

## LAKE CO. PAYS FOR CHICAGO'S LAXITY

### Burden of Cook County Failure to Properly Assess Borne by Other Counties

Lake county pays an excess of \$151,344 in taxes because Cook county's personal property assessments are not properly made, State Senator Earl B. Searcy stated at the special tax session called by Gov. L. L. Emmerson at Springfield.

The Eighth Senatorial District, comprised of Lake, McHenry and Boone counties, pay a total of \$248,814 more than they should because Cook county is lax.

These startling revelations surprised assembly leaders from various sections of the state.

"Solution of the tax problem of Cook county, is not sought merely for the benefit of that county," declared Senator Searcy. "In all friendliness to Cook county I declare

that relief for her people is of secondary importance to the safety and honor of the state of Illinois, which in this crisis can be effected only by relieving the plight of Cook county."

When assessments are properly made in Cook county, Senator Searcy said, it would and should pay two-thirds of the state taxes. That would mean a saving of at least one-third to every other county in the state.

The equalized assessment of Lake county was \$116,419,192 in 1929 and the state tax, at a rate of 39 cents, was \$454,034. If Cook county property is properly assessed, the county would have to pay one-third of the amount less than it has.

Senator Searcy advocated the income tax to equalize taxes in the state.

Since they have seen how the country has gone to the dogs, no doubt the Indians are glad the whites took it off their hands.

## New Divorce Law Is Given Test in Court

Test of the new legislation, that makes one year rather than two; basis for a divorce on grounds of desertion was decided by Circuit Judge Ralph J. Dady last week.

Attorneys who had clients who had been deserted a year when the law became effective July 1 took the position that it was retroactive and that the person asking a decree would not have to wait until July 1, 1932, before filing suit.

Attorney Jack E. Bairstow, who has had a case at issue for more than a month, obtained a decree last week for Mrs. Loretta Miller of Grayslake, whose husband left her July 8, 1930. Seven days after the new law became effective Bairstow contended that the one year period for desertion had run its course.

Several cases have been granted in Cook county under the same conditions, it is understood.

## May Surface Brick on Belvidere Road with Gravel, Report

Possibility that the brick resurfacing job completed by the state highway department this summer on Belvidere road from Grayslake to Volo will get a less slippery surface became apparent when the state started to make changes on similar paving on the Lincoln highway at Chicago Heights.

The brick was laid on concrete with a tar filler on these highways and wet weather produced such slippery conditions that accidents became unavoidable.

On the stretch of the Lincoln highway, where one garage handled 15 wrecks in one day, workmen today began to lay a coat of tar and fine gravel to take the slipperiness from the surface of the road.

Belvidere road is a portion of the 63 miles of resurfacing approved by Gov. Louis L. Emmerson this spring.

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