

## Supervisors Hope to Secure Amendment of **Bonehead Pauper Act**

Direct action to bring relief to the paupers of the state is to be taken this week by the county board of supervisors through a resolution directed to the coming special session of the general assembly to amend the Finn Pauper act, it was learned.

Under the act the county does not have the responsibility for meeting pauper debts, and the burden shifted on the townships. In view of the fact that the legal barriers prevent the raising of money until spring for these payments the poor will have to go without money.

The general assembly at the special session will have the power, according to Senator Ray Paddock, of Waukegan, to amend the act sufficiently to care for the poor until the towns can legally raise money for this purpose.

In Waukegan Township Supervisor Matt Dilger has been troubled all tant curator in charge of Central and summer because he had been unable to disburse food, clothing or money to sibility for purchasing some medical supplies in case of illness.

present acute situation. While it has ancient Maya society. The dentists dire problems, he admits.

the last few weeks in an effort to drilling and filling teeth. Old recmake poor payments but none of ords indicate that the operations these have met with general favor. were very painful to the patients, The one that appealed the most was but were endured largely as a disa proposal to have the merchants play of Spartan-like fortitude. carry the load until tax anticipation Mr. Thompson and his assistants warrants could be issued.

## California Big Trees Named for Wise Indian Who Devised Alphabet

California "sequoia" is a tribute to archaeologists. that native American, a Cherokee Indian, who spelled his name Se-quo- museum are skulls showing the reyah, says the United States Depart- sults of the common practice of dement of the Interior.

An uneducated non-English-speaking Indian, he perfected a phonetic alphabet of 86 symbols with a character representing every sound in the tongue of his tribe.

It was said that with this alphabet a Cherokee child might learn to read and write the Cherokee language in a day, and that within a remarkably short time after the official acceptance of the alphabet by the tribe, every one of its members was able to read and write.

The change brought about in the Cherokee tribe by the introduction of this means of expressing thought on paper was equally remarkable. A printing press was established, type made of the various symbols and the news of the day printed in two newspapers.

Their laws were printed in Sequoyah's alphabet, and also the Gospels and many other books both useful and interesting to the Cherokee people, who made rapid advance in general knowledge and in civilization, says the department.

## WENT TO DENTISTS TO BE BEAUTIFIED

Adornment of Teeth Common in Ancient Maya Community, Explorers Find

Among the ancient Mayas of Central America, people went to the dentist not because they had a toothache, but to be beautified. A painful molar might be ignored, but the adornment of one's teeth with inlays of jade and other colored stones was considered of sufficient importance to justify the tortures of drilling with a sharpened stone turned by a string bow at a time when no anaesthetics were known.

Third Expedition

This information was brought to Chicago today by J. Eric Thompson, leader of the Third Marshall Field Archaeological Expedition to British Honduras and Guatemala, who has returned to Field Museum of Natural History to resume his duties as assis-South American archaeology.

Among the collections of rare and the needy. He has taken the respon- curious objects brought to the museum by Mr. Thompson are a number of sets of human teeth with the Paddock is of the opinion that the inlays of jade which were considered assembly will listen with favor to an a mark of the well-groomed man amendment that would relieve the and woman in the smarter set of been bad enough during the summer in those days, Mr. Thompson states, months, the winter will bring more were chiefly old women who developed great skill in this work, and Several plans have been evolved in were kept almost constantly busy

during the past several months excavated some fifteen burial mounds on a site near San Jose in British Honduras. Before work could progress. the expedition had the arduous task of clearing the site of a heavy overgrowth of forest in which were trees attaining heights up to 100 feet. The The naming of the big trees of site was one hitherto untouched by

> Among other objects brought to the formation by binding planks to the forehead during childhood; bowls containing other skulls of persons who had been the victims of sacrificial death rites; large car plugs of jade weighing more than three ounces each which were worn as decorations; fade amulets; pearls, which are an extremely rare find among Maya burials; artistically carved bowls; the contents of a child's grave including various toys such as clay dolls with whistles; and peculiar flint implements shaped like scorpions, dogs, human beings, etc.

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