

## SEES RECOVERY IN SUBURBAN BUILDING

Report for March Indicates a Revival of Activity; Still Below Last Year

Building construction opens the second quarter of 1929 with a decidedly strong upward tendency. On the basis of comparative figures, the gain in 46 comparable suburbs was 35 per cent in March as against February this year. Many of the gains were unusual with the total volume for March 1929 being \$6,936,151, according to the building survey department of S. W. Straus & Co.

Building construction in Chicago opened the year with decidedly low records due in large measure to bad weather and high money rates; however, the breaking up of the winter has reflected a favorable situation as indicated by the gains in March as against February this year.

With labor and building material costs as high, and in some cases higher, than all last year and with a tight credit situation, building has faced an unfavorable situation but this survey indicates that the downward tendency of the first two months has reversed itself and the spring season will see considerable building activity, according to present indications.

The comparisons with March of last year were not propitious, however, only a few of the suburbs making gains. These gains were as follows: Aurora 108 per cent, Elgin 103 per cent, Flossmoor 96 per cent, Hinsdale 57 per cent, Lake Forest 330 per cent, Libertyville 8185 per cent, North Chicago 174 per cent, and Villa Park 47 per cent.

Comparative figures for March last year and February this year were as follows:

	March 1929	March 1928
Aurora	270,579	130,013
Batavia	4,500	8,975
Berwyn	592,000	717,300
Blue Island	96,895	121,985
Calumet City	44,000	207,000
Chicago Heights	111,905	178,150
Cicero	216,665	268,080
Des Plaines	25,606	128,080
Dolton	9,250	22,300
Dowhens Grove	87,985	115,300
Elgin	228,607	112,603
Elmhurst	191,150	202,620
Elmwood Park	71,050	3,289,940
Evanston	770,250	768,900
Flossmoor	26,900	13,700
Forest Park	277,045	328,900
Ganeva	12,400	36,600
Glencoe	158,500	264,325
Glen Ellyn	29,370	118,200
Harvey	57,266	83,117
Highland Park	202,650	222,160
Hinsdale	79,667	50,827
Homewood	15,516	98,771
Joliet	165,100	337,123
Kenilworth	103,120	256,763
La Grange	101,350	324,000
Lake Forest	600,364	139,643
Libertyville	29,000	350
Lombard	55,681	114,872
Maywood	133,000	356,285
Mt. Prospect	17,765	75,500
Niles Center	224,700	246,055
North Chicago	57,675	21,075
Palatine	375,962	No record
Park Ridge	111,850	509,515
Riverdale	4,000	16,500
River Forest	86,425	103,810
St. Charles	15,600	No record
Villa Park	24,090	16,400
Waukegan	188,740	374,236
West Chicago	250	8,178
Wheaton	13,000	66,500
Wilmette	116,475	295,015
Winnetka	275,900	299,250
Gary	488,875	585,830
Hammond	283,600	330,880
Whiting	9,570	22,340
Comparative total	\$6,936,151	\$12,658,967

There'll be quiet in Mexico as soon as the insurrectionists get spring fever.—Toledo Blade.

### "Shirt Tail Lady"



Mrs. J. L. Murray, of Bloomington, Ill., who has presented to Mrs. Herbert Hoover an old-fashioned quilt made out of flour bags of a design which Mrs. Hoover so admired that she sent one to her son as a wedding gift several years ago. Mrs. Murray was known during the world war as the "Shirt Tail Lady" because of the unique things she made out of men's old shirts.

### New Model Ford Cost Henry \$42,786,727

The 1928 financial statement of the Ford Motor company, filed with the Massachusetts commissioner of corporations, shows a profit and loss surplus of \$582,629,563 as of December 31 last, as compared with \$654,851,061 the year 1927.

The indicated loss of \$72,221,498 did not take into account any dividends withdrawn during 1928 by Ford, the three owners of the company.

It is believed unlikely, however, that any payments were made to the stockholding trio in view of recent expenditures in connection with reorganization of plant and product which caused an indicated loss of \$42,786,727 in 1927.

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"I suppose that's the first installment she's wearing."



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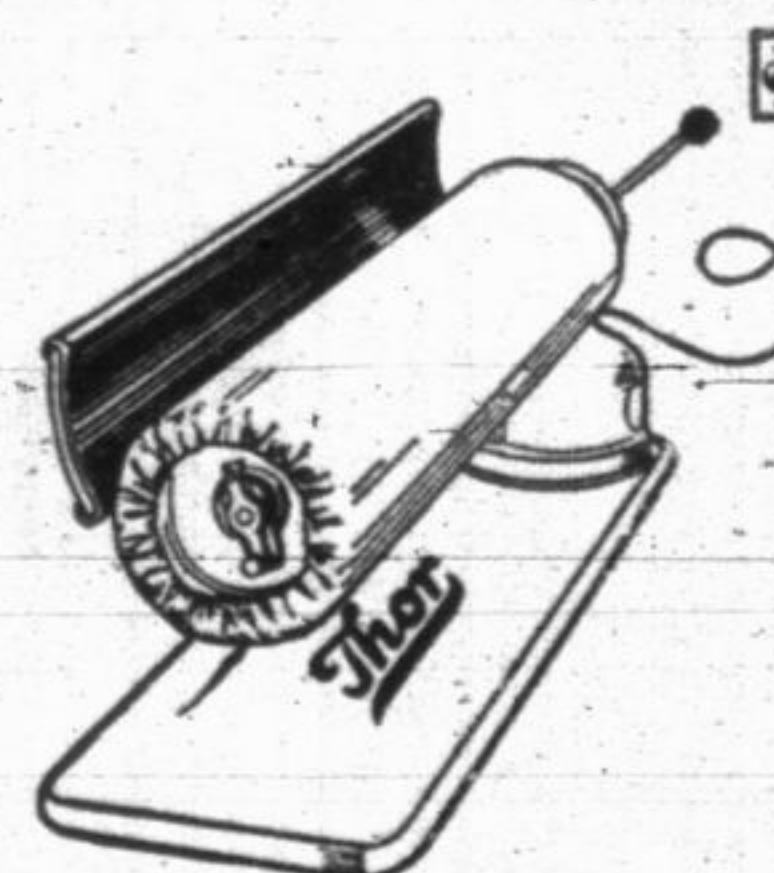
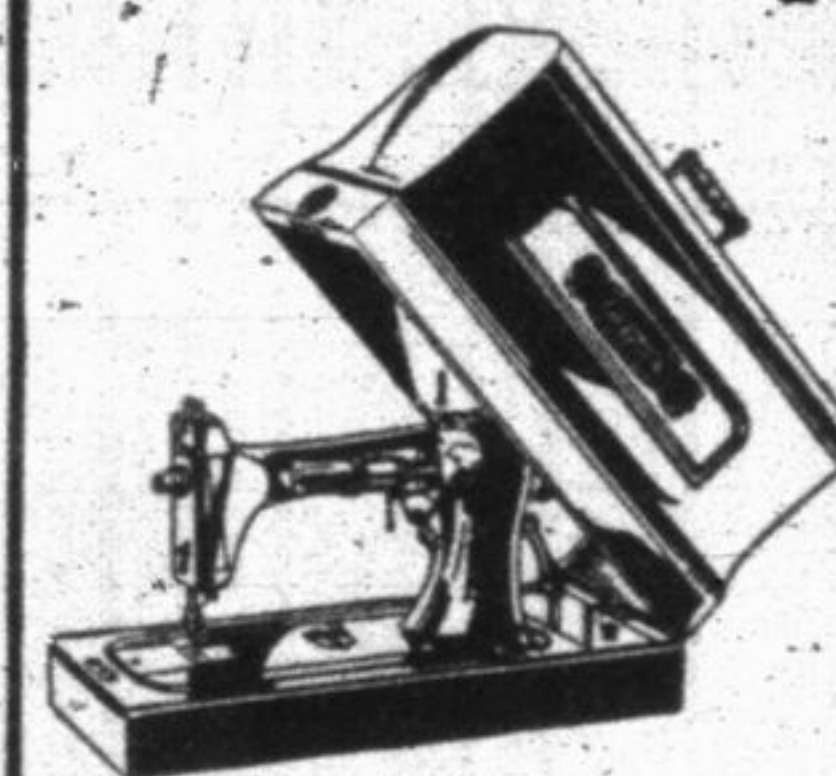
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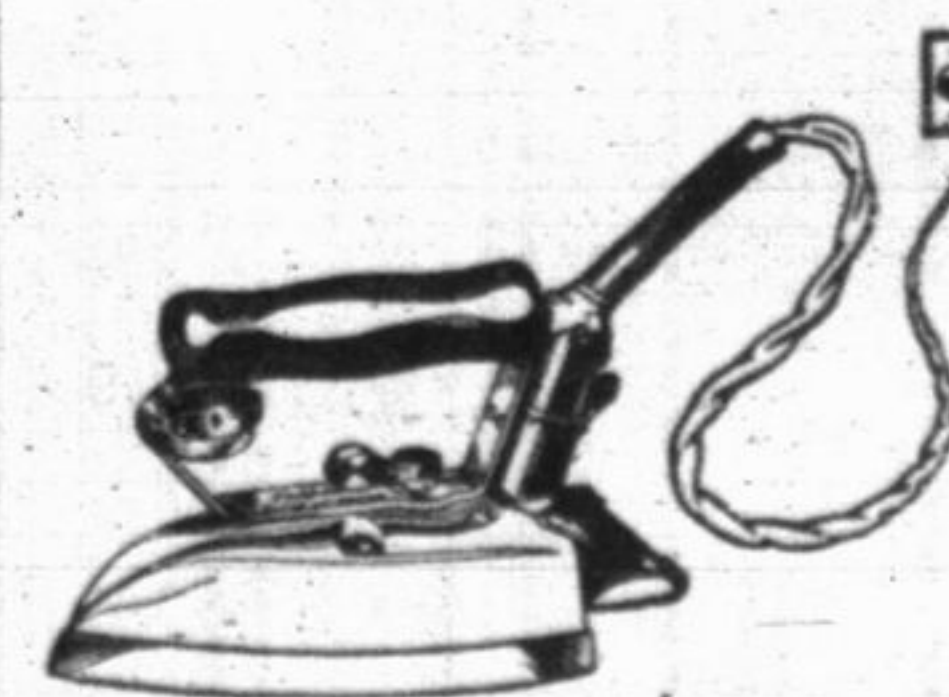
can be done electrically with a minimum of effort. Slight pressure on a control pedal operates the motor. The compact Graybar portable shown is \$75.00. Many other models to choose from, including consoles and consolettes.



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