

BUILDING GAINS IN SUBURBAN DISTRICT

OVER MAY OF LAST YEAR

Reports From Region Show Good Increase, According to Report: Local Cities in Boost List

Chicago suburban building construction showed a gain of 16 per cent in May as compared with May of last year, thus showing that building in the metropolitan area is on an upward trend irrespective of the seasonal factor incidental to the opening summer building period.

Out of a total of 36 suburbs making comparative reports, the figures of S. W. Straus & Co. show that 23 of the suburbs made gains as against the same period last year.

Total Increased
For the towns reporting the comparative total volume of building for May 1928 was \$12,082,504 as against \$10,360,734.

Kenilworth, with a monthly gain of 587 per cent, eclipsed all other suburbs whether South, West or North, although the Kenilworth total for the month was only \$250,775, a figure considerably under that of some of its larger neighbors.

Evanston, which during the last year has been conspicuous for occasional monthly losses, staged a come back making a gain for the month of 168 per cent, with a total volume of \$1,363,175 against \$507,000 for May 1927. Evanston's traditional rival, Oak Park, went even a little better making a gain of 185 per cent, with a May total of \$1,372,257 as against \$480,814 for May last year.

Suburbs Make Gains
Other suburbs making significant gains were: Aurora 146 per cent, Chicago Heights 147 per cent, Elgin 239 per cent, Elmwood Park 323 per cent, Glen Ellyn 261 per cent, Highland Park 23 per cent, Joliet 76 per cent, La Grange 44 per cent, Lake Forest 23 per cent, Maywood 88 per cent, Mount Prospect 67 per cent, Niles Center 78 per cent, North Chicago, 41 per cent, Wheaton 52 per cent, Wilmette 57 per cent, and Winnetka 42 per cent.

Other suburbs making May-May gains were Batavia, Blue Island, Glencoe and Hammond.

While the larger suburban towns of Aurora, Joliet, Elgin and Hammond all made gains, the industrial towns of Gary and Waukegan suffered large losses.

Niles Center in May made a gain of 1172 per cent over April of this year; this was 66 per cent ahead of the March 1927 Niles Center record which was the largest other month for the last three and one-half years.

In the May and April comparison of this year Chicago Heights showed

a gain of 517 per cent, Elgin 363 per cent, Glen Ellyn 230 per cent, North Chicago 272 per cent and Park Ridge 145 per cent.

Other suburbs making gains in May as against April this year included: Aurora, Batavia, Blue Island, Calumet City, Harvey, Kenilworth, La Grange, Lake Forest, Lombard, Maywood, Mount Prospect, Oak Park, Waukegan, Wheaton, Wilmette, and Hammond.

CHIEF DEPUTY INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Fred Brown of Waukegan Hurt on Gurnee Road Early Saturday

Fred Brown of Waukegan, chief deputy under Sheriff Lawrence Doolittle, is in the Lake County general hospital as the result of an automobile accident early Saturday on Grand avenue in which he was seriously injured.

His car crashed full into a culvert and his body was thrown against the steering wheel with such force that the wheel was shattered, the sheriff said. Brown complained of severe pains through his back and chest, and internal injuries were suspected.

Brown had been driving east on Grand avenue at a point just three miles west of Gurnee. Farmers in the vicinity stated that a car bearing an Illinois license, 983,869-28, had been parked along the road.

"From what I can make of it Brown probably tried to avoid this parked machine after he saw it through the blinding lights of an approaching car," the sheriff said.

STATE'S ATTORNEY IS AT G. O. P. CONVENTION

Attends as Alternate From This District; First Vacation in Years, Claim

State's Attorney Smith last Saturday left for Kansas City, Mo., for the purpose of taking part in the

nomination of a Republican candidate for the presidency.

He is, as far as can be learned, the only Waukegan man to make the trip.

Col. Smith goes as an alternate delegate, having been elected to that honor through the primary of April 10 when his name was placed on the ballot in the Lake and Cook county district.

Col. Smith is calling the trip his "vacation." It comes as close to a "vacation" as any that he has taken in the last ten years, as he has never actually taken a full week for rest and pleasure.

DASHLIGHT IMPAIRS VISION OF ROADWAY

Night drivers in the fog or rain should keep their dashlights dim advises the Accident Prevention department of the Chicago Motor club. A bright dashlight will impair vision by causing a glare which affects the vision of the road. It also produces eye-strain which is tiring on a long night trip.

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COUNTY MAY GET SHARE OF GAS TAX REBATES

By a vote of 94 to 1 the house last week passed the gasoline tax refund bills giving the \$6,000,000 to 41 counties for road work and the senate then concurred in house amendments.

R. M. Lobbell, county superintendent of highways, estimated that the amount Lake County would receive will be about \$90,000 to \$95,000 from the refund of gas tax funds collected under the illegal gas tax law. This is on a basis of licenses purchased in Lake county. Members of the county board were elated over the news of the passage as this will permit them to finish several roads that were threatened with delay.

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