

URGES PURCHASE OF ILLINOIS PRODUCTS

Chairman of Commission Appeals for Support by Public to Help Jobless

Whole-hearted public support of the Buy Illinois Products movement at this time will do much to solve the unemployment problem and help to relieve the existing business depression, is the opinion of Eugene D. Funk, chairman of the Buy Illinois Products commission, created by the last general assembly to increase the sale of all classes of goods produced in this state.

Chairman Funk has issued a statement on the subject in which he says: "The Buy Illinois Products movement may be compared to the protective tariff in principle. The tariff law is designed to protect American labor and business from unfair foreign competition and its provisions are enforced by the levying of a tax on imports. The Buy Illinois Products movement applies only to local communities within state lines and must rely solely on public opinion for its support.

Patronize Home Industry

"In these times of business depression and widespread unemployment there is every reason why our people should patronize home industry by buying goods produced in Illinois.

"Whenever the unemployment situation becomes acute many thousands of jobless men and women in the rural communities and small towns flock to the big cities in the hope of finding work. In most instances they would be better off if they remained at home where they can live cheaper and be among friends. The truth is that very often conditions are worse in the big cities than in the rural communities.

"When jobs are scarce employers should make it a rule to give preference to the residents of their own city rather than hire floaters. Housewives can help relieve the situation by patronizing their neighborhood stores, and, wherever possible, buying goods made in their own state.

Benefits Cited

"The benefits that will result from the public support of this movement may be summarized as follows:

"It will provide employment for many thousands of workers now idle.

"It will materially increase the purchasing power of all wage earners and result in more buying of all kinds.

"It will enable many factories now operating on a part time basis to increase their volume of production, thereby benefiting every branch of industry.

"It will stimulate the sales of both wholesale and retail dealers.

"It will aid the farmer by helping to create a market for his surplus crops and he in turn will become a customer for manufactured goods.

"It will increase the circulation of money, tend to restore confidence to business men and aid in bringing about a return of prosperity.

"Everyone who lives in Illinois should be a booster for Illinois products."

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Lake Zurich Landmark Is Destroyed by Fire

Lake Zurich last week lost an old landmark when fire destroyed the Siep Brewery, near the railroad tracks, which had been deserted since prohibition went into effect.

The large wooden structure, which once housed thousands of barrels of beer and other choice liquors, had been gradually falling apart. The doors and the roof had been decaying and the building which had been a busy distributing point for beverages for Lake Zurich, had become a sore spot to Lake Zurich.

The emptiness of the building haunted the thousands of motorists and residents of Lake Zurich who passed the structure during the hot summer months. Some of them recalled the days when William Bicknas, the distributor, had a large crew of men loading barrels of beer and cases of liquors to deliver to private homes.

The blaze is believed to have started from spontaneous combustion. The Lake Zurich fire department kept the fire confined to the building despite the strong wind Sunday.

Lake County Is Third in Automobile Sales

Sales of new automobiles in Illinois dropped off sharply during October, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce reported in its business review today.

Last month only 7,648 new cars were sold in the state, as compared with 10,446 sales in September and 14,604 sales during the same month last year. Cook county ranked first in county sales, downstate counties showed a slighter loss. A total of 3,200 cars was sold in Cook county during the month.

Peoria county led in the sales downstate with 225 automobiles. Others in the first rank of downstate counties included Lake with 193 sales; Sangamon with 1899; Kane, 177; St. Clair, 150; and DuPage, 143.

While fixing the roof of his barn for the winter, James Campbell of Gurnee lost his balance and fell to the ground, a distance of about 16 feet. He sustained a fractured ankle.

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