

LOOK FOR BUSINESS TO IMPROVE IN 1931

Illinois Chamber of Commerce Survey Indicates Prospect of Better Times

With savings deposits in Illinois banks increasing month by month and reports on various business indicates showing October and November decreases, it seems probable, according to the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, that the first turn of business upward will mark the beginning of a rapid improvement during the early part of 1931.

The State Chamber's monthly business report, compiled by the research department, lists the savings deposits of the 48 Illinois banks reporting to the federal reserve on Nov. 1, at \$439,214,445, an increase of 1.4 per cent over October and 8.5 per cent over Nov. 1, 1929.

Retail hardware sales for October, 1930, are 21 per cent behind those of October, 1929, and sales of 100 department stores of the Chicago federal reserve district show a 14 per cent decrease in October, 1930, compared to the same period in 1929. Better Christmas buying, reported in the majority of the downstate Illinois cities indicates that some improvement should be noted in the next report.

Automobile sales were 3,234 less in November than in October, the total of 4,414 new cars sold being the lowest of the year. Pig iron production in the Illinois-Indiana district was only 395,814 gross tons in November as compared to 424,329 in October. The 19 coke furnaces in blast in the district on Dec. 1, had a daily production of 13,190 gross tons, a decrease of 710 gross tons per day as compared to Nov. 1, reports when the same number of furnaces were in blast. New incorporations in Illinois in November totaled 298, 28 less than for October.

Reports with plus marks included petroleum production with the October output of 425,000 barrels, an increase of 20,000 barrels over September. Life insurance sales totaled \$59,230,000 in October, an increase of \$5,351,000 over September. Electric power production in the state increased 53,598,000 kilowatt hours in October over September production although still 8 per cent under October, 1929, electric power production.

Declares College Adds Two Years to Life Span

Four years of college life adds two years to the life span of a man, and if he studies enough to be among the honor students, he gets a bonus of two more years added to his life expectancy.

At least that is what Dr. Andy Hall, state health director, claims and he shows figures.

"A recently completed study of Dr. Louis I. Dublin shows that male college graduates have a life expectancy of 45.71 years at age 22," said Dr. Hall. "Generally the life expectancy is only 43.46 years. Honor men now 22 may expect to live at least until they're 47.73 years old.

"The reasons are probably many and complex, but one of the important ones is that these people learn

City Manager Bill May Come Before Legislature

A city manager bill, which would permit a group of elected commissioners to select a city manager, is expected to be introduced at the opening session of the Illinois General Assembly Jan. 7.

The bill is sponsored by Chicagoans. It provides that cities must present the question to the people for a vote before adopting the city manager plan.

to take advantage of what preventive medicine offers. The scientific point of view, also enables them to avoid quacks and nostrums that lead only to disappointment when depended upon for regaining health. The college grads learn, moreover, to choose wisely of foods and to regulate their lives so as to get the maximum of health promoting activities."

No study of women graduates from colleges has been made, but Dr. Hall thinks it reasonable to suppose that the same principle applies.



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