AGAINST NOISE

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Awakened harshly this morning by a blatant automobile horn, operated by someone who cared more for his undisturbed place at the wheel than for the comfort of the neighborhood, I ruminated pensively on the past

seven years.

When we came to Wilmette in April of 1930 our vicinity was a paradise. We were pioneers. It is true that in bad weather our street was a sea of mud, we had no gas, street lights nor mail delivery, but what sleep we had o'nights, with only the birds' song to interrupt it's early morning tapering off. That year we the lot adjoining ours.

Today everyone is boasting of the building activity in northwest Wil- here? mette, that is everyone except the pioneers who realize how much we must lose to gain the debatable ad- the Wilmette I love. vantages of a built-up neighborhood.

We can tell which of our new neighbors have callers from the city because the visitors drive up, honk loudly once or twice, and without waiting for a response from within the house, prepare to dismount.

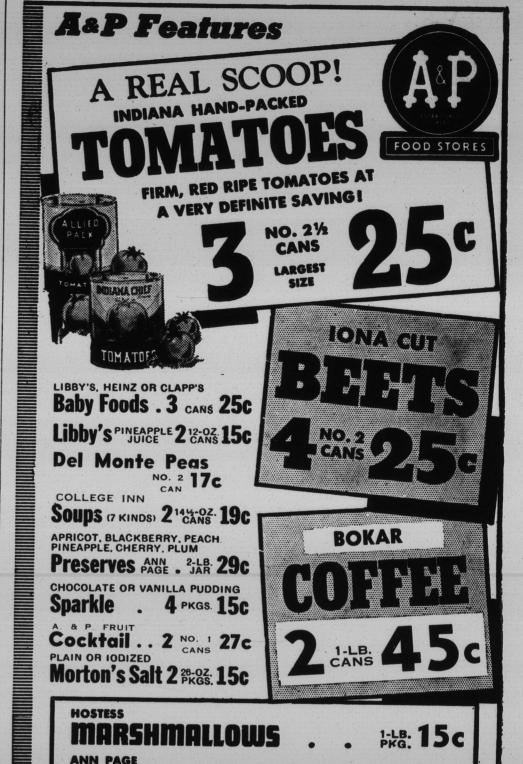
Why, oh why the entirely superfluous noise?

This morning's Tribune has an editorial on the excess noise nuisance, which says in part "the city dweller does not notice it, but visitors from the rural areas find continuous tooting more confusing than the heavy traffic itself." And the city dweller can no longer say to the visitors from the rural areas "why don't you stay there?", because automobiles have made rural boundaries a doubtful quantity, as well as a constantly moving one.

Since Chicago is advocating an used to put food out for the wild anti-noise campaign can't we get one pheasants which still came to feed in started here before the nuisance gets out of hand? Can't we hold onto some of the joys we sought in coming

No, I am not old and muttering into my beard. I merely want to keep

"Norwester."



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