

FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR RELIEF GRAIN

Several Railroads Promise to Aid Near East Relief Committee

Members of committees in every county interested in sending grain and other food to the starving orphans and widows in Bible Lands and Armenia are being advised that practically every railroad running through this state has agreed with the National agricultural committee of the Near East Relief to carry car load shipments of gift grain free of charge.

Among the railroads in Illinois are the sixty-four roads in the country that have agreed to this plan are: the Santa Fe, the Chicago and Alton, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, the Chicago and North-Western, the Burlington, the Chicago and Great Western, the St. Paul, the Rock Island, the Illinois Central, the Toledo, Peoria and Western and the Wabash.

According to the instructions issued to the elevators which are handling the grain free of charge for the Near East Relief, only full cars are

to be shipped free by the roads for which permits have been issued by the Chicago office of the organization. To get these permits issued to the agents at the points of shipment, the local agricultural committees are to notify the State committee in Chicago that a car of gift grain is to be shipped from a certain point by a certain time.

"The corn contributed by the Illinois farmers last spring was sent in the form of food products on the Steamship Datchet loaded at New Orleans and unloaded at Batoum the port on the coast of the Black Sea," said Mr. Frank I. Mann, chairman of the Illinois Agricultural committee of the Near East relief. "A Christmas ship, the Allaquash has just left the port of New Orleans with a cargo of food stuffs for the starving people of the Near East. This cargo represents gifts from the states of Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. The Allaquash is the seventh relief ship that has left the ports of the United States with cargoes of food and medical supplies for the helpless women and children of the Bible lands since the first of July." Cash contributions may be sent to the Illinois headquarters, 19 S. La Salle St., Chicago.

SCOUR COUNTY FOR DRAFT DODGERS

Intelligence Officers Seek Slackers; Many in Jail at Fort Sheridan

A squad of intelligence officers from Fort Sheridan are scouring Lake county in search of draft dodgers and slackers, and a number of arrests are expected.

The investigators have a list of draft evaders and slackers and are prying into the affairs of those on the list to determine whether their records are what they contended they were.

It is said that there are 60 or more men under arrest in the guardhouse at Fort Sheridan awaiting trial on slacker charges. Officers at the fort were not permitted to divulge whether or not any of these men are from Lake county. It is said, however, that several of the intelligence officers have been working in this county for some time.

The slacker squad has furnished a record of the draft dodgers to the North Shore police and detective bureau with orders to arrest and hold any persons named thereon. The detail is working out of Fort Sheridan.

The DAY DREAMS of the OLD FOLKS AT CHRISTMAS
by Frank L. Stanton

Old folks, too, like Christmas; Grandfather, sitting there,
Feels sad if he's forgotten 'cause he's in his chimney-chair;
He says he's thinkin' of the days that he no more will see,
When he was just a little boy—a Christmas boy—like me.

He listens to the fire—for it's always talkin' so,
And then it is he calls to mind his good times long ago
When the Christmas wind was whistlin' through the cold and frosty nights
And children dreamed of Christmas bells and watched for Christmas lights.

He doesn't seem to hear at all the noise the children make,
For when he sits the stillest there he's dreamin' wide awake!
But mother—then she tells us to all run right out and play,
For old folks hear sweet music when they're dreamin' day by day.

And then Grandmother—SHE comes in and sits beside him there,
And puts her hand in his, and says sweet words he loves to hear;
But what they are she'd never tell to mother or to you;
She knows that he is dreamin', for she dreams the same dreams, too.

So Christmas comes to old folks, and it's then they love to know
The children don't forget 'em, though they lived so long ago!
An' they say the sweetest present of all sweet things and fair
Is a kiss on Christmas mornin', when we climb their chimney chair.



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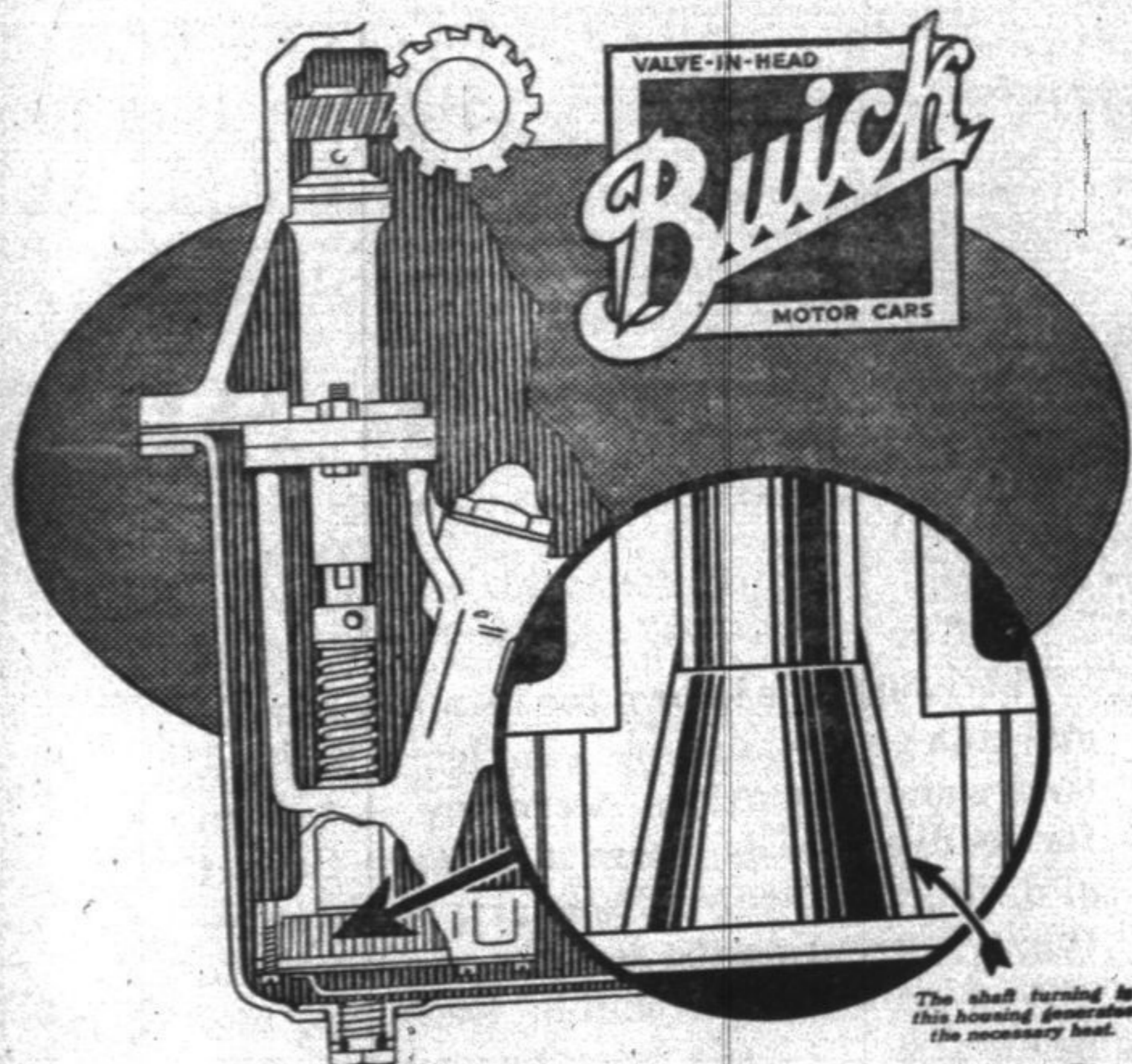
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