

SEEK DAM SITE IN FOX RIVER VALLEY

VARIOUS PLANS OFFERED

Effort Being Made to Overcome Objections to Construction of Another Obstruction in River

Congressmen, was department engineers and Fox river valley civic leaders toured the McHenry river and lakes region via motor launch last week in a survey of sites proposed for a new dam across the Fox river. Led by Congressman Frank R. Reid of the eleventh congressional district, the party, starting at McHenry, boarded a launch and spent an entire afternoon cruising through the river-lakes region. Other members of the party included: Congressman McDonald of Chicago, Colonel Weeks of the war department and two department engineers; William J. Stratton of Waukegan, Mayor Peter Frett of McHenry, Charles W. Renich of Woodstock, C. M. Buel and T. J. Schmitz, both of Elgin. The latter two represented Edward N. Herbster, president of the Elgin sanitary district, on the inspection tour.

Protests Voiced

Some months ago agitation to construct another dam across the Fox river resulted in a veritable flood of protest from downriver communities who charged that such construction would spell low water, hinder sanitation and industry, and threaten health of valley cities. At that time it was proposed to construct the dam just above McHenry, but opponents of the plan countered with the suggestion to rebuild the present McHenry dam.

A state appropriation put through for the dam will soon run out unless a plan is definitely decided upon and this afternoon's tour of the river is for the purpose of considering the situation first-hand and then presenting possible recommendations.

One of the latest proposals to be made provides for the construction of a dam across Nipper-ink creek, thus backing up the water and producing a new lake in the region north of McHenry.

LIBERTYVILLE VOTES FOR BIGGER H. SCHOOL

Plan to Issue Bonds to Enlarge Building Approved; Begin Preliminaries

The People of Libertyville township went on record recently as favoring the enlargement of the local high school and by a vote of 345 to 237 sanctioned the issuance of bonds amounting to \$100,000 to provide funds for the construction of the addition to the present building.

The vote on the proposition which was taken at a special election held Saturday afternoon, was the heaviest ever polled on a school matter, a total of 590 votes being cast when the polls closed at seven o'clock.

The proposed improvement consists of the erection of a two story structure at the north and east of the present building, the new part to house a modern gymnasium and a number of class rooms to relieve the present congestion.

A meeting of the school board was held and plans were made for the promotion of the work. It was decided to advertise immediately for the sale of the bonds which are expected to bring more than par on competitive bidding.

WAUKEGAN SECOND CITY IN STATE IN BUILDING

September Reports Shows It Is Outstripped Only By Chicago Record

Waukegan was outstripped only by the city of Chicago in the value of building permits issued during the month of September, in the cities of Illinois, according to the report issued by the bureau of labor and statistics of the state today.

With a total of \$872,970, Waukegan led all downstate and suburban cities as well for the month. Rockford was second among downstate cities with \$857,609 of which \$340,000 was expended for repairs on buildings damaged by the tornado. Oak Park led the suburban cities in the Chicago district with a total of \$689,949 which was far below that of Waukegan's total. The figure shows a big gain for Waukegan as the total value of building for the same month in 1927 was but \$203,774.

Leads in Residences

Waukegan also leads all other downstate cities for the value of permits for residences issued during the month, the total value of permits of this kind being \$265,500. Rockford again is second, but much of the building was to replace storm wrecked structures. Peoria was third among the downstate cities with a total of \$172,400.

Waukegan is also among the leaders for the volume of building for the present year. The total volume of building for this period in Waukegan is \$2,996,083, as against \$5,795,091, the figure for the same period of 1927.

HUMANE SOCIETY'S WORK FOR QUARTER

Summary of What Has Been Done During Last Three Months Is Reported

A brief summary of work done by Lake County Humane society during the months of July, August and September, 1928, has been presented by Miss Ida Himmelreich. It follows: Helpful visits made by officer 68. Visits made to hospitals 23. Visits to Lake county farm 9. Number of packages of clothing distributed 19. Number collected 11. Woman taken to lawyers for help and advice 4. Visits to home of officer for help and advice 38. Dependency petitions 6. Days of court attendance 5. Baskets of food given to needy 5. Books and magazines have been collected and distributed and work has been found for men and women.

Many neglected children are receiving better care because of the watchfulness of the organization and ladies of the Methodist church are keeping up the good work of making clothing for our needy children. In animal relief work a number of small animals were chloroformed, one sick and suffering horse was mercifully put out of its misery and a number of neglected horses are receiving better care because of the work.

We hope neither of the national conventions will last so long that the gold on the badges will begin to turn green before the delegates get back home.

FOUR SCHOOLS IN LAKE COUNTY ARE "SUPERIOR"

Four schools in Lake county are being considered for a superior rating, the highest recognition the state offers, it was learned today through the inspection by U. J. Huffman, assistant to Francis G. Blair, superintendent of public instruction in the state.

It was indicated that Lake Villa school, where \$7,000 was spent this summer in remodeling, Cedar Lake, near Lake Villa, Lotus County school, near Grass Lake, and Stearns school, Newport township, will be elevated to "Superiors."

Lake county, should this happen, would have 12 superior schools. Among the others are Bonnie Brook, near Waukegan; Wilson, Gurnee; Hawthorn, Ridge, Gavin, Oak Grove and Wadsworth.

There are almost one-fourth of the superior schools of the state located in Lake county and Mr. Huffman and Mr. Blair as well, have used the county as the show place of the state for visiting educators.

AUTO WRECK KNOCKS DOWN BIG LIGHT POLE

A big transformer and "hot" electric wires were knocked down and sputtering wires strewn about Morain road in Highland Park Friday night when an automobile, tangled up in a smash up, went up over the curb and knocked down a pole belonging to the Public Service company. Mrs. E. E. Webb of 34 South Western avenue, Lake Forest and Ira Snyder of Spencer, Ia., were the drivers in the accident. Both cars were damaged but no one was injured.

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