

WOMEN VOTERS HERE FAVOR JURY SERVICE

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give them a better conception of the administration of justice."

Mrs. D. M. Blasier—"It seems to me that women would bring a fresh viewpoint to the court room. Also the very desirable class of men now exempt from jury service—consisting of teachers and those in the professions, or holding government positions; and others—would be represented by wives of these men, or by other women qualified to serve for this group."

The Illinois League of Women Voters is also collecting statements of members in regard to this question

Also Throughout State

Says Sophinsha P. Breckinridge of the University of Chicago, chairman of the committee on the Legal Status of Women for the national league, "It is most anomalous that voters should be disqualified from participation in so important a public function as jury service. Moreover, to admit women is to open up resources among a group as generally educated, with more time, and with as high a sense of public service as those already qualified."

Julia Lathrop of Rockford, first chief of the Children's bureau declares, "Of course, I believe that women should be eligible for jury service by the very argument which gives them equal property rights and voting power."

Mrs. J. Hewitt Rosenstiel of Freeport, former president of the Illinois league, writes, "When the prejudices are aired and analyzed, some old bugaboos vanish. It is interesting to no-

tice the conviction grown among Illinois women that jury service is logical part of citizenship. We should be grateful to the referendum for making us think before voting."

Women members of the Illinois legislature have supported the campaign, and it was Mrs. Rena Elrod who has twice led the battle in the House for the bills which were finally passed. In the senate, Florence Fifer Bohrer of Bloomington has helped the fight. Mrs. Bohrer says, "The welfare of women and young girls is involved in many cases brought to jury trial. I can think of no place where the presence of so called respectable women is more needed than at their side during an experience which is too often a tragic ordeal."

"Illinois women today are like their ancient fore fathers who forced King John to sign the Magna Carta which guaranteed them their right to a jury of their peers. Illinois women demand a jury of their peers," announced Catharine Waugh McCulloch of Evanston, one of the foremost women lawyers of the state.

The director of the Juvenile Protective association of Chicago, Jessie P. Binford says, "Today, women who stand side by side with men in suffrage, professions and business, should take their place in jury service and they will undoubtedly have much to contribute because of their understanding and approach to certain problems developed by their special responsibilities."

Mrs. Ralph Treadway of Glen Ellyn, president of the Illinois League of Women Voters, sums up the situation with this statement, "To have women on Illinois juries would bring two results: a step in the education of the women themselves, and improvement in jury service, including court conditions and personnel."

Purnell Is Speaker at Rotary Club Session

At the regular meeting of the Highland Park Rotary club Monday noon at the Moraine hotel the usual fine luncheon was enjoyed, after which came the business meeting and program. The feature of the program was an impromptu talk by Dick Purnell, who has a very interesting account of his life history and adventures, including a sketch of his experiences overseas during the World war. The regular speaker for Monday failed to appear, and Mr. Purnell came to the rescue most admirably. His talk was much enjoyed by all members present.

61st Coast Artillery on Way to Ft. Sheridan

This week the mile-long column of the 61st Coast Artillery (A.A.) regiment, with its 100 motor vehicles and numbering about eight officers and 250 men, is well over half its way to Fort Sheridan on their long over-

land trip of 1200 miles from Fort Monroe. They stopped at Louisville, Kentucky, Tuesday night and are scheduled to arrive at the fort June 13. Major James H. Cunningham, C. A. C., is commanding.

The regiment left Fort Monroe on May 14 and has already traversed 700 miles through Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

Building in May Is Less than Same Month

The report of city building inspector, S. D. Morris, for May, shows 20 building permits issued for a total estimated cost of the improvements in question amounting to \$72,950, and fees of \$266.75. The total estimated cost of buildings for which permits were issued in May 1929, was \$196,088.

Permits issued last month for other purposes and fees collected are reported as follows: Electrical permits, 13, fees, \$46.05; tank permits, 6, fees, \$30; five sewer taps, \$25; eight water taps, \$255; one registration, \$25. Total of all fees, \$647.80.

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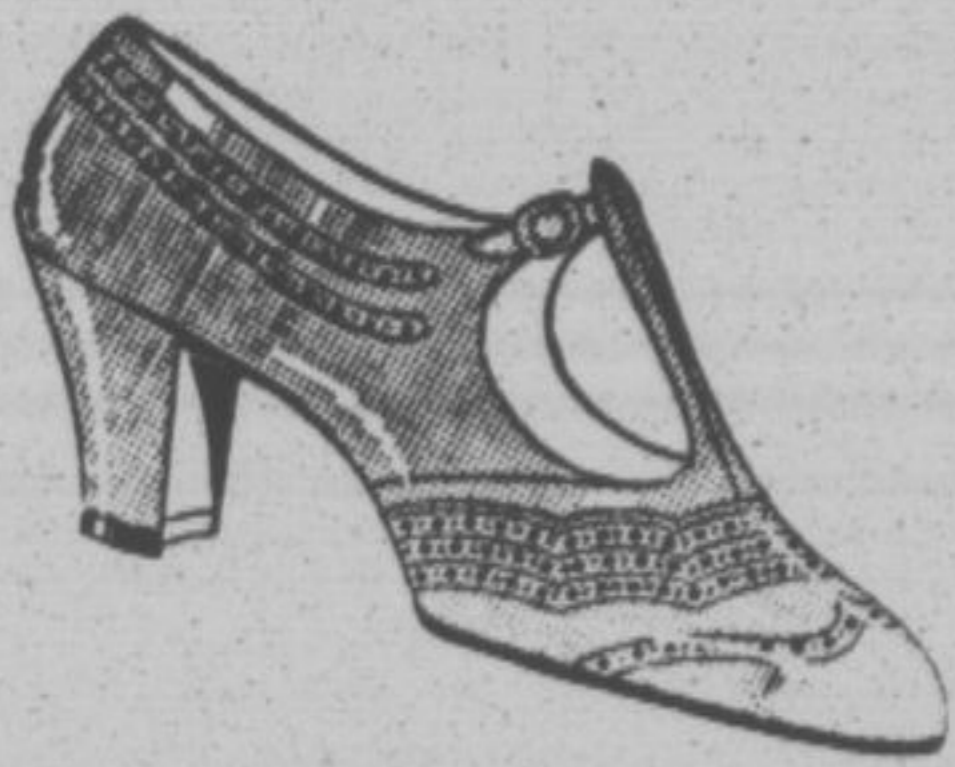
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