurse, who was driving the car in which they were riding on Saturday, July 16, when the auto and a street car collided at Tenth street and South Genesee street causing injury to all three girls.

According to the complaint, Miss Hill has a permanent scar on her forehead from a gash in which 23 stitches were taken and it was feared at the time of the accident that she had suffered a skull fracture. Miss Sprull suffered a fractured arm and her chest was injured while all three, including Miss Ritter, were badly bruised, lacerated and shaken up. Miss Ritter was too dazed to understand how the accident happened except that the other two were riding to Waukegan with her in her Studebaker coupe. They sideswiped the street car and the coupe was tumbled over in the road. All were treated by Dr. A. E. Budde and taken to the Victory Memorial hospital.

Attorney J. A. Miller, representing Misses Hill and Sprull, filed the bill of complaint late Friday afternoon, naming the North Shore Line and Miss Ritter as defendants in the case. Miss Ritter, as owner of the car, may be held responsible for the injury to her guests if the railroad is able to prove that they were not the cause of the accident and that their employees could not avoid it.

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An American, according to the New York Times, has sent \$4,750 to England to help pay the British debt. Come on, cancellationists, here is a chance to show your generosity.

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