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Removal of Patients to Other States Will Cut Elgin Asylum Costs

A saving of \$16,000 will be effected at the Elgin state hospital for the insane this year by the removal of 53 non-resident patients to institutions in states where they are legal residents. This computation is based on the figure of \$300 as the average annual cost of caring for mental cases.

Removal of non-resident mentally afflicted patients from Illinois state hospitals to the institutions of their own states will result, in 10 years, in a saving of \$1,203,000 to Illinois state funds, figures of the state department of public welfare disclose. Ten years is the average time the patients spend in Illinois state hospitals. Slightly more than 400 have been thus removed from state institutions this year.

Dr. Charles F. Read, managing officer of the Elgin institution, said this morning that there are now very few patients at the hospital who are legal residents of other states. In the exchange of patients with other states, the local hospital has received but one or two additional cases this year sent from neighboring states. Thus the Elgin hospital has gained in the transactions.

"The exchange of patients to their rightful state institutions is an excellent policy," said Dr. Read. "It is the only way to do—to have each state care for its own mentally afflicted."

Candidates in Waukegan For Supervisor Hesitate

The field of candidates for supervisor for the town of Waukegan may be thinned considerably before spring, it was learned last week when it was reported that efforts were to be made to strip a \$4,000 annual salary from the position.

An investigation has been opened to determine how far the law of the state allows the town board to go in paying a supervisor. Those who are making the check state that the law provides for a \$5 salary for each day that the supervisor works and that there is no provision for the \$4,000 annual fee for serving as "poor-master."

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VON LUCKNER IS IN WAUKEGAN HOSPITAL

German War Hero, Injured in
Auto Accident Last Week
Is Patient

That tall German dare-devil, Count Felix Von Luckner, continues to be the most intriguing patient at the Victory Memorial hospital, where he is recovering from a fractured collar bone and three broken ribs, sustained in an automobile accident last week, says the Waukegan Times.

Since Dr. James A. Bickson of Cleveland, Dr. M. L. Harris of Chicago and Dr. Charles Leppert of Waukegan have come out of conference with the verdict that Von Luckner will have no further trouble from his injuries, following his removal from his enveloping plaster cast after New Year's visitors have begun to appear and messages to stream into the hospital mailbox.

Crosley in Greetings

Rear Admiral Walter S. Crosley sent his greetings to the "Sea Devil" yesterday by Lieutenants Francis Gilmer and H. C. Gray of the Great Lakes Naval Training station.

Commander McDonald, president of the Zenith Radio corporation, Howard Masse of Chicago and U. J. "Sport" Herman, popular Chicago theater manager, were among other guests.

The Countess Von Luckner, who arrived Thursday, after speeding from the family yacht at New York harbor, has taken an apartment at the hospital, in order to be near her husband.

Proves Fortitude

The count, between visitors Thursday, was shoved back and forth to x-ray rooms and surgical tables. He underwent considerable pain but nurses stated that he was jovial and game all of the time.

The ban was placed on visitors Friday because he was a trifle worse than the day before.

"I'm going to get out of here before Christmas. You can't keep a good man down, by Jo," he declared with a hearty laugh.

Summer Cottage Near Antioch Is Destroyed

One Channel Lake summer cottage was burned to the ground last week, and the buildings surrounding it were menaced by a fire of mysterious origin which spread unchecked until a resident discovered it and sent in a call to the Antioch fire department. Volunteer helpers from all over the country-side assisted in fighting the blaze, and succeeding in saving the two cottages on either side of the doomed building, and safeguarding others near by.

The demolished building and the two on either side were the property of Harry Joyce, a summer resident of Channel Lake. Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

Throughout the summer, summer homes along the inland lakes have been threatened by fires of unknown origin. Unused throughout the winter months, it is possible that tramps had broken into for shelter from the snow and cold, leaving lighted cigarette butts or matches about upon their departure.