

SEES NO LET-UP IN AUTO REGISTRATIONS

Illinois Now Boasts 1,125,000 Motor Cars; Point of Saturation Far in Distance

The registration of passenger automobiles in Illinois this year will reach 1,125,000, Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson estimated this week. The estimate is based upon the increase in registration up to this time as compared with the same period last year.

If this total is reached it will exceed last year's total of 981,859 by 143,141. Up to October 1, 1,082,148 passenger car licenses had been issued, a considerable increase over the total for the entire year 1924. Truck licenses on the same date totaled 157,131 as compared with 140,706 issued in 1924, and dealers licenses were 4,523 as compared with 4,225 last year.

The fees of the automobile department available for paying off state highway bonds and highway maintenance are much larger this year.

Over \$12,000,000

During 1924 the automobile department of Secretary Emmerson's office collected fees totaling \$11,546,206. Up to October 1, this year \$12,774,981 had been collected by the department, or an increase of \$1,228,775 over the entire year 1924.

Illinois ranks fifth among the states in the total number of cars registered, being exceeded only by New York, California, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The number of all motor vehicles registered in the United States in 1924 was 17,591,981, an increase of approximately 2,500,000, or 17 per cent over the previous year. There is one motor car for every seven persons in the United States.

One for Every 6.8 Persons

Illinois is slightly under the total with one car for every 6.8 persons.

It is evident, therefore, that we are far from the saturation point in Illinois at least. If we had as many cars per capita as California our present registration would be practically double.

amounting to over two million automobiles.

In planning for the future therefore, and in making laws, we must prepare for a still greater increase of automobiles than we now have. As congestion on the highway increases, safety provisions on the part of the lawmakers and law enforcers must increase and drivers themselves must be more efficient.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE MEETS

The North Shore Catholic Woman's League held its opening meeting at the Winnetka Woman's club Tuesday of last week. Following the reception, the members enjoyed a delightful program.

Carleton Kaumeyer gave some very fine selections on the violin, accompanied by Agnes Bodholdt Conover. Mrs. Anthony French Merrill's talk, "Another Year" was very inspiring and every member, it is stated, left full of ambition to do better things for the coming year.

The new president, Mrs. William Brown of Hubbard Woods, presided at the opening session.

Miss Hewes, the Winnetka librarian, attended the State Library convention at Rockford, Ill., held October 14, 15 and 16.

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