

### I.A.C. Asks for Reduction on Tax Burden to Motorists

State registration and city vehicle license fees should be reduced to a minimum, the registration fees to be not over a flat \$2.00 per car while the fees permitted cities should be cut in half at least, says the Illinois Automobile club. Measures to bring about these reductions will probably be introduced at the coming regular session of the Illinois Legislature and the club will support any Bill, properly drawn, presented for that purpose.

"Not another cent of tax or license, of any kind, should be imposed on Illinois motorists," says Carl A. Barrett, President of the Illinois Automobile club. "Instead, the fees can and should be reduced. This can be done without endangering the necessary funds for street and highway construction, operation of the Highway and Automobile Departments, or payment of the principal and interest on the \$160,000,000 bond issues. It is chiefly a matter of a more scientific budgeting of the millions so generously given by the motoring public.

"Illinois motorists now pay annually to the state more than \$65,000,000, to say nothing of the toll taken by the Federal Government, which is another \$15,000,000. The Legislature cannot control these Federal taxes, but it can control the state's, which amount to approximately \$45.00 per vehicle per year. Any such tax, considered on the amount of the investment, if levied on any other property would be regarded as prohibitive and confiscatory.

"Registration fees should be cut to a flat \$2.00 per car, or even less—just enough to pay the cost of the plates and getting them to the owner. Then, by combining what are known as the 'Road Fund' and the 'Motor Fuel Tax Fund,' abolishing the latter and putting that revenue into the 'Road Fund,' there would be ample money for all purposes. The necessary legal and legislative steps for merging these two funds should not be either difficult or complicated.

"City vehicle license fees are also too high. The state law now permits cities of over 200,000 population to collect \$10.00 for the smaller cars and \$20.00 for larger ones, while cities under 100,000 population may collect \$5.00 on cars under 35 horsepower and \$10.00 on those over 35 horsepower. (Cities between 100,000 and 200,000 population are not permitted to have any vehicle license, thereby excluding Peoria.) Many cities having this license have already voluntarily reduced the fee, showing conclusively that all the money collected, when used according to law, was not needed. The present maximum fees should be cut in half at least—in the larger cities to not more than \$5.00 and \$10.00, and in the smaller ones to not more than \$2.50 and \$5.00.

"Reduction of the heavy tax burdens now carried by motorists will mean increased use of motor vehicles and that, in turn, will boost the state's revenue through the Gasoline tax and by a greater number of vehicles registered. Tax reduction on motorists is sure to come, for the motoring public demands it. The 1937 Legislature should heed this demand."

### The Cree String Quartette Comes to Deerfield Sunday

Sunday evening's program will no doubt be one of the out-standing programs of the season. As members of the Women's Symphony Orchestra and the Business Men's Orchestra of Chicago we may expect a program of music which all music lovers will greatly enjoy.

The Cree String Quartette will present the works of Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn, Schubert and others in quartettes, duos, trios, and violin and cello solos.

An illustrated popular lecture on "Famous Trees" and the World in Natural Colors" in brilliant auto-chrome pictures of flowers, formal gardens and scenery, will be accompanied by program of music.

The Apollo Music club says: "Dr. Cree is an excellent speaker, and his entire program is most interesting, educational and beautiful." The public is most cordially invited.

### Deerfield Churches Observe Christmas

A Christmas morning service at ten o'clock will be held in St. Paul's church, with holy communion.

The annual Christmas eve party for the Sunday school children will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 around the lighted tree.

Children of the Bethlehem church school will have their Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, in the church with Mrs. Harold Gies, Mrs. Chester Wessling and Mrs. Edwin Beckman in charge.

"The Prince of Peace" a Christmas cantata, is to be given Sunday, Dec. 20, at four o'clock in the afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Soloists for the candlelight service will be Julian Stripe, tenor; Mrs. Isla Lemery, soprano, and Mrs. Edna Orsborn, alto, with Edgeley Todd, director, at the organ.

## NOTES ON PHILATELY

BY KENNETH (KAE) KNAPPEN

Address all inquiries for this department to Kenneth Knappen in care of this paper. Persons desiring personal replies must inclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

By Kenneth (Kae) Knappen  
The purpose of this column is to acquaint the readers with stamp news and history which will add interest to their hobby. Many expressions used in philately that are difficult for the beginner to comprehend will from time to time be defined. (The principal classifications of a stamp are its paper, watermark, impression, design, gum, and separation. Each of these will be touched upon but first will be a short series of early Postal History). A question box will be welcome, and all persons desiring information pertaining to stamps are asked to write in care of this paper. Replies will be found in this column the following week or two.

Stamp collecting as a hobby is not yet a century old. The first country to use postal adhesives to show prepayment of postage was Great Britain. The stamps found listed under this country are actually for use in England, Scotland, Wales and the Northern part of Ireland. The first stamp appeared in 1840 and is known as the "penny black." The British Empire today furnishes the collector with more

than one-third of all postage stamps for their collection. Its vast colonial empire is fully one-quarter of the area of the world.  
The next two columns will be devoted to early Chinese and Egyptian postal history.

The North Suburban Philatelic society which now meets the first Warner Baxter, Myrna Loy, Ian Hunter, Claire Trevor, Thursday, Dec. 17. This strong story follows the lives of a young couple from the day of their marriage in 1925 through the ten turbulent years that ensue. It is a story of the and third Monday of each month has taken new quarters at 378 Central Ave., Highland Park.

The second Stamp Exhibition of the Skokie Stamp club will be held December 17-18-19 at Christ church Parish hall, Winnetka from 3 to 6 the first two days and all day the latter day. All interested in stamps are invited. There will be an award for the most interesting frame.

A dinner and stamp auction will be held at 8:45 Friday evening.

music and that Santa Claus will not only personally greet each child but that he will bring each a special present and that there will be hot coffee and doughnuts to top the day off.

Threw themselves to the sharks so their comrades could live. The amazing adventures of 12 convicts who fled Devil's Island. In THE AMERICAN WEEKLY, the magazine distributed with NEXT SUNDAY'S CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, a pageant "Christmas Around the World" will be presented by the Presbyterian church school, directed by Miss Lois Clark. Six members of the Junior choir will sing carols of the different nations, during the pageant presentation.

### Deerfield Trustees Hold Monthly Meeting

All members of the Deerfield Village Board of Trustees were present at the regular December meeting, last Tuesday evening at the Masonic Temple.

A letter from the secretary of the Board of Appeals, which appears elsewhere in this issue of The Press, was read and unanimously voted against. The Illinois Real Estate Improvement corporation again petitioned the Board of Trustees to have the zoning ordinance amended. A public hearing will be held at an early date.

The health and county relations committee reported two cases of chicken pox in the village. The trustees voted to have their employees insured under the Workmen's Occupational Disease Act.

A heater is to be purchased for the new Diamond T truck, which the village purchased recently.

A resolution was adopted to request an additional \$500 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund to be applied on the gravel improvement on Greenwood avenue from the tracks to Waukegan road.

Chief of Police Percy McLaughlin was instructed that arrests are to be made on February 1 for all those who do not purchase vehicle licenses before that date.

### Legion Meeting Tuesday Features Xmas Celebration

The next regular meeting of the Dunmoresq Spencer post to be held Tuesday evening Dec. 22 at the Legion club rooms 21 N. Sheridan road will largely dispense with customary business and be devoted to making Christmas merry.

Henry Hansen in the annual role of Santa Claus plus a new two pants suit and a recently dry cleaned set of white whiskers notwithstanding rumors that the mop in the Legion quarters is missing, will appear as usual perplexed and perspiring with a large bag of gifts for each member in attendance.

The balance of the evening will be devoted to entertainment, song and refreshments and Commander Miller Schreiner urges not only that every member attend but that every World War veteran in Highland Park join in this annual Christmas celebration.

### Ridgewood Park Association Holds Party for Children

The Ridgewood Park association composed of the families living in the vicinity of Ridgewood drive and Beech street of which Dr. J. P. O'Connell is president will hold a special childrens Christmas outdoor party on the lawn of Peter J. F. Weber, 934 Ridgewood drive, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m.

Special arrangements are being made by the committee composed of Edw. Morrissey, Ray Wible, Chase Smith, Milton Souther, Wm. Blessing and H. B. Aiston who advise that no less important person than Santa Claus himself will attend as vouches for by the ever genial and obliging Henry Hansen Post Chaplain of the American Legion.

Dr. O'Connell promises that there will be a large lighted Christmas tree, a huge bonfire around which to sing to the accompaniment of

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