

N.S. Will Benefit by Amendment to Motor Carrier Act

With four "protective" amendments to the pending Illinois Motor Carrier act reasonably sure of acceptance, North Shore communities from Evanston to Lake Bluff inclusive and all other residential areas in the state, today (Tuesday) awaited final disposition of the legislation by the Sixtieth General Assembly at Springfield.

The act, the most sweeping of its kind in the history of Illinois, has reached its second hearing in the house of representatives after passage by the senate. It would give to the Illinois Commerce Commission far-reaching control over all common, contract and cartage motor carriers of both freight and passengers, doing intra-state business. In essence, it puts into the hands of the Commission much authority that hitherto has been exercised by local communities.

Following numerous conferences with representatives of the commission who are sponsoring the bill, and with state senators and representatives, officials of the North Shore Property Owners association which long has been working to safeguard the residential character of the area, succeeded in modifying the original act by the four following amendments:

1. The Commerce Commission is forbidden to route common freight carriers on residential streets where other routes are conveniently available.
2. Carriers must consult authorities of local communities on proposed routes. If the carriers and the towns and cities fail, after forty-five days, to agree on routes, the commission shall have authority to designate the routes. This provision applies to communities of less than 100,000 population.
3. The presumption of convenience and necessity as applying to any existing route is eliminated. This means that an opportunity is given to contest the operation of motor carriers already assigned to specific routes where such operation is based on the presumed existence of public necessity and convenience.
4. The Commerce Commission is authorized, where practical, to observe suitable zone control of traffic. This amendment was inspired largely by the "zone idea" desired by the towns of Glenco, Winnetka, Kenilworth and Wilmette which asked

for such zone designation to reduce the volume of through traffic in the towns, should the commission decide to route the carriers inside the communities instead of around them on the Skokie and Waukegan highways as an overwhelming majority of North Shore property owners desire.

The first amendment was accepted by the senate and has been written into the act. The last three were accepted by the house committee on public utilities at a constructive and well managed hearing presided over by Representative Frank Ryan of Chicago, chairman. The committee reported these amendments into the bill but they have not yet been accepted by the house. Following the acceptance there, if this occurs, the amendments must go back to the senate for concurrence before the act can be passed. Inasmuch as the amendments have the approval of the commission it is believed they will receive favorable consideration in the senate.

Representatives of the Chicago Association of Commerce and of several other bodies had prepared a number of additional amendments which were to be argued on the floor of the house. From other quarters, vigorous opposition to the entire bill was to be directed largely because of the feeling that the act would give the commission entirely too much power and would drive out of business a large number of small, independent carriers chiefly in the cartage class.

President Marion T. Martin of the North Shore Property Owners association, Mayor William Dooley of Highland Park, Attorney William James of Wilmette, Attorney Edwin C. Robson of the same village, Attorney Howard F. Bishop of the property owners organization and Harry Kinne, president of Wilmette, have been leading the fight to modify the bill. Its passage is considered reasonably certain as it has the combined backing of the Commerce commission, the governor, and both major factions within the Democratic party.

Should the bill with the amendments become a law, important results will follow. North Shore and all residential communities throughout the state will have an opportunity immediately to plan suitable routes, pending applications for certificates of convenience and necessity before the commission will not have to be heard, thereby eliminating much further litigation and the commission will have an almost unrestricted hand in showing what it can do to solve the knotty problem of motor truck traffic throughout the state. Practically all students of the question agree that further control is necessary. To date, there is no unanimous agreement as to just how this control should be administered. If the act passes, the commission will be directly responsible for regulation not only of common carriers but contract and cartage carriers as well. The results will be studied with exceptional interest by all carriers and especially by property owners who have learned by costly experience in the past, the close relationship that exists between motor freight traffic and property values as well as safety and suitable use of the highways.

Playground Reports Large Enrollment Over Last Years

The summer recreation program sponsored by the Park Board of Highland Park was started last week. To date a considerable increase in enrollment and attendance over last year indicates that many more children and adults in the community are interested and taking a more active part in the playground activities, than in former years.

Children who have not as yet registered with the instructors on the playgrounds are asked to do so as soon as possible in order that they may receive full benefit of the summer program. Any boy or girl living in the community is welcome to the playgrounds, there being no charge or requirements in connection with the work. An interesting program has been prepared which will appear from week to week in the local papers giving in detail the schedule of activities for each playground for each day.

The schedule for next week is as follows:

- Monday morning, June 28—Boys baseball: Sunset at Ravinia; Lincoln at Port Clinton.
- Monday afternoon, June 28—Swimming: Sunset, Lincoln, and Port Clinton groups to Central beach; Ravinia group to Roger Williams beach.
- Tuesday morning, June 29—Story telling and general program on all playgrounds.
- Tuesday afternoon, June 29—Sunset: Boys horseshoe tournament, girls checker tournament. Ravinia: Boys and girls badminton tournament. Lincoln: Boys and girls volleyball tournament.
- Wednesday morning, June 30—Swimming lessons: Sunset, Lincoln, and Port Clinton groups to Central beach; Ravinia group to Roger Williams beach. Swimming lessons will be given to all children by the playground instructors and the life guards on the beaches.
- Wednesday afternoon, June 30—Girls baseball: Port Clinton at Sunset; Ravinia at Lincoln. General program for boys and girls not taking part in ball games on all playgrounds.
- Thursday morning, July 1—Boys baseball: Lincoln at Sunset; Ravinia at Port Clinton. General program for those not taking part in the ball games.

Thursday afternoon, July 1—Tournament program of activities on all playgrounds.

Friday morning, July 2—Swimming lessons: Sunset, Lincoln, and Port Clinton at Central beach. Ravinia group to Roger Williams beach.

Townsendites Will Picnic Sunday at Lake Zurich

Caravans of Townsendites from many directions are expected to move in on Lake Zurich, Sunday, June 27, for the Grand General Welfare picnic. Dr. Francis E. Townsend is the guest of honor, and it is anticipated his appearance, as always, will bring out vast throngs. All the clubs and the public are invited to participate, and many are taking part in the promotional work, was announced by Mr. Iverson of the picnic committee.

Dr. Townsend will have a message for the nation of exceptional importance, in view of the recent disturbances at national headquar-

ters, and the picnic is being turned into a mass demonstration of loyalty to him. All the features of an outdoor frolic for families are in the making, including community singing, boating, swimming, fishing, sports, music, and dancing.

Nestle Rest is the picnic grounds at Lake Zurich. It can accommodate many thousands. Drive by routes 60 and 22, or River road to Rand road to Lake Zurich. Chartered busses leave North Clark street and Howard avenue at 9 and 10 a.m. Make reservations during the noon hour daily at Maxwell's restaurant, 404 S. Wabash avenue.

Special Program June 26. The Ladies Aid and Friendship circle of the Highwood Methodist church will have a special mid-summer program Saturday evening, June 26. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

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