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# City to Lose Dump in '54

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Consumers Co. has notified the City of Racine that it is terminating the city's lease on the dump grounds near Horlick's Dam, on the Green Bay Rd., creating a future problem for Racine.

This will leave the city with only one public dumping ground, Twenty-first St. and the lake-front.

Otto Cheska, vice president of Consumers Co., filed notice with the city clerk's office today. The last day on which dumping will be permitted was set as Feb. 25.

The lease of the ground was on a year-to-year basis. It has been in existence since July, 1949.

#### Hint at Regulations

On the heels of the notice, Henry Nelson, commissioner of public works, hinted that new regulations on the part of Racine's residents are being contemplated on rubbish disposal to conserve dumping space:

Among these are:

1. Washing out tin cans and flattening them out.
2. Washing out bottles and breaking them up.

Nelson said at present he is asking cooperation of residents in these suggestions, but indicated that in the near future, they would become mandatory.

Similar regulations were enforced during the Second World War, and residents cooperated to their fullest extent, Nelson commented.

Treating cans and bottles in this manner would give the city not only "desirable" fill, but would take up about one-tenth of the space that whole cans and bottles take up, he added. Commercial houses would be required to follow the regulations, also.

#### Cites City's Problem

"Good" fill would make it easier for the city to find spots where it could be used, whereas the present situation allows only for the matter to be disposed of as unsightly refuse, the commissioner pointed out.

If the breaking up of bottle:

and flattening of tin cans is not followed, the downtown dumping ground will be filled in less than two years, compelling the city to buy property for dumping, Nelson said. "This is not only unnecessary, but costly and wasteful," he added.