

### REMOVAL OF SNOW IS BIG EXPENSE ITEM

#### Motor Bus Lines in State Have Large Sum Invested in Equipment

More than fifty thousand dollars invested in snow removal equipment and an annual expenditure of almost nine thousand dollars is the record of eight of the 81 licensed motor coach lines in Illinois, Alton Nelson, secretary of the Illinois Motor Transportation association, announced today.

Motor coach operators are co-operating with the State Highway department in keeping the state highways cleared of snow. Their snow removal equipment is an important part of their regular equipment.

This equipment is kept in readiness and as soon as one inch of snow has fallen, plows are attached to the front of coaches, to trucks and tractors kept for the purpose, and the work of clearing the roads is begun. Last season one company reported eight men working four thousand hours to keep their particular route clear.

In making a check of the different kinds of equipment owned by bus operators in the state, exclusive of inter-state companies, the association also asked for reports on snow removal equipment and the amount of work done. The first eight companies to reply showed an investment of over fifty thousand dollars in modern snow removal equipment and an expenditure of \$8,766.12 for work done on the state hard roads last winter, when snow fall was unusually light.

An estimate based on forty companies operating in the northern part of the state where keeping the roads cleared of snow is an important factor in coach operation gave a total investment of more than a quarter of a million dollars and an annual expenditure of \$43,000.00.

This is just one of the many benefits the public derives from motor coach operation.

#### Plan Gigantic New Harbor Improvement at Waukegan, Report

Plans for harbor developments on a gigantic scale never before dreamed of by Waukegan city officials, plans which will insure for Waukegan a leading place in the shipping of the Chicago industrial area, were drafted last week by Major H. J. Wild, U. S. district engineer, with the collaboration of engineers representing the city of Waukegan, several lake front industries, and representatives of the association of ship owners on the Great Lakes. Major Wild will present the results of his study of the harbor situation in the form of a recommendation to the rivers and harbors committee of the United States Senate on January 6.

The sketch which Major Wild will present to the committee will call for the construction of a breakwater about a quarter of a mile long, running from the shore line to a point 500 feet north of the Johnson Motor Company property, diagonally southeast to terminate opposite the mouth of the harbor. This breakwater, which is several hundred feet outside

of the existing wall, will give the city a stilling basin, which will in effect quadruple the capacity of the harbor.

In addition to the huge north breakwater project, Major Wild will recommend that the inner basin of the harbor be enlarged by the elimination of two projecting corners of land which obstruct the passage to the coal slips. One of the corners involves land owned by the city water works, which is willing to give the property for the purpose of improving the harbor.

### Says Lake County Has Thousand Fewer Farms

That Lake county has 1,000 fewer farms in operation than it had four or five years ago, was the rather startling statement made by H. C. Gilkerson, Lake county farm adviser, in a recent radio talk.

"This is due," Gilkerson stated, "to subdivision, and the fact that Lake county is becoming the playground of Chicago, with its 43 lakes and numerous golf courses which attract the

people from Chicago during the summer vacation and especially over week-ends. As a result in this change in our agriculture, there has arisen a demand for poultry products, fruits and vegetables.

New York is to have the tallest building in the world, eighty-five stories in height, on the site of the Waldorf-Astoria. We trust these ambitious architects will remember what happened to the stock market when it got too high.



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