

## INCREASE REWARDS FOR P. O. ROBBERS

### Postal Department Reports New Schedule; Postmasters in U. S. Notified

Large rewards for robbers that tamper with the United States mails, offered by the post office department in an attempt to check the series of such outrages throughout the country, went into effect last week, it is stated in a bulletin from Washington to local postmasters throughout the country.

Two thousand dollars will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person for assaulting anyone having lawful charge or control of any mail, money or other property of the United States, intending to rob such a guardian of government property, or wounds or kills such a person, or puts his life in jeopardy by the use of a dangerous weapon. If such an assault doesn't result in wounds, \$1000 in reward money will be paid.

#### Rewards to Be Paid

If a government postoffice is broken into or any building devoted in part to post office purposes, in an attempt at robbery, or should any one steal mail while on a postal route, or in custody of a messenger, or while it is being conveyed to a railroad station, a reward of \$200 will be paid for his arrest and conviction.

For receiving stolen mail or other post office property, those guilty, if captured and convicted, will net to their captors the amounts as those listed above.

The government bulletin, given out by the postmaster, further states that for anyone shot and killed while carrying out any of the above offenses, or while resisting lawful arrests on such charges, rewards will be paid equal to those paid for arrest and conviction.

#### Lake County Case

The stick-up of the North Avenue pharmacy in Waukegan which housed a government branch postoffice, over a week ago, and netted the holdup men more than \$200 mostly government money, is the most recent case

which the large rewards offered hoped to check. Had these awards been legal two weeks ago, the capture of the two men would have resulted in a \$2000 reward to those effecting the arrest.

The grave danger of being turned up for such a generous reward is expected by the department to greatly cut down mail and post office thefts.

### How Long Dollar Lasts in Upkeep of Illinois Institutions Explained

A dollar lasts just a little more than three seconds in the upkeep of Illinois penal and charitable institutions.

Rodney H. Brandon, director of public welfare, made this discovery in preparing his annual report.

Permanent improvements at the state penal and charitable institutions he said cost the state eight cents per second throughout the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1929. This investment in facilities to care for the rapidly increasing institutional population, equals one-fifth of the expenditures for operation, including salaries and wages, repairs and equipment and the disbursement from the U. S. Veterans' Bureau fund.

During the last fiscal year, one dollar lasted only 2.051 seconds for all institution expenditures, including permanent improvements for the department of public welfare.

The average dollar, set aside for all expenditures at the state institutions including the investment in permanent improvements, survived for 3.1387 seconds, of the year that ended June 30, 1926. The next year, the average dollar's life was 2.8013 seconds. In the year ending June 30, 1928, a dollar lasted 2.2795 seconds, and in the past fiscal year, the average dollar's life was reduced to 2.051 seconds.

The cost of permanent improvements has increased consistently since 1926. In 1926, the state expended \$350,599; in 1927, \$503,766; in 1928, \$2,411,356 and in 1929, \$2,575,563.25 was spent for permanent improvements.



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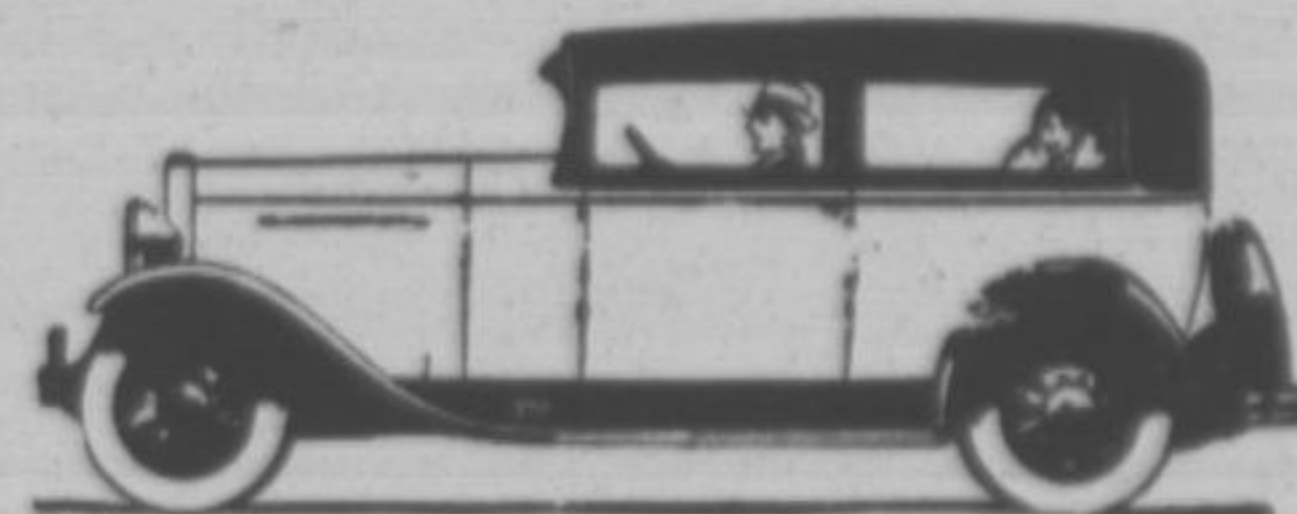
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