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Legion Assures Aid in Registration of Graves of Veterans

Co-operation of the executive committee of the Illinois department of the American Legion, which is made up of commanders and adjutants of all of the posts in the state, was assured to Mancel Talcott, Waukegan postmaster, in his work of registering of graves of World War veterans in Illinois, at the meeting of the committee in Bloomington, recently.

Mr. Talcott conferred with Legion county grave registration officials in the state in a meeting held in Bloomington earlier in the day relative to the best plan to be followed in obtaining a list of the graves of all veterans buried in Illinois. The plan as outlined by Mr. Talcott and which was followed by him with so much success in Lake county was approved.

The executive committee after being addressed by Mr. Talcott requested that he provided a written report on the plan for action at the next conference of that body which will be held in Bloomington next Saturday. Approval of the plan by the executive committee will result in its adoption by all Legion posts in the state.

There are more than 15,000 graves of World War veterans in the state which must be sought out and recorded and the state executive committee realizing the size of the task and aware that this number is increasing with each month assured Mr. Talcott of all of the aid possible in his important work.

Receipts of Gas Tax in U. S. During Last Year Totals Big Sum

Receipts from the gasoline tax throughout the United States in 1929 will total approximately \$400,940,000, or about 30 per cent more than the total in 1928, when \$304,771,776 was collected, according to a bulletin issued by the Chicago Motor club.

The statement is based on data compiled by the research department of the American Automobile association. Illinois motorists, it estimates, would pay some \$11,000,000, while the car owners of the neighboring states, Indiana and Wisconsin, would contribute \$15,000,000 and \$7,335,000 respectively.

The large increase for this year may be attributed to the fact that Massachusetts passed a gas tax law which became effective January 1, 1929; New York also adopted a tax which took effect May 1, and Illinois passed a similar law, effective August 1. Twenty states increased the rate of tax this year, and increased consumption of gasoline is also a factor in the increased collections. Three states now have a tax of six cents per gallon.

Asks State to Secure Road Rights in County

Supervisor David Van Patten, of Russell, last week got the permission of the county board of supervisors to name the maintenance committee to work out a detailed report to have the county take over the problem of getting the right-of-ways for roads instead of leaving it to the townships. The report will be submitted at the March meeting.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

Interesting Happenings About This Part of North Shore; County Seat

Henry Stoffer, well known resident of Grayslake, passed away in the Victory Memorial hospital last week after an extended illness.

An inheritance tax of \$3,370 was set last week by County Judge P. L. Persons in the estate of Ella G. Strong of Waukegan, who died in Los Angeles, Cal. She left an estate valued at \$98,940.

A three day conference of the Illinois State Teachers association will be held at Springfield December 26, 27 and 28.

George Swift, 80, the oldest employee at Fould's Mills in Libertyville, died last week at the Elizabeth Condell hospital from a ruptured heart. Swift, who has been employed at Fould's Mill for more than 20 years, continued to work until a few days before his death.

The county board of supervisors last week prepared a resolution asking the state to distribute the county's portion of the \$6,000,000 collected under the defunct gasoline tax.

Philip Michaels, a resident of Waukegan for nearly all of his 66 years of life and a former member of the Waukegan police department, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Henry Decker, in Waukegan, last week.

Terry Druggan, owner of Sanola farm at Lake Zurich, and Frank Lake gave the government \$85,000 to postpone the auction on their properties on which the government hopes to realize \$517,842 in back income tax.

Deputy Sheriff H. A. "Hub" Doolittle last week started the circulation of his petitions which would place him as a candidate for sheriff at the spring primaries.

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