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### Bill in Congress to Aid Improvement of the Waukegan Harbor

Waukegan wins and loses in the rivers and harbors bill now before the senate in Washington, it was learned recently when for the first time an authentic copy of the proposed bill was received in the city. It came direct from Washington to Mayor L. J. Yager and forms the basis for the first accurate tabulation of Waukegan's gains in the new bill.

To sum up the situation as it is revealed in the bill, Waukegan gets its exterior breakwater extended to the shore, at a cost of \$251,000, and dredging near the lake end of the north jetty, at a cost of \$15,000. That much, under the terms of the bill, will be done by the government regardless of the construction of a bulkhead across the front of the city park by the city.

The enlarging of the inner harbor, estimated to cost \$38,000, however, is contingent on the erection of the bulkhead in front of the city park by the city.

### Youthful Sailors Are Absolved of Guilt in Death of Companion

Two youthful sailors at the Great Lakes Naval Training station, Ned H. Walker of Dryden, Mich., and Jerry DeVogt of Flint, Mich., last week were absolved of blame for the death of Merle A. Douglas, 32, who was found strangled to death in a Chicago hotel room Monday morning.

The youths admitted having been with Douglas in the Chicago hotel and they also admitted that they had struck him in an argument, but a coronor's jury held that they were justified in striking the man in self-defense.

According to Police Captain Daniel Gilbert of Chicago, Douglas had been arrested in his home town of Milan, Mich., on statutory charges twice in recent years and had been divorced by his wife.

The coronor's jury held that the two sailors were not responsible for the death and that accidental suffocation caused by the fight in the hotel room had taken the man's life.

### Veteran Trustee of State University Dies

Mrs. Mary Busey of Urbana, who shared with Mrs. Laura B. Evans of Taylorville, the honor of being the oldest members of the state university board of trustees in terms of service, died on April 7 in a Cincinnati hospital. She was serving her fifth consecutive six-year term, and was to have been chairman of the agriculture committee for the coming year.

Mrs. Busey was a charter member of numerous patriotic, civic and social organizations. She was one of the delegates who organized the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

Having already subscribed to the League of Nations pact, the World Court pact and the Kellogg pact, France seems to want another peace guarantee pact. Reminds us of the old riddle, "pact upon pact and a hole in the middle."

## REVOLUTION IN FARM LIFE IS DISCLOSED

### Survey Made by Means of Letters from Residents Tells of Changes

A survey of American farm life, designed to show the revolutionary changes which have taken place during the past decade, has just been completed by a jury of 13,431 residents of farms and smaller cities, under the direction of Farm and Fireside, national farm magazine.

Answers to a four-page questionnaire showed an overwhelming interest in how to live rather than how to make a living, and an interest in subjects other than specific advice on farming.

#### Subjects Included

The questionnaire, in one section, asked the jurors to check off, in a list of 21 subjects, those in which they were most interested. The leading favorites of all subjects were: "World Events" and "Modern Thought," which were selected by 36 per cent of the voters. "Child Training" was second with 29 per cent of all votes cast; "Books and Music," 19 per cent; "Building Plans," 19 per cent and "Gardening for Beauty," 12 per cent. Among professional farm subjects only "Poultry" and "Crops and Soils," were ahead of books and music and both of these were below questions concerning child training, youth and national events.

Residents of the rural communities taking part in the survey showed a decided tendency to cling to the old moralities that go with the problem of living rather than of making money, but there was also evidence that the grip of old-time religion on the farms and small towns is slipping. Only 16 per cent of the jurors under the age of 20 years favored adherence to the old preachments; 19 per cent of those between 21 and 30 advocated such adherence; between 31 and 40, 32 per cent; between 40 and 50, 33 per cent; between 51 and 60, 44 per cent and over 61, 86 per cent.

#### Astonishing Departure

The most astonishing departure from old-fashioned standards lay in the vote on birth control. 67 per cent of the readers favored legalization of the imparting by doctors of birth control methods to married couples applying jointly. Easier divorce, however, was voted down, 81 to 19 per cent. Prohibition lost by 78 to 22 per cent. Fifty per cent expressed no confidence in any law to relieve agriculture; 40 per cent favored Hoover's farm board and 10 per cent clung to the debenture plan.

Tobacco growing was approved, 65 to 35 per cent and tobacco advertising was sanctioned by 58 to 42 per cent. Advertising cigarettes for women, however, lost by 84 to 16 per cent.

A New York woman is awarded \$500,000 for the alienation of her husband's affections. Girls wouldn't it be gorgeous to have a husband whose affections were worth that much?

We can't understand why married men should prefer talking pictures to the old silent ones.