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Municipal League to Discuss Gas Tax Plan

Executive committee members of the Illinois Municipal league were notified last week of a special meeting to be called on Thursday, Jan. 15, at Springfield. The meeting will have as its theme a discussion of the proposed gas tax division.

The principal business of the January meeting of the committee will center around discussions of impending legislation to come up at the next state sessions.

The division of the gasoline tax three ways has become a proposition of prime importance with the Municipal league and bills will be submitted at the state legislature during the coming session.

The Municipal league has circulated written surveys of the proposed measure to all newspapers of the state. In them the entire proposition is explained and the benefits of the proposed three-way division outlined.

MANY AUTO DEATHS IN COUNTY IN 1930

**Nineteen Killed and 59 Die as
Result of Accidents
on Highways**

Nineteen persons met death as a result of collisions between automobiles on Lake county highways during the year 1930, according to the records of Coroner John L. Taylor. Eight pedestrians were struck and killed by cars, and 12 people were killed as a result of cars skidding from the road and turning over.

Crashes between automobiles and trains accounted for 11 deaths. Three were killed when autos struck culverts, and two when cars crashed into trees. One girl was fatally injured when she was run over by a car while coasting; Two motorcyclists collided with automobiles with fatal results, and a bicycle rider was killed under the wheels of a car.

Cars Snuff Out Many Lives

This total of 59 lives lost as a result of injuries blamable in part or whole on automotive traffic makes up almost one third of all the deaths investigated by Coroner Taylor during the year. The total number of inquests conducted was 182.

Accidental drownings while bathing of which 17 cases occurred in Lake county during the year, formed the second largest group of violent deaths reported. Most of these deaths occurred during the hot months of July and August. An additional drowning victim, an elderly woman who fainted and drowned in a bath tub, was not included in the regular list above mentioned.

Heart Disease Third

Third in the list of large groups into which the principal cases investigated by Coroner Taylor fall is organic heart disease. 12 deaths in the county were traced to that cause.

Eight murders were indicated by the coroner's findings. Three of these were committed in the "Fox Lake massacre" last spring, when three Chicago gangsters, Quirk, Bertsche and Pellar, were riddled with bullets. One was "by means unknown," the charred torso of a woman, found in the ruins of a burned cottage, indicating foul play but giving no clues.

Suicides outnumbered murders, 14, instances of self-destruction being recorded during the year. Gunshot wounds, self-inflicted, caused death in five cases. Four persons hanged themselves. Two flung themselves under trains, and one each resorted to lysol and carbon monoxide poisoning. One inhaled gas.

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