

**BRIEF NEWS ITEMS
FROM LAKE COUNTY**

**Interesting Happenings About
This Part of North Shore;
County Seat**

Mrs. Hiram Peter Duely, a resident of Waukegan for most of her life of 66 years, passed away in the St. Therese hospital last week.

Sophia C. Polmateer passed away at her home in Waukegan last week, after an extended illness. She was born May 9, 1861 and resided in Waukegan for 27 years.

Plan of revision of the present street numbering system in the business section of Waukegan was presented last week to the city council in a report of City Engineer Henry Bleck and Building Commissioner Walter Nibbelink.

William C. Dalziel, aged 73, a life-long resident of Lake county, died last week at the home of his son-in-law, E. J. Cunningham of Gurnee. Death followed an illness of about three or four months.

Word was received in the city last week by members of the Hallowell family, one of the oldest and best known in the city, of the death of Mrs. Frank Gallagher, formerly popularly known in Waukegan as Miss Abbie Hallowell, which occurred in Paris, France.

W. C. Petty, supervising principal of the Antioch grade schools, is to be a candidate for county superintendent of schools against T. A. Simpson, incumbent, who has held office for the past 24 years.

Charges of delinquency in filing of income tax returns against ninety residents of Waukegan and vicinity are being investigated by Frank P. Worack, deputy internal revenue collector of that city. The charges cover delinquencies for the years of 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Adoption of an ordinance providing for the holding of an election on the issuance of \$175,000 in bonds to cover the cost of purchase and improvements of a strip of land, more than a mile long and constituting the North Beach, was voted unanimously by the Waukegan city council last week.

**Make New Substance
From Hulls of Oats**

The bureau of chemistry and soils of the federal department of agriculture has developed furfural, a plastic substance made from oat hulls and suitable for use in making door knobs, penholders, ink stands, varnish, electric fixtures, airplane parts and telephone mouthpieces. A large number of articles can be made from the product of mixing furfural with cornstarch flour and carbolic acid. The new plastic substance can be produced commercially at low cost, thus opening a new market for farm products and by-products.

In other days one was cautioned to save for a rainy day. Modern youth saves for a wet night. Atlanta Constitution.

**Report Indicates Lake
Levels Are Lowering**

Fear of increased high water levels in Lake Michigan and resultant damage to shore property seem to be unnecessary in view of the reports of the decrease in water levels in the lake during December as made by the United States lake survey bureau recently.

The survey shows that the lake has dropped 33 hundredths of a foot below the November level and now stands at 580.81 feet above sea level. As an indication of the steady decrease in levels, the lake, which attained the highest point during the summer that it has held for years, is now only 18 hundredths of a foot above the stages of December of last year and is but 1.67 feet above the average stage of the lake during the past ten years.

In the event that the snowfall in the north is normal this year, the lake levels will show a steady decrease throughout the spring and summer in comparison to those of last year, it is believed.

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