

Recommend Passage of Bill for State Council to Handle Emergencies

The house appropriations committee at Springfield, last week recommended the passage of Representative William Carroll's bill proposing a state emergency council to act in time of disasters in the state. The bill calls for an appropriation of \$15,000 to carry out the work but specifies

that the members of the council would serve without pay.

The directors of finance, public works and buildings, public health and adjutant general as well as five members to be appointed by the governor to serve for two years would serve on the council. The appointees of the governor would represent the American Legion, American Red Cross, transportation interests, business organizations, and peace officers of the state.

Whenever there would occur in the state any stress and widespread disasters such as floods, fires, tornados, earthquakes, pestilences or similar conditions the governor would be empowered under the act to declare an emergency and the council would be called into service to co-operate with officials in conducting the necessary relief work.

The members of the commission would be empowered with all police powers to carry out their work.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

Happenings About This Part of North Shore; County Seat Doings

During the year ending April 30, 1931, \$2,111.60 was collected in police court fines in Libertyville, according to the annual report made by Chief Frank Druba.

Benjamin H. Biller, chairman of the state waterway committee who has been attorney for the village of Mundelein since it was incorporated 22 years ago, has resigned his post as village attorney.

Building in Waukegan for the fiscal year which ended April 30, reached a total of \$1,107,257, according to the report made up by Building Commissioner Walter Nibbelink.

Clarence Brown was inducted into the office of Waukegan police magistrate last week, the first magistrate to be duly elected and inducted into office in two years, since the death of Magistrate Walter Taylor.

H. E. Underbrink, principal of the Libertyville high school for the past eleven years, has been reappointed, Dr. L. E. Golding, president of the school board announced. The entire staff of teachers at the school has also been retained.

Mrs. Annetta Louise Talcott, widely known Waukegan woman, widow of S. Delano Talcott, one time state's attorney for Lake county, and mother of Postmaster Mancel Talcott of Waukegan, died last week at the family residence, 514 North Sheridan road, after a long illness.

A coroner's jury pronounced the Soo Line crossing north of Antioch, scene of six deaths since the first of the year, a dangerous crossing inadequately protected, after spending five hours considering evidence presented by witnesses to the accident in which five Libertyville youths were instantly killed.

James F. King, who has served as city clerk of Lake Forest for the past 33 years, has been reappointed for another two years by Mayor-Elect Albert B. Farwell. He was first appointed to the office by Mayor Edward F. Gorton in 1897. He has served under eleven other mayors of that city.

Operations of a bogus check writer, who has passed several bad checks in Lake county, have aroused sheriff's and police department heads. Warnings have been issued by both departments, and anyone duped by the man or approached by him is asked to communicate with headquarters.

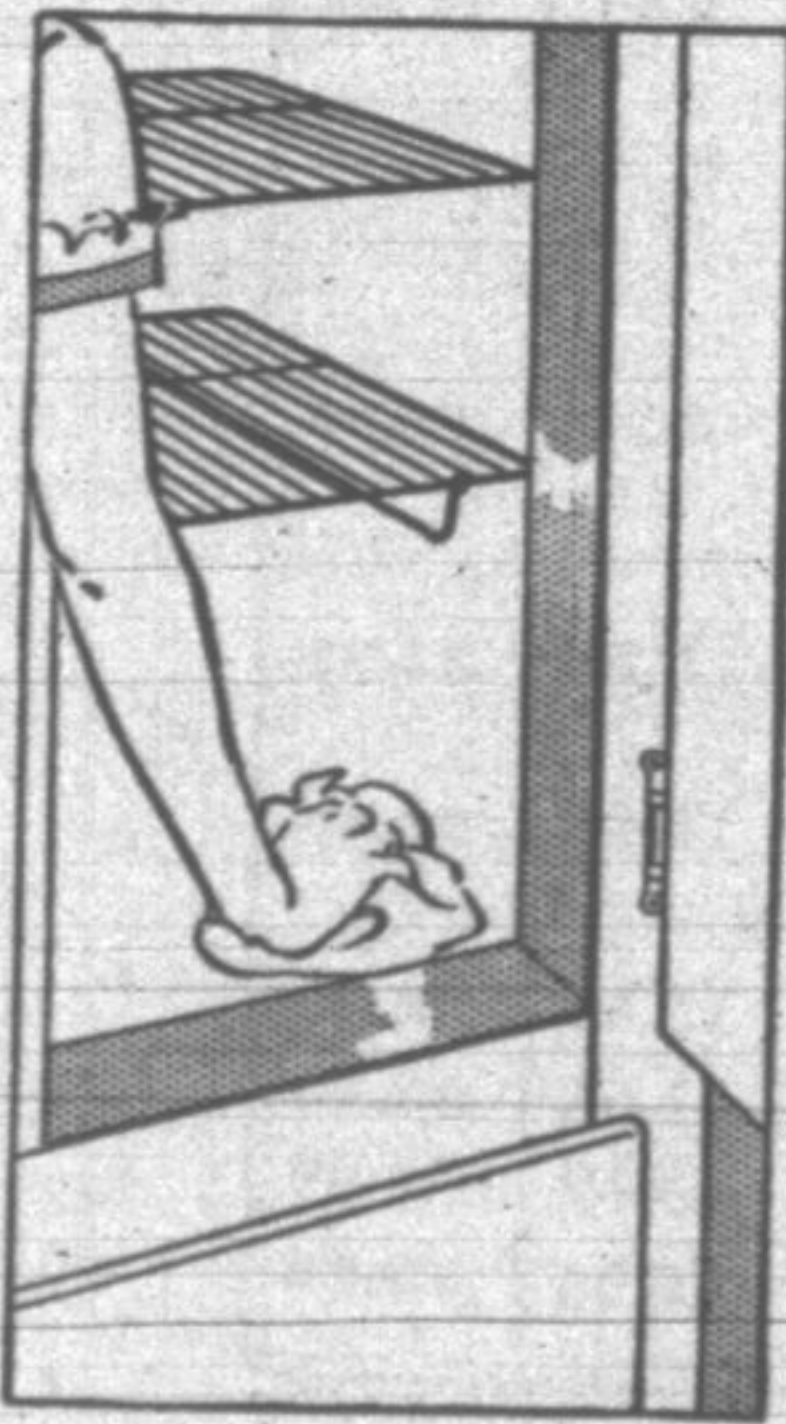
A firearms expert has invented a pistol which shoots gas and stuns the victim for a half hour without harming him. These ought to be popular at banquets when the hour arrives for the after dinner speaker.

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