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STATE REPORTS ON GASOLINE INSPECTION

More Than Billion Gallons and Tax Is Collected; Much Kerosene Also

Considerably more than a billion gallons of gasoline, and more than sixty-five million gallons of kerosene were inspected by the state's division of oil inspected by the state's division of oil inspection during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1931, Gov. Louis L. Emmerson was advised by officials of the state department of trade and commerce, says a report from Springfield.

The report of Walter W. Miller, superintendent of the oil inspection-division, which was transmitted to Gov. Emmerson by Director Leo H. Lowe of the department of trade and commerce, showed that the inspections for the first six months of this year exceeded by 40,931,981 gallons the inspections during the same period of last year, indicating that despite general business conditions, there has been an appreciable increase in the consumption of gasoline in the state this year.

Three-Cents a Gallon

In accordance with the law, the division collected three cents per every 100 gallons of gasoline and kerosene inspected. The fees were deposited with the state treasurer, and applied to the general revenue fund, since the division is operated under a legislative appropriation.

The following table represents the number of gallons of gasoline and kerosene inspected by months from July 1, 1930 to June 30, 1931:

	Gasoline	Kerosene
1930		
July	99,316,467	5,892,235
August	95,562,654	5,274,660
September	94,226,588	6,077,053
October	82,023,438	5,711,632
November	82,316,568	4,861,082
December	73,487,765	3,654,455
1931		
January	73,388,258	3,680,348
February	67,574,702	2,714,276
March	71,344,916	5,579,223
April	90,364,144	7,575,351
May	94,096,858	9,074,749
June	99,017,875	5,099,364

During the last year, according to the division's report, it has made rapid strides in perfecting an efficient working organization.

Asks Title to Tract at Edge of This City

Title to a tract of land at the edge of Highland Park is asked in a circuit court action by Cecelia Z. Mooney, administrator of the estate of the late Mathias Zahnle of Highland Park, against Chicago Title & Trust company.

The company had placed the land as collateral for loans totaling \$13,000 made by the late Mr. Zahnle. The plaintiff alleges that interest is unpaid and that it was necessary for her to pay the taxes on the property to prevent forfeiture to the state.

She asks that the court grant her temporary possession of the property and the income from it, and that permanent possession be given if principal and interest on the loan are not paid.

County Residents Are Urged to Aid in Bird Protection; Deputies

Residents of Waukegan and Lake county are invited to become deputy game wardens to aid the biological survey in its war on the illegal slaughtering of ducks during the crisis caused this year by the drought. The invitation is given by F. P. Callaghan, solicitor for the biological survey, at Washington.

The biological survey wants citizens who are interested in the pres-

ervation of ducks to write to the bureau in Washington and volunteer to help enforce the migratory bird laws in Lake county. Persons who can qualify as deputy wardens will receive commissions from the Secretary of Agriculture, and may, if the need arises and they have the time available, be sent on full time duty with pay for short periods.

Volunteers are needed, Callaghan stated, because unusually rigid enforcement is necessary to prevent disaster occurring to the ducks through extensive shooting in the ranks of the ducks, already serious-

ly thinned by the drought. If ducks are killed in wholesale numbers without regard for law, their numbers will become so depleted that they will be unable to increase and in time will become extinct, it was said.

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