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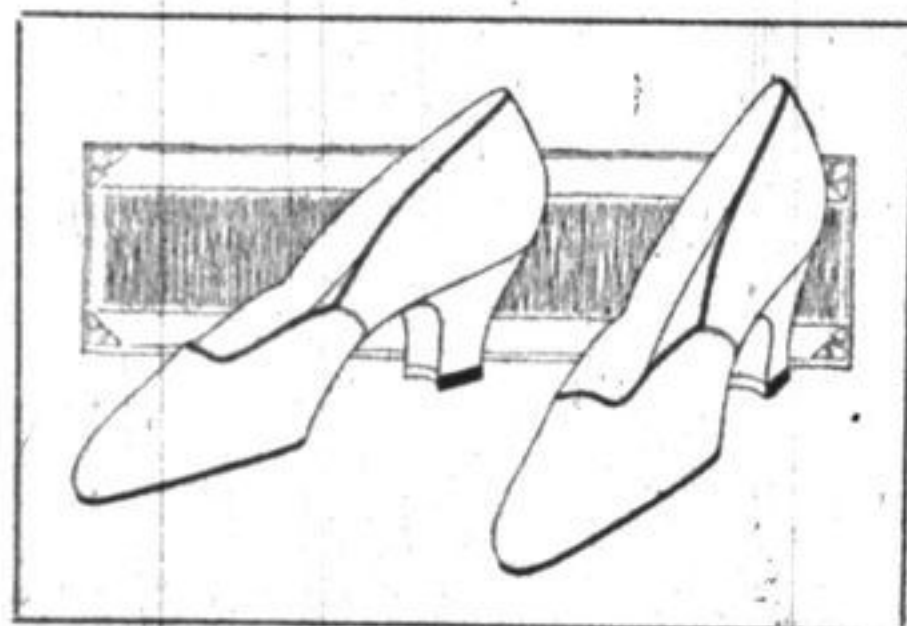
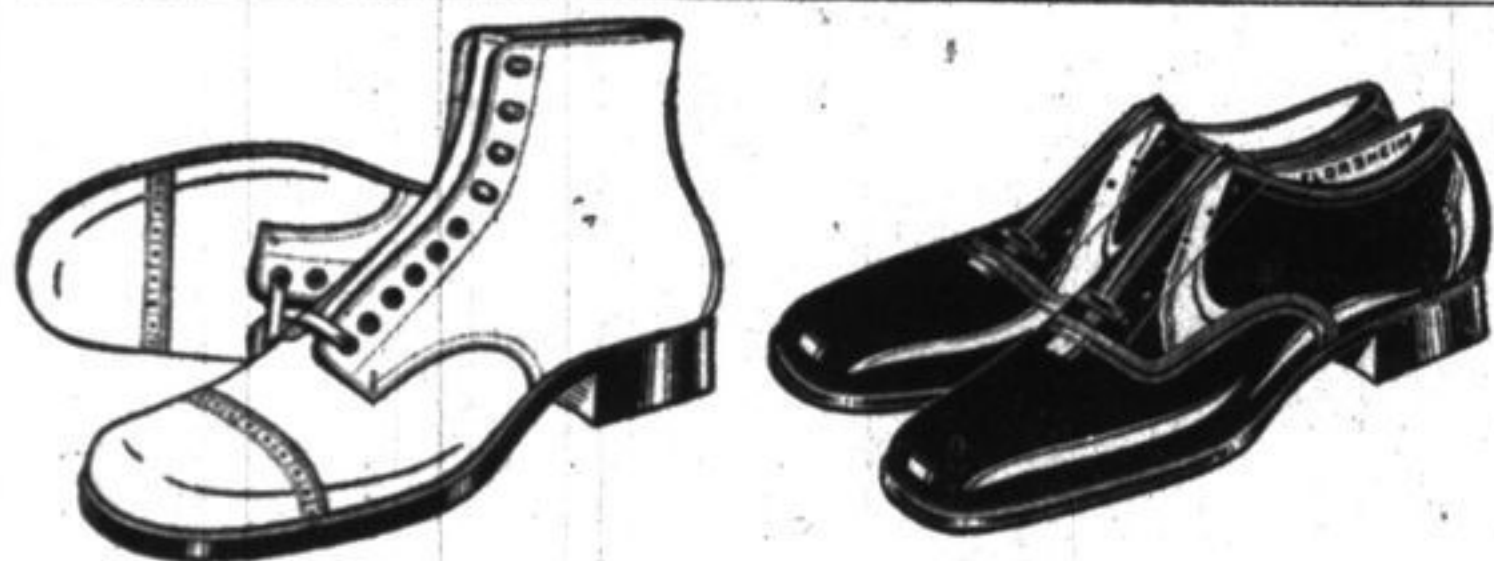
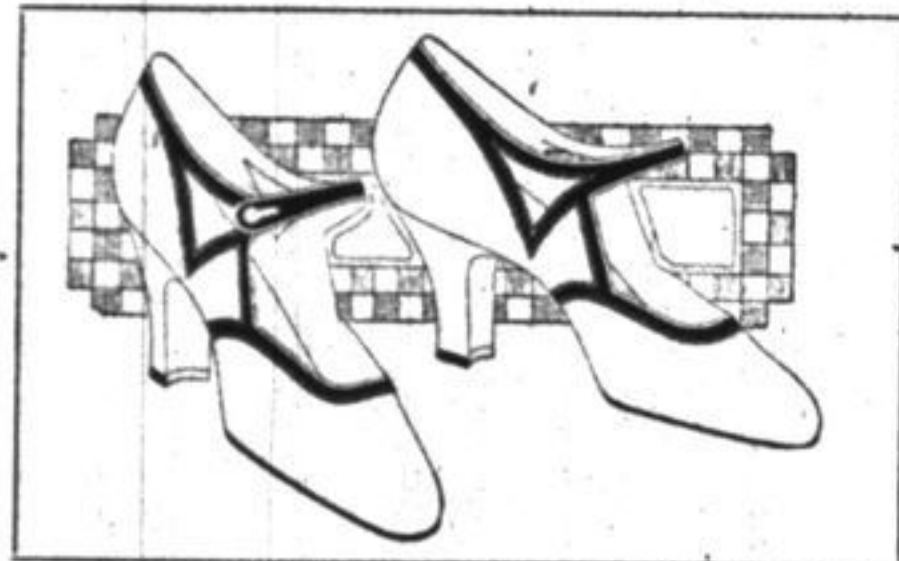
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Special War Exercise Revenues  
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 Says Head of Chicago  
 Motor Club

Since 1917 the motorists of America have paid nearly a billion dollars into the United States treasury in special war excise taxes, according to a statement made today by Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

"Our national organization, the American Automobile association, has just made public the results of an extensive investigation covering the entire period this tax has been in force," said Mr. Hayes. "The fact is disclosed that although hundreds of manufactured articles have been relieved of special wartime taxes, the automobile purchaser is still paying on the average a special levy of \$29 on every new car he buys.

**Huge Sum Collected**  
 "In 1924, \$124,000,000 was collected through this special war tax. The motorists as a class paid 88 per cent of the total collections by the federal government from all of the war excise taxes which are still in force. Last year the American Automobile association and its clubs secured a reduction in the tax which means a yearly saving of \$25,000,000 to motorists. The only reason they did not get a larger reduction was because the individual motorist failed to push the issue. Congressmen are more impressed with appeals from a million individual motorists than they are from an organization having a million motorists in its membership. If every member of the American Automobile association and all other motorists, who could use that \$29 for some other useful purpose, had written direct to their congressmen, there is no question in my mind but that the whole tax would have been eliminated.

"If this federal tax is not done away with this year, the American motorist has only himself to blame. The investigation shows a huge surplus in federal revenues. There is an ample surplus on hand to make the needed reductions in inheritance, gift and income taxes so strongly impressed by the administration, and at the same time do away with all of the hang-over war taxes on automobiles, parts and accessories."

Mr. Hayes strongly urged every automobile in this state to get in touch with his senator and his representative in Congress, and urge them to sponsor and vote for the elimination of the excise tax on automobiles and on accessories and parts.

**MOOSEHEART FINDS  
 BOY SINGER MARVEL**

Raymond Baltar Sings Over  
 Radio at WJJD; Was Learning  
 Sign Painting Trade

Raymond Baltar, a student who sings over radio station WJJD, has been acclaimed as the possessor of a "velvet tenor voice." After U. S. Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, founder to Mooseheart heard him sing, he proclaimed his protegee as "the velvet voice tenor," and announced that he would pay all expenses for giving him a complete education in music, and he predicts that some day Raymond Baltar will become a sensation in America opera and that he may be the successor to Caruso.

Raymond's home is at Gloucester, Mass. His father was a fisherman. The chief vocation in that historic community is fishing, and nearly every fisherman there is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. The fishermen pay their dues a year in advance, as it is not unusual when they are away from home and on their fishing boats for several months duration. It is not an uncommon occurrence when a fisherman at sea is swept overboard when mighty waves lash the boat. When this happens the mother and children are admitted to Mooseheart.

Raymond's father was a member of the Moose order. He bought Mooseheart service for all the members of his family by paying four cents the week. Mrs. Baltar and her four children have at Mooseheart a modern home and all necessities of life are provided for them, and the children are getting training in music and other useful arts, as well as an education until they will have finished high school and all are being taught useful trades and vocations. Mrs. Baltar, and the other 130 mothers here are given employment at something they are physically able to do and are paid a salary.

The boy with "the velvet voice," was taking commercial art-sign painting, when it was accidentally discovered that he possessed a rich-toned, colorful tenor voice. The discovery was made by a young woman student during church service while the congregation was singing. The young woman, a soprano singer of exceptional ability reported her discovery and the bashful boy was induced to sing for Mr. Davis and if his voice holds up he will be on the road to fame and riches.

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