

REFORESTATION OF ILLINOIS IS PLAN

OF ILLINOIS FORESTER

Launches Movement for Planting of Fifty Millions of Trees in State; Many Agencies Aid

Having for its object the reforestation of Illinois, R. B. Miller, chief forester, Department of Conservation, is preparing to launch a movement for the planting of fifty million trees in the state.

The campaign will start in a modest way, with a quota of one million trees being set for 1928. For 1919 this will be increased to ten million trees, as interest is awakened. For 1930 the mark of twenty-five million trees will be set.

Nursery Association to Aid

J. A. Young of Aurora, prominent in the activities of the Illinois Nursery association, in conference with Forester Miller on the plan has pledged the fullest co-operation of his organization. Trees will be furnished practically at cost of raising in order to stimulate the movement.

Mr. Young is nationally known as the originator of the "Plan to Plant Another Tree" movement which has resulted in many millions of trees being planted in all parts of the United States, and which movement has also been well received in foreign countries.

Interest in the Illinois movement will have a six-foot object, as outlined by Forester Miller:

1. Restoration of orchards and berry patches.
2. Popularization of Landscape Art.
3. Reforestation.
4. Beautification of school grounds in Illinois.
5. Beautification of state highways.
6. Planting of memorial trees.

42 Per Cent Once Forest

With the arrival of the first settlers to Illinois this territory was forty-two per cent forest, the wooded sections embracing approximately 15,000,000 acres. At present there remain but 3,231,075 acres of timber in the state, or about one-fifth of the original area.

To secure a proper reforestation Forester Miller will urge upon the farmers of the state to plant one acre to trees on each farm.

A feature of the program having for its object the planting of 50,000,000 trees in the state which is expected to meet with especial favor is a suggestion to border the state highways with shade trees, giving to the state when the highways are completed approximately 10,000 miles of hard roads bordered with shade trees. The various communities will be urged to place these trees as memorials to those serving in the World war.



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1928 TO BE BANNER ROAD YEAR IN STATE

ILLINOIS' BIG PROGRAM

Huge Total of Mileage of Paved Highways to Be Built in Illinois; Figures Given in Estimates

Promise that 1928 will be the banner year in the construction of hard roads in Illinois has been voiced by Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer, Department of Public Works and Buildings.

In the year 1924 the state completed 1,230 miles of hard roads, which has stood as a record of concrete construction in all states up to the present time. During 1928 this record will be exceeded, if the season will permit. It is expected the 1,500 mark will be passed. The figure for 1924 embraces both the roads constructed by the state and county highways built by state aid and under the approval of the state highway department.

Much Under Contract

According to the announcement of Mr. Sheets, contracts have already been entered into for 414 miles of paving, 83 miles of grading and 100 bridges, as a part of the program of 1928.

On December 21 letting for 63.9 miles of paving, 2.5 miles of grading, and 13 bridges by the highway department. On January 2 bids were opened on 225.9 miles of paving, 166 miles of grading and 37 bridges.

February 1 contractors will have an opportunity of sharing in the division of 229.2 miles of paving, 59.6 miles of grading and 21 bridges. For March 1 there is scheduled a letting of contracts for 200 miles of paving and 386.2 miles of grading.

For Cook County

In addition to this schedule there is to be constructed during 1928 roads totalling 450 miles in Cook county, together with 100 miles of grading and 50 bridges.

The grand total under contract, or on which contracts will be awarded not later than March 1 will amount to 1,583.58 miles of concrete paving, 456.28 miles of grading and 221 bridges. It is estimated the state's share of the expenses will be approximately \$42,000,000.

In voicing his prophesy on the road work in Illinois for the season of 1928 Mr. Sheets said the actual results to be accomplished will be influenced in the decision on the legality of the gasoline tax by the supreme court. Should an adverse decision be handed down the work of construction will be materially reduced.



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ILLINOIS ENTERING BIG INDUSTRIAL ERA

Governor Predicts Tremendous Increase in This Line in State in Talk

That Illinois is entering a golden era of progress industrially, was the prediction voiced by Governor Len Small, speaking before a meeting of the Western Society of Engineers.

The governor's address was made during the ceremony of presentation of the new topographical map of the Chicago region, which was made cooperatively by the United States geological survey. The map, described by its designers as the last word in government mapping and surveying, represents in minute detail an area of approximately eleven hundred square miles. It is printed in twenty sections and will be ready for general distribution in 1928.

Center of Manufacturing

Illinois now has the center of population for the United States, and soon will have, and probably keep, the center of manufacturing, Governor Small said, because of its fine roads, excellent transportation and wealth of mineral products.

"Illinois has come to possess the finest transportation facilities in the country," the governor added. "Here the material for commerce can be transported quicker, easier and cheaper than in any other state. Its railroads cover the state in a network. Its new waterway from the lakes to the gulf will give the state new and valuable commercial contacts with foreign countries. We already have more air mail routes than any other state and the topography will permit of universal landing fields."

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THIS STATE

About 15,000,000 new posts are used in Illinois each year in the replacement of old fences.

At the recent International Live Stock show in Chicago, first prize for car lots of steers was won by Aberdeen-Angus steers from Mechanicsburg, Ill.

In 1926 Illinois had four and one-half per cent of the country's public utility electric generating capacity, but produced more than eight and one-half of the country's entire output.

Only three governors of Illinois were born in the state.

There were 87,619 births in Illinois in the first eight months of 1927.

New completely gas-equipped porcelain enameling plant at Rockford uses 6,000,000 cubic feet of manufactured gas each month.

During the first ten months of 1927, interest earned on state funds of Illinois totaled \$827,955.76.

Illinois' first steam locomotive was put into service on Nov. 8, 1838, at Meredosia.

Illinois ranks sixth among the states in the number of immigrants received in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927.

One of the longest commercial telephone circuits in the world—the line from the City of Mexico to Montreal and Toronto, Canada, extends 344 miles through Illinois.

Correcting an item recently appearing in this column giving 23 degrees minimum temperature in recorded minimum temperature in Illinois, a Peoria correspondent says the weather bureau recorded 26 below zero there in February, 1905.

Voters in Illinois will have the opportunity of exercising their right of suffrage eight times during 1928—at three primaries and five elections.

The Illinois Bell Telephone company installed its 900,000th telephone in Chicago recently.

Illinois is one of the six states which have more than \$1,000,000,000 in trust funds.

The most recent estimate of the population of Illinois is 7,296,000.

Capacity of public utility electric generating stations in Illinois is enough to burn simultaneously five 60-watt lamps for every man, woman and child in the state.

A certified copy of territorial Governor St. Clair's proclamation creating St. Clair county, April 27, 1790, is the earliest document possessed by the State of Illinois.

New records for car movements were established on December 5 by the Chicago Rapid Transit company—the "L." In one hour 224 trains of 1,244 cars were routed over the loop, and during the day the loop carried 2,895 trains of 9,779 cars.

Illinois has 667 accredited four-year high schools.

A New Jersey musician, injured so that he can't blow his saxophone any more, asks \$10,000. Well it ought to be worth that much to the neighborhood.

WOMEN CHAUFFEURS INCREASE IN CITIES

Automotive power is responsible for many innovations. One of the latest is the employment of girl taxi drivers by operating companies in several of our largest cities. Concerning their efficiency, a Philadelphia company, which gives employment to a number of well-trained taxi girls, reports that the men drivers employed by the company have three times as many serious accidents as the women.

It is also claimed that the women do not drive as fast; that they take fewer chances and that there is no alcoholic problem with them. They are generally employed on the day shift and are neatly attired in khaki uniforms, military knickers and regulation caps. Of the 648 female chauffeurs reported by the last United States Census, 113 were colored, and it is probable that this number has greatly increased due to the success of the experiments made by the large taxi companies in various cities. In the old days before the passing of the horse, men had a monopoly as coachmen and footmen, but times have changed.



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