

HALF OF CRIMINALS FROM 3 COUNTIES

ILLINOIS RECORDS SHOW

Cook, St. Clair and Vermillion Lead in Inmates of Penal Institutions, Report Indicates

At the close of the fiscal year of 1926 there was a total of 7,206 inmates in the penal, reformatory and corrective institutions of the state of Illinois, it is revealed from the report just issued by the Department of Public Welfare. Of this number 6,690 were males and 516 females.

The report shows the following enrollment in the institutions:

Illinois State Penitentiary	2,639
Woman's Prison	73
Southern Illinois Penitentiary	1,668
Illinois State Reformatory	1,411
State Penal Farm	188
St. Charles School for Boys	784
State Training School for Girls	443

7,206

Three Counties Lead Half

An investigator working through the institutions, pausing here and there to ask an inmate what county he was committed from would find the chances even that he would receive the reply: Cook, St. Clair or Vermillion county, as that one of the ninety-nine counties of the state would be named. These three counties on July 1, 1926, were represented in the seven institutions by 3,599 inmates, as compared to 3,507 for the remainder of the state.

Cook county as the center of population of the state, naturally took first place in the number of inmates, being represented by 3,043. St. Clair county was credited with 342, while Vermillion county was claimed as the home of 214.

Of those claiming Cook county as their home 1,027 were received during the year of 1926. During the same period 142 were received from St. Clair county, and 146 from Vermillion. From the remaining counties of the state 2,058 were received during the year, the total commitments being 3,373.

Every County Represented

Every county of the state was represented among the membership of the seven institutions. In this Putnam county held the honors of the smallest representation, being credited with but one prisoner, and he received during the year.

Calhoun county was next high, with three inmates, while Kendall and Stark county were each represented by four. Honors were equally divided between Boone, Brown, Edwards, Hancock, Hardin and JoDavies, each with five. All of the prisoners from Kendall county were received during the year. The same condition was true of Jersey county, which is credited with eleven inmates.

Ratios of Population

Despite the fact that Cook, St. Clair and Vermillion counties sent 1,315 of the 3,373 inmates committed to the penal, reformatory and corrective institutions of the state during the year, the ratio based on population is far below many of the rural counties of the state. The ratio of Cook county is 27.6 per 100,000; that of St. Clair county 81.2, and Vermillion county, 145.1. The ratio of Cook county is but little above one-half of the state average of 46.8, and is less than the ratio of eighty-eight of the downstate counties.

Pope county shows the highest ratio of commitments based on population, 249.3 per 100,000 inhabitants. Pulaski county is second high, with a ratio of 232.4 per 100,000 population. Following comes Jackson, with a ratio of 213.5; Cley, 197.9; Schuyler, 165.6.

PLAN REVISION OF STATE BANKING LAWS

Governor Small has announced the appointment of the following members of the state commission to revise the banking laws of the state, with recommendations to the state legislature:

Edward E. Brown, First Trust & Savings bank, Chicago; C. R. Holden, vice president of the Union Trust, Chicago; E. M. Stevens, president of the Illinois Merchants Trust, Chicago; W. J. Rathje, president of the Mid-City Trust and Savings, Chicago; J. M. Appel, president of the Park State bank, Chicago; M. S. Heagy, Rock Island; F. W. Aldrich, McLean; F. W. Crane, Quincy; C. W. Terry, Edwardsville; C. E. Hollis, Greenville.

The members of the commission from the house and senate are: Senators Harry G. Wright, DeKalb; Richard R. Meents, Ashkum; George Reynolds, Utica; John T. Denvir, Chicago; and Harold G. Kessinger, Aurora; Representatives David E. Shanahan, Chicago; L. E. Beckman, Kankakee; W. G. Phillips, Mount Vernon; Michael Igoe, Chicago; Michael Fahy, Toluca.

DENVER SCHOOLS USED FOR VARIED PURPOSES

Meetings and function in public school buildings in Denver in out-of-school hours were attended by 109,018 persons during the school year 1926-27. This is exclusive of use by parent-teachers and improvement associations, and for different school functions held out of school time.

NORTH SHORE PLANS SHOPS AT WAUKEGAN

Will Build There Unit at Time Until Complete Plant Is In Operation

Erection of the first unit of the large shops and storage yards of the Chicago, North Shore railroad to be located on the west line of the road south of Dugdale road will be started within a year, according to a statement by Britten L. Budd, president of the North Shore railroad, who attended a meeting of the Waukegan city council last Thursday afternoon, says the Waukegan Sun, which continues:

The shops will be built in units however. That is one department of the shops will be under construction here while the old corresponding division of the Highwood shops will continue in operation. As each of the new units are completed the force of workers and equipment will be moved to this city.

In reality the first unit of the shop is now on the property to be improved by the North Shore line. This building is the large garage and repair shop for busses of the North Shore line. It is located on Tenth street, the southern terminus of the tract owned by the railroad company.

The shop will be much larger than that maintained at Highwood and will be built to take care of the growing needs of the railroad company. It will be strictly modern.

It is also stated that the company will eventually employ several hundreds of persons in the shops here.

Delay in the building of the shops is due to limited finances of the company, according to Mr. Budd, who stated the company is now retrenching to meet expenses incurred by making of improvements during the past year or two.

LEGION CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETS

Has Session at Waukegan and Recommends Dates Be Changed

The joint meeting of the Legion State Convention committee of the Department of Illinois and the Homer Dahlinger Post was held early this week at Waukegan. State Commander Albert M. Carter, Floyd J. Heckel, adjutant, and John M. Traeger, sergeant-at-arms, met with the local members and discussed the annual State convention, to be held in Waukegan.

The principal action taken was the recommending a change in the dates of the convention from August 27-28 to September 10-11, 1928.

After the meeting the party adjourned to the Green Teapot Inn in the Genesee Theater building and enjoyed a very substantial dinner at the courtesy of the Waukegan post, and then made a tour of the city covering the prospective line of march, visiting the Armory, the high school gymnasium where the convention will be held, and "W" Field.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THIS STATE

Illinois spends \$140,000,000 annually on its public schools. Salaries take 53 per cent of the expenditures.

There are more customers of electric light and power, gas and telephone companies in Illinois than there were inhabitants of the original thirteen states in 1785.

The shells of 24 of the 43 varieties of mussels found in the Rock river in Illinois are suitable for making buttons.

More boys than girls are born in Illinois, the ratio being 106 boys to 100 girls, census bureau data shows.

Six per cent of the gas mains and approximately 8 1/2 per cent of the people of the United States using manufactured gas are in Illinois.

The School for Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville, founded in 1839, is the oldest charitable institution in Illinois.

INSURING FORESTS AGAINST FIRE LOSS

Recent Introduction of Policies for Purpose by Insurance Company

It is interesting to know that insurance companies guarantee to protect the public against every conceivable class of loss, or misfortune. There are nearly 100,000,000 life insurance policies in force in the United States, so that leaving babes in the cradle out of the picture there is an average of one policy for every inhabitant. About \$1,500,000 is the daily loss from fire, and the lives of 14,000 human beings are snuffed out by fire casualties each year.

The Forest Service at Washington has long led an aggressive campaign against irresponsible campers and more reckless smokers who have touched off the forests through their careless habits. Rather recently the insurance companies, after independent investigations, have included in their insurance policies to cover forest fire losses, provisions that the insurance companies will not be liable for loss from fires originating from blasting operations where fuses and caps are employed. Electrical blasting has proved to be safe, and the studies by explosives experts and insurance underwriters show that loss from fires by the use of electrical blasting is practically nil.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD JOTTINGS

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

North Chicago's vast annexation program that will nearly double the present area of the city, will be placed on the ballot and put before the voters of the city at the regular city election on Tuesday, April 10, according to Mayor L. Atkinson.

The Hotel Waukegan, the city's new 12 story hostelry, will open on or about April 15, according to the plans of the officials of the corporation which has erected the fine structure.

Four barbers and plumbers, operating without state licenses, were fined last week by Justice Hervey C. Coulson of Waukegan, through whom C. A. Storer, state inspector, had filed charges against these men.

That Mrs. T. H. Becker, wife of the former chief of police of Zion, who dropped dead on the street in Waukegan last week, died of heart disease was the verdict returned by a coroner's jury. Coroner J. L. Taylor of Libertyville presided over the inquest.

William R. Dalziel, president of the Lake County State Bank of North Chicago for a number of years, last week was re-elected at the annual meeting of stockholders and members of the board of directors to serve as president for 1928.

The Hull House association of Chicago, through Jane Adams, head of the organization, last week took out a building permit in Waukegan for a residence at the Bowen Country club on Sheridan road at the north city limits. The permit calls for a house costing \$34,000. It will be 32 feet wide by 93 feet long.

The board of supervisors, with but three dissenting votes, last week authorized its chairman and clerk to enter into a one year contract at \$4,100 with Dr. T. P. Gallahue, of Monmouth, Ill., as county veterinarian to succeed Dr. D. C. Grinnell who was ousted on the demand of the state department of agriculture.

Henry K. Brockway for many years a resident of Barrington, and brother of County Recorder L. O. Brockway of Waukegan passed away last week at 5:30 p. m., at his home in Barrington.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN NATIONS

The United States Treasury has received ninety-seven million dollars from eight foreign governments as partial payment on their funded indebtedness to the United States. Ninety-seven million dollars is quite a tidy sum.

At four per cent, this amount will produce an annual income of three million eight hundred and eighty thousand dollars, which on the whole, is not to be sneezed at. Yet if our friends, the cancellationists, had their way we would not have received this payment. The plain common sense of the people in this matter of debt cancellation still stands back of the terse comment of the President that folks who hire money should pay for it.

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Marked Strides Being Made by Electric Railways in Improving Service

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"The figures give evidence that the corporations themselves are confident of the ability of the roads to make money. It indicates that the financiers of the country agree with them to the extent of being willing to underwrite the new financing necessary and that the investing public sees sufficient safety and profit to buy the stocks and bonds offered. It has not been a task of superlative difficulty to raise the \$1,000,000 a day. Much of the money has come direct from the patrons of the roads, who have become share and bondholders as well as passengers, and who are thoroughly familiar with the problems of the transportation companies."

FOUR STUDENTS FINISH HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Four of Deerfield-Shields high school students will leave school at the end of this semester as they will have a sufficient number of credits to graduate. These four are James Harris, Isabel Foesbender, Eleanor Meacham, and Frances Plummer, James Harris is the only one of these four who has any definite plans, according to the Shoreline. He intends to attend the University of Wisconsin.

NATIONAL P. T. A. HAS NUMEROUS MEMBERS

Membership in the National Congress of Parent and Teachers increased from 98,844 in 1918 to 1,133,357 in 1927. The five State associations reporting the largest membership are California, with 136,785 members; Illinois 92,645; Ohio, 61,435; Michigan; 60,717; and Missouri, 60,354.

INSURANCE CARRIED BY EX-SERVICE MEN

Government insurance amounting to \$2,893,044,640 was being carried by 587,930 World War veterans at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1927.

Disability compensation was being paid to 243,611 veterans. Since the first of last year, when the loan privileges became operative, 689,805 loans amounting to \$64,433,625, had been made. Uncle Sam is generous to the American World War veterans.

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