

Dubbs' Patent Is Called Valid by Court of Appeals

In an opinion handed down on June 26 last, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit held the patents of C. P. Dubbs, 1004 Michigan avenue, covering an oil cracking process in the manufacture of gasoline, to be valid, and the defendant guilty of infringement. The case was one in which the Universal Oil Products company, owner of the Dubbs patents, brought suit in the District Court of the United States for the District of Delaware, against the Root Refining company, charging infringement of patent. In that court the verdict was for the plaintiff. The defendant company appealed the finding to the higher court, where the plaintiff was again sustained.

An interesting feature of the opinion was that wherein the court found that Mr. Dubbs had made a distinct inventive advance in the oil cracking process, thereby achieving a result long sought by the oil industry. One was the lengthening of the "run" from 17 days to 25 to 40 days without shut-down, and the other was increasing the gasoline yield from crude oil, which formerly was 28 per cent to 30 per cent, to 47 per cent to 52 per cent, while using a poorer grade of crude oil. The fact, reads the opinion, that practically the entire industry at once adopted the Dubbs process was evidence that the inventor had successfully solved a problem that had baffled all others who attempted it.

The opinion has no significance for either Mr. Dubbs or the Universal Oil Products company, as all of the stock of the company was sold in 1930 to The Royal Dutch Shell interests and the Standard Oil Company of California.

GOES TO WASHINGTON

Joseph A. V. Turck, 522 Linden avenue, left Monday, July 8, for Washington, D. C., Joseph, Jr., Anita, and Mrs. Turck expect to depart about July 11 to drive to Washington to join him, and go from there to Watch Hill. Mrs. Turck is returning to Wilmette in August, to go east a little later with her daughter, Betty, who sails for France August 24, to spend a year in school abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, 2403 Iroquois road, spent the Fourth of July and week-end visiting Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble Jordan, in St. Louis. Miss Marion and Miss Elizabeth Denyven of St. Louis returned with them. Mrs. Stewart and the visitors are leaving today to drive to Green Lake, Wis., where they will spend a week at Lawsonia.

Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Weishaar, and daughter, Barbara, 1331 Chestnut avenue, spent the week-end in Bloomington, Ill. Their daughter, Nancy, left July 1, to spend a month at Camp Petaga, near Muskegon. The Weishaars left again on Wednesday to spend a week motoring through Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pullan of Chicago, formerly of New York, left Monday after spending the Fourth of July and the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Widger of 128 Fifth street.

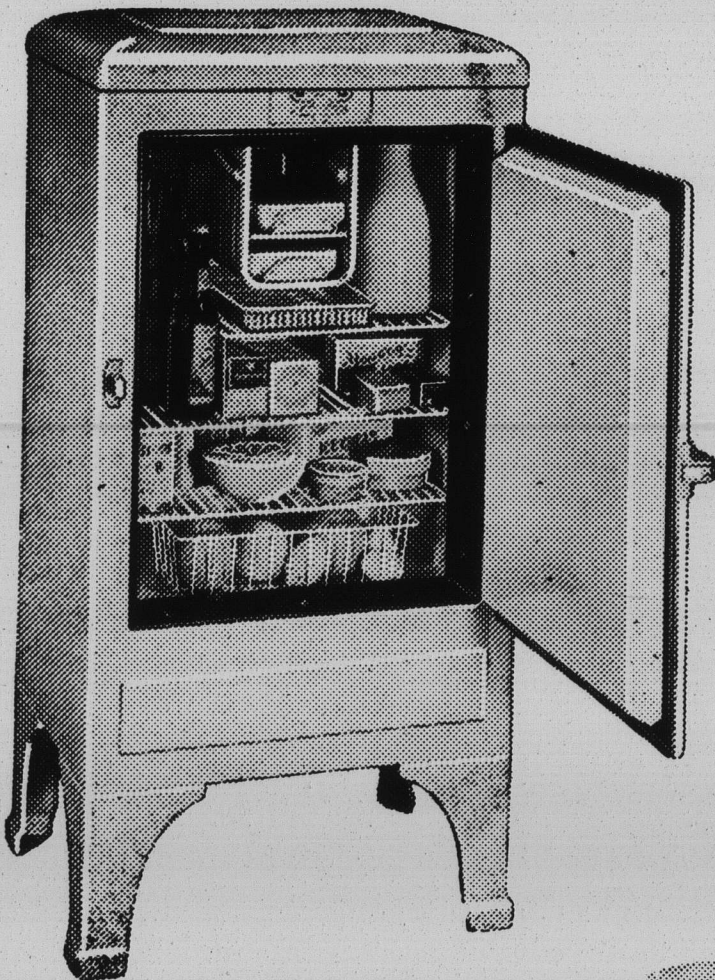
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dean and their two sons' of 1805 Walnut street, are visiting relatives in Perryville, Mo., for two weeks.

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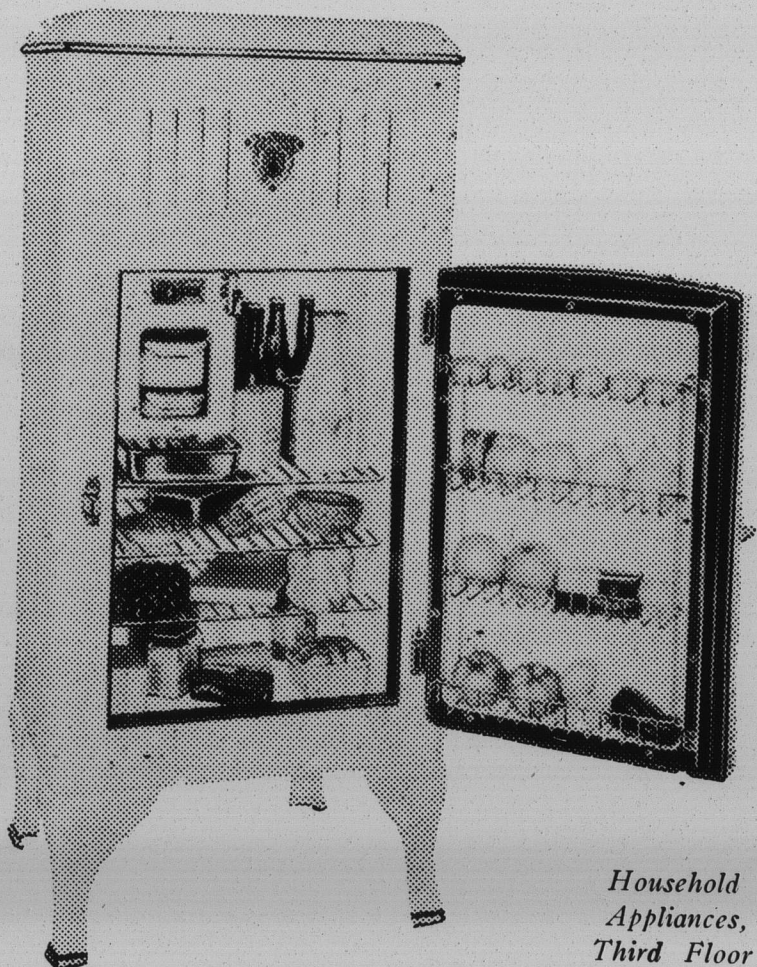
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