

### SAYS COUNTY MAY MAINTAIN HOSPITAL

#### Attorney General in Opinion Regarding Status Under New Poor Law

Lake county may still maintain the Lake County general hospital and levy a tax for its operation, Attorney General Oscar E. Carlstrom stated in an opinion received last week by Assistant State's Attorney George S. McGaughey, and County Treasurer Jay B. Morse must pay the \$2,500 wages to employes of the hospital for July.

Carlstrom's ruling concurs with State's Attorney A. V. Smith's advice to Morse to pay the wages. After the \$2,500 is paid out there will still remain more than \$10,000 with the county treasurer of the \$89,000 hospital appropriation made last September by the board of supervisors.

"I know of no reason why the funds on hand in the county treasury for county hospital purposes may not be drawn upon for maintenance of the county hospital," Carlstrom stated.

Morse had held up the payment of the \$2,500 wages to hospital employes because of the confusion in the legislative act which transferred the pauper aid from the county to the townships. From the interpretations of the act, the county hospital, the poor farm and the detention home must be paid per diem for each person sent to those institutions from the respective townships.

"The future use of the county hospital may receive a smaller appropriation for its operation, depending upon whether or not the townships desire to avail themselves of its use on the per diem basis," Carlstrom said in his opinion.

#### Another Opinion

Lake county can support poor persons while they remain in their homes in the various townships, according to an opinion given today by Attorney General Oscar E. Carlstrom.

Under this ruling Waukegan township, as well as Deerfield and Shields, which are heavily burdened under the legislative act transferring pauper aid from the county to the townships, will receive temporary relief in caring for the poor.

#### Non-High School Dist. Board Approves Claims

The Lake county non-high school district board met last week, and approved claims to the extent of \$116,551 by high schools of the county for the education of students from districts in which no high schools have been established.

Members of this board, president; Theodore Ferby Lake Bluff and Ber-John C. Con of Round Lake.

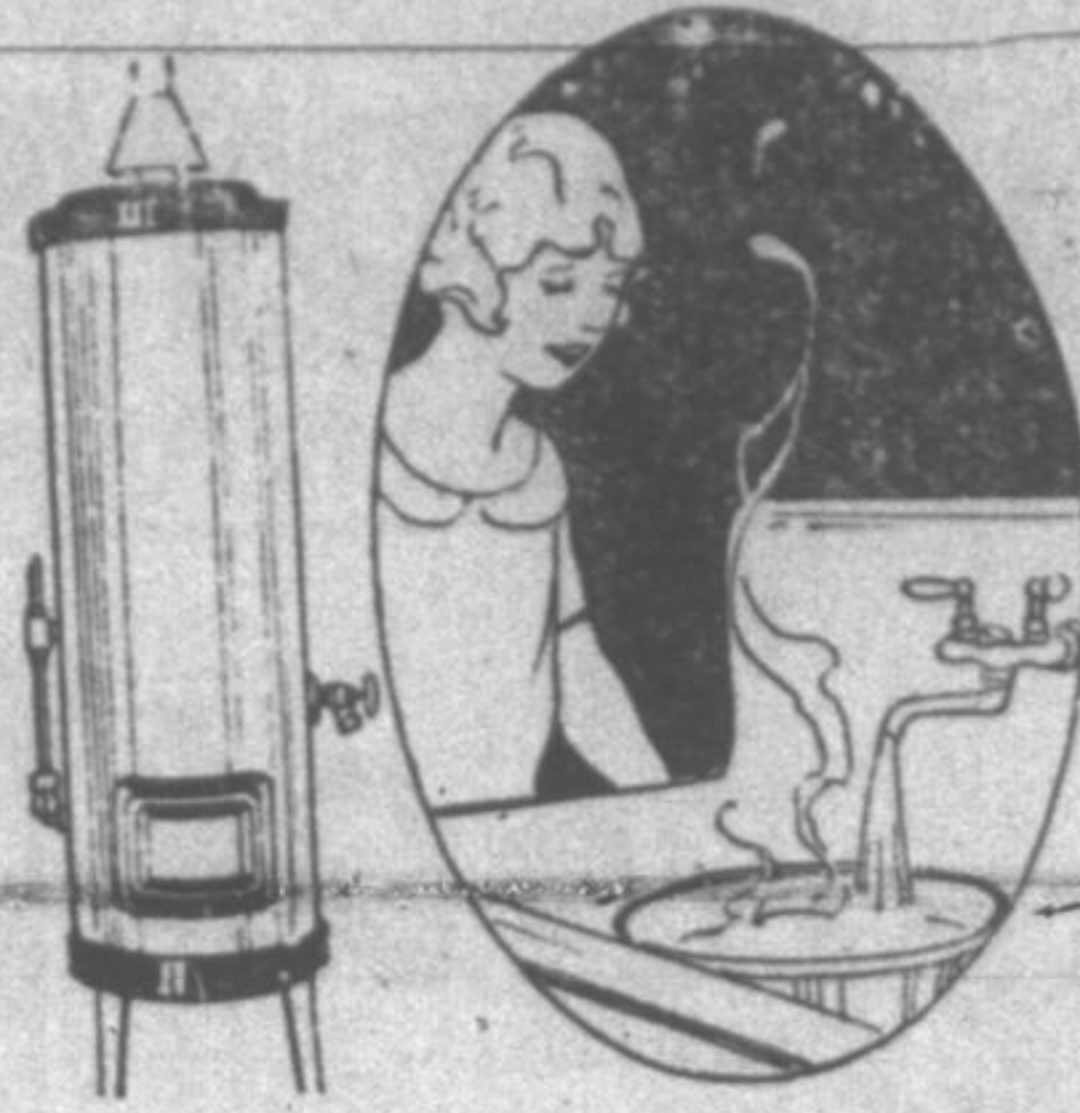
The first week of the four year term of W. C. Petty, Lake county superintendent of schools, was officially begun on Monday. Petty has held the office unofficially since March 11.

When T. A. Simpson, for many years superintendent in Lake county, was appointed to the position of assistant state superintendent of schools in charge of rural schools, Petty was asked to take the office to which he had been elected immediately.

At that time he resigned as superintendent of Antioch schools, and began to handle the county work. In this way he gained several months of advance information.

#### Stratton Reports on Interest for Quarter

Announcement is made by William J. Stratton, secretary of state that \$3,935.10 has been earned in interest on the moneys collected during the quarter beginning April 1 and ending June 30, 1931. This amount was paid into the state treasury today, with an itemized statement showing the amount of interest earned during the quarterly period on each account in each bank.



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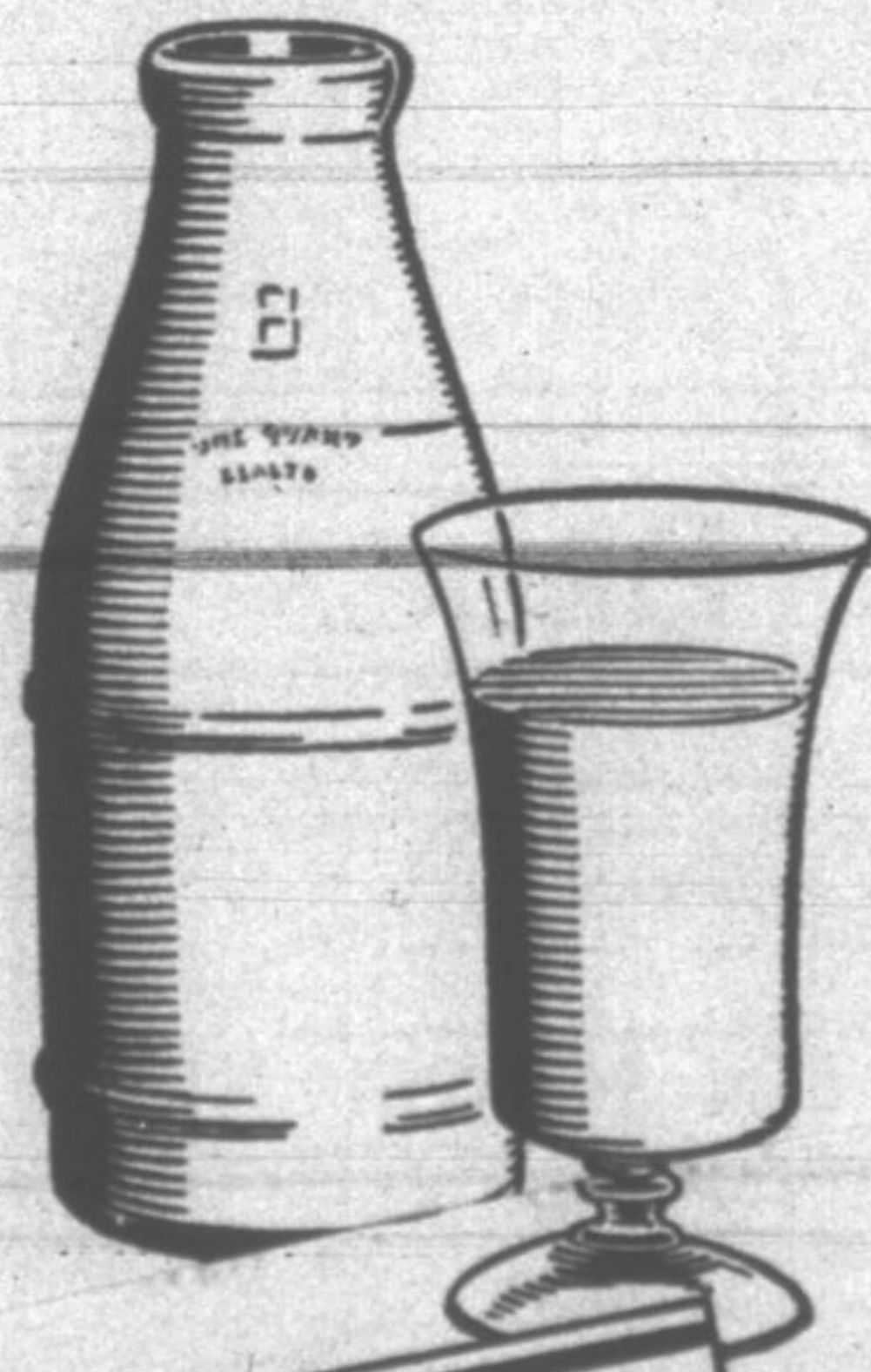
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