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As the fire reports show, last April was the dangerous month on account of high winds which quickly dried out the leaves on the slopes and ridges. The spring fire season began March first and lasts until May 10th, when the vegetation became too green to burn. The fall fire season started October first and did not end with winter, because fires started as late as December 28 and 29, 1928, and there is still danger, in spite of recent rains, as soon as the woods dry out. October and November were the bad months for fall fires.

The erection of fire towers in hilly country, manned by regular observers and telephone lines for quick communication to summon help when a fire is observed, are other methods which the state should develop. Mr. Bruner will make another inspection trip into Illinois some time during the coming spring to assist in perfecting fire organization plans.

**Biflex Bumper Co. Is
Merged With General**

Absorption of the Biflex Products corporation of Waukegan by the General Spring Bumper corporation, announced last week, makes the Waukegan plant a part of the largest corporation of its kind in the world. Control of the local plant, offices and business was obtained through the acquisition of 80 per cent of the common stock of the Biflex Products corporation by the larger concern.

Will Retain Identity.

The Biflex company will maintain its corporate identity, however, and will be allied with the General Spring Bumper corporation as a subsidiary.

Melville B. Ericson, who is president of the Biflex Products corporation is also the vice president of the General Spring Bumper corporation. He also is vice president of the Houdaille-Hershey corporation.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING MAGIC CIRCLE: Cut out circle, lay on sheet of plain paper with carbon paper between, fasten to table with pin through center spot. Mark short perpendicular line on plain paper close to bottom edge of circle as starting point. Turn circle around until No. 1 is at starting point, then trace over line marked No. 1 inside the circle. Turn circle around to No. 2 at starting point line line No. 2 inside circle and so on.

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**Carpenters Turn Down
50 Cent Raise, Want \$1**

Offer of contractors to increase the wages of carpenters to the extent of fifty cents on the eight hour day, made as a compromise to the petition of the workers for an increase of \$1 a day, has been refused by the carpenters in the Chicago district, according to a vote taken this month.

As the Waukegan local union and others in Lake county are under the jurisdiction of the Chicago district council of the union they will be af-

ected by whatever increase in wages is granted members.

Members of the union through the Chicago council of the organization presented a petition to the contractors in February for a wage increase on the basis of a five year contract. The contractors after a parley then made the offer of an increase of 50 cents on each day. This would make the scale \$12.50 for each eight hour day.

The officials of the union notified the employers Tuesday however, that the carpenters had voted to stand by their demand of \$1 a day.

Another conference between representatives of the union and the contractors will be held, according to the Waukegan Sun, in an effort to reach a settlement.

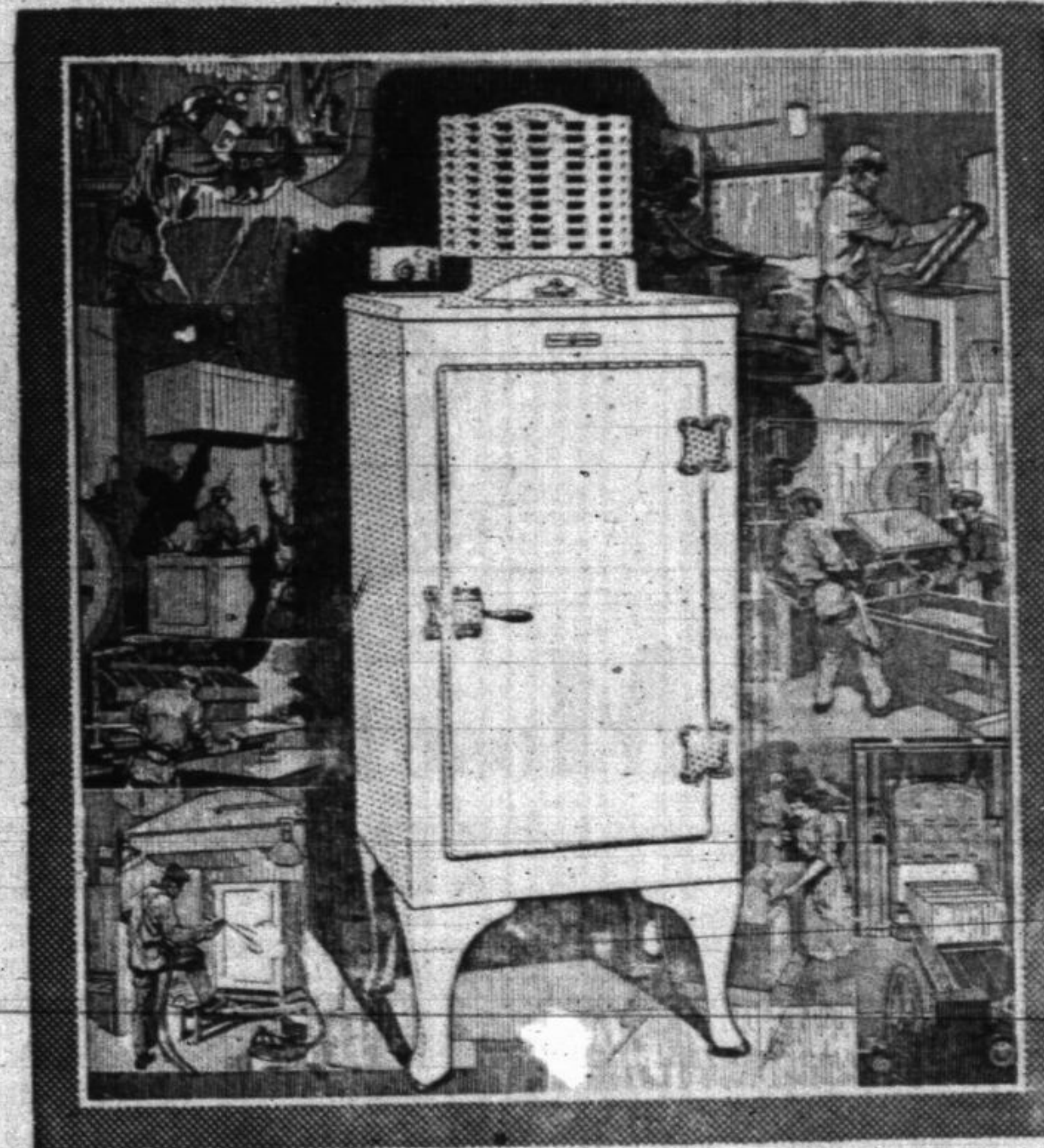
Several hundred carpenters in Waukegan and Lake county will be affected by the ruling.

It is claimed to be impossible to foresee the future, but anyway we are sure to get our tax bills.

It is claimed that this will be a good hog year, and anyway plenty of road hogs are already observed.

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