

SUBURBAN BUILDING SHOWS APRIL GAINS

Highland Park Less than April, 1928; Lake Forest Gains; Other Towns

Building in Chicago suburbs staged a come-back in April, having an increase of 33 per cent over April 1928. The total in 42 comparative suburbs was \$11,202,336 for April this year compared with \$8,417,097 for the same month last year and \$6,579,326 in March of this year, based on permits issued, according to a survey just completed by S. W. Straus & Co.

In the April-April comparison 23 suburbs indicated gains. The most important of these were as follows: Dolton 3125 per cent, North Chicago 1700 per cent, Elmwood Park 737 per cent, Arlington Heights 391 per cent, Blue Island 240 per cent, Calumet City 208 per cent, Cicero 190 per cent, Homewood 183 per cent, Park Ridge 162 per cent, Chicago Heights 142 per cent, La Grange 104 per cent, Villa Park 90 per cent, Mount Prospect 89 per cent, Glen Ellyn 84 per cent and Wilmette 76 per cent. Smaller gains were made in Des Plaines, Elmhurst, Evanston, Flossmoor, Forest Park, Niles Center, West Chicago and Hammond.

Gains for April

The gains for April compared with March this year were greater and more numerous. Of the 30 gains made in this comparison the more important ones were: West Chicago 10,145 per cent, Elmwood Park 2685 per cent, Homewood 785 per cent, Westchester 683 per cent, North Chicago 589 per cent, Mount Prospect 562 per cent, Glen Ellyn 475 per cent, Calumet City 362 per cent, Cicero 322 per cent, Des Plaines 320 per cent, Blue Island 292 per cent, Park Ridge 258 per cent, Dolton 215 per cent, Oak Park 207 per cent, Joliet 188 per cent, Riverdale 180 per cent, Libertyville 179 per cent, Wheaton 157 per cent, La Grange 152 per cent, Flossmoor 150 per cent, Batavia 128 per cent, Wilmette 122 per cent, Villa Park 120 per cent and Harvey 100 per cent. Gains were also indicated in Arlington Heights, Aurora, Elmhurst, Waukegan, Hammond and Whiting.

The largest individual volume in April was reported by Elmwood Park with a total of \$1,979,088, putting this thriving suburb among the leading cities of the country in point of building.

Comparative Figures

Comparative figures for April 1929 and 1928 are as follows:

	Apr. 1929	Apr. 1928
Arlington Heights	\$ 426,700	\$ 86,850
Aurora	438,758	438,835
Batavia	10,275	10,400
Berwyn	450,500	639,000
Blue Island	380,211	111,884
Calumet City	203,000	66,000
Chicago Heights	86,045	35,585
Cicero	916,588	315,355
Des Plaines	107,560	76,175
Dolton	29,190	950
Downers Grove	44,750	60,350
Elgin	150,232	158,740
Elmhurst	294,485	248,670
Elmwood Park	1,979,088	236,318
Evanston	673,500	507,550
Flossmoor	67,245	56,550
Forest Park	110,395	79,100
Glencoe	85,250	179,082
Glen Ellyn	168,898	91,775
Harvey	114,915	120,925
Highland Park	190,928	424,015
Hinsdale	66,048	303,945
Homewood	137,250	48,395
Joliet	476,800	478,725
Kenilworth	99,900	172,600
La Grange	254,900	125,000
Lake Forest	115,285	118,812
Libertyville	80,800	104,709
Lombard	27,605	79,655
Maywood	81,560	360,150

Mount Prospect	117,675	62,096
Niles Center	397,825	22,096
Oak Park	817,780	930,251
Palatine	40,000	No record
Park Ridge	401,400	153,023
Riverdale	11,200	
River Forest	264,550	127,734
St. Charles	14,300	No record
Villa Park	53,076	27,840
Waukegan	309,750	387,390
Westchester	90,100	No record
West Chicago	25,622	15,600
Wheaton	33,500	71,500
Wilmette	259,050	146,784
Winnetka	206,150	233,425
Gary, Ind.	285,480	774,719
Hammond	302,800	292,200
Whiting	14,447	53,283

Comparative Totals \$11,202,336 \$8,417,097
*Received too late to be included in totals.

Sharing Happiness

The souvenir postcard with the scrawled line, "Wish you were here," has been laughed at and ridiculed but just the same it is an echo from the human heart.—The American Magazine.

Coastguard Inspector Visits Waukegan; Plan for New Station There

The first step on the part of the war department in determining the need and practicality of locating a coast guard station in Waukegan was shown last week in the visit made to Waukegan Tuesday afternoon, by the superintendent of the Wisconsin division of coast guard stations and the commanders of the two stations at Kenosha and Racine.

The three were sent to Waukegan to make an investigation as to the needs and to select a suitable site for the station.

The group was led by James Coleman head of the Wisconsin coast guard stations and included Capt. O.

Lander of Racine and Capt. William Pratten of Kenosha.

Inspect Government Tract

The three looked over the strip of land owned by the government along the east wall of the inner harbor. This land which is adjacent to the site of the new city waterworks, was retained by the government for just such a purpose.

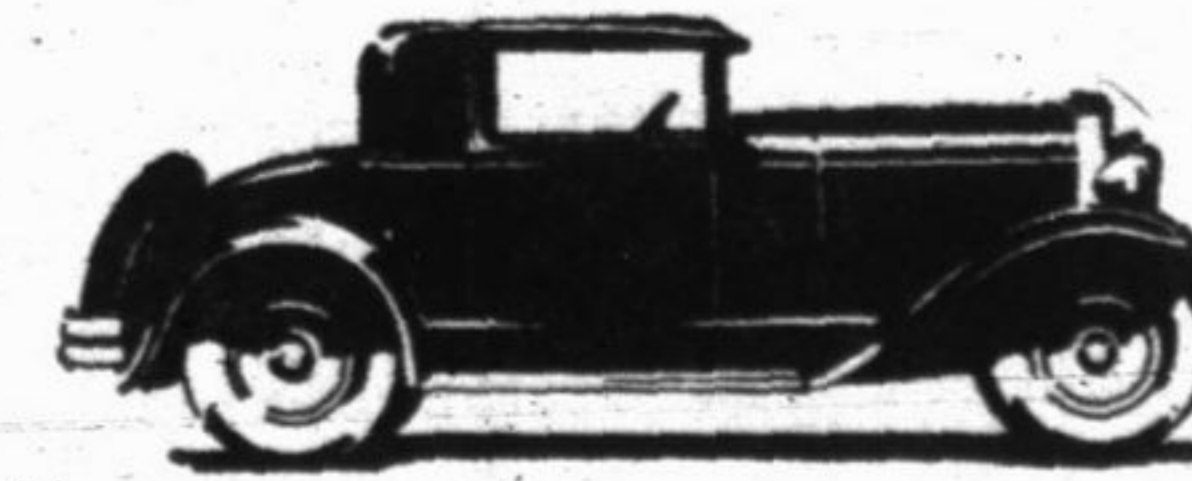
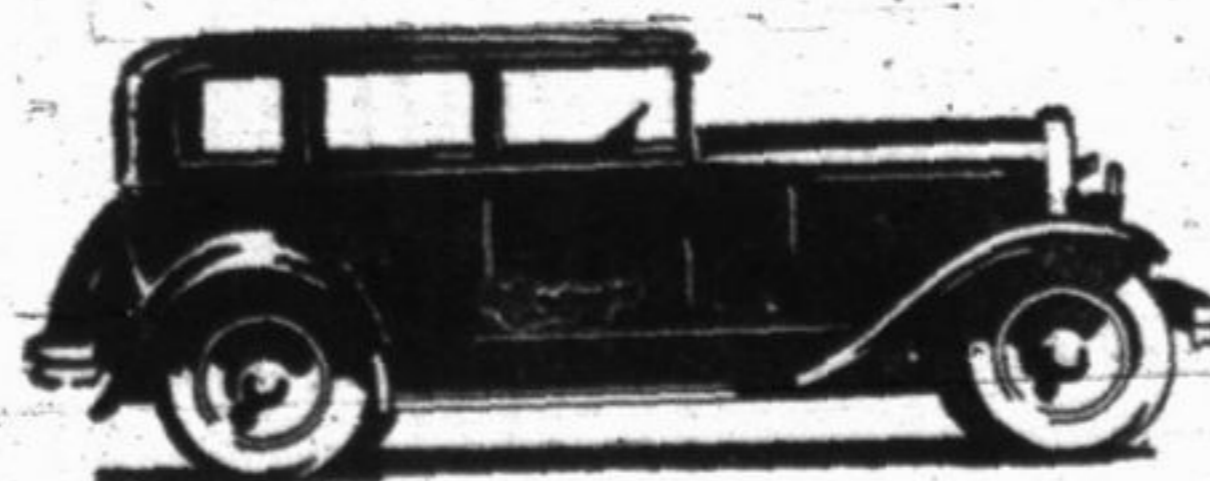
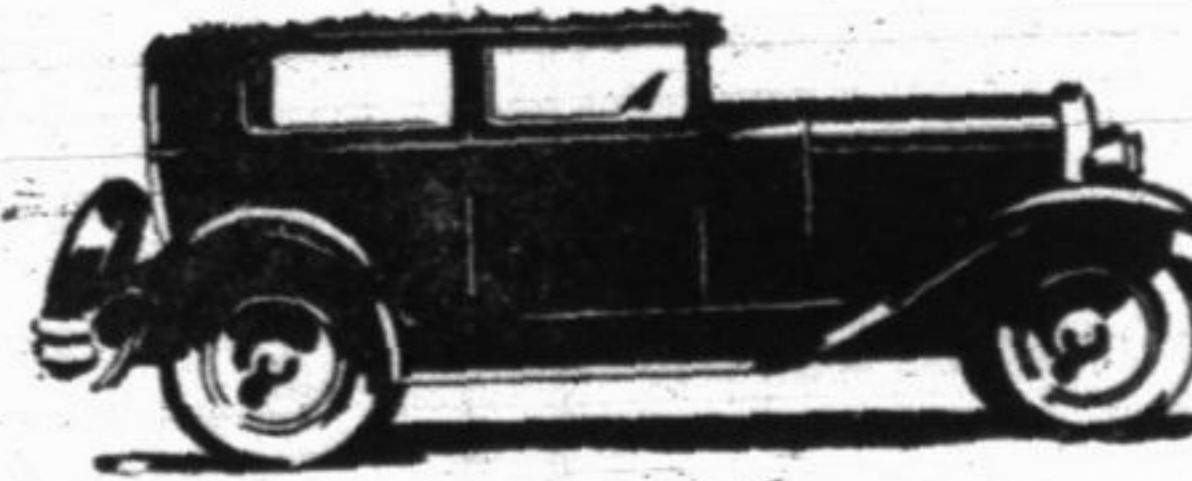
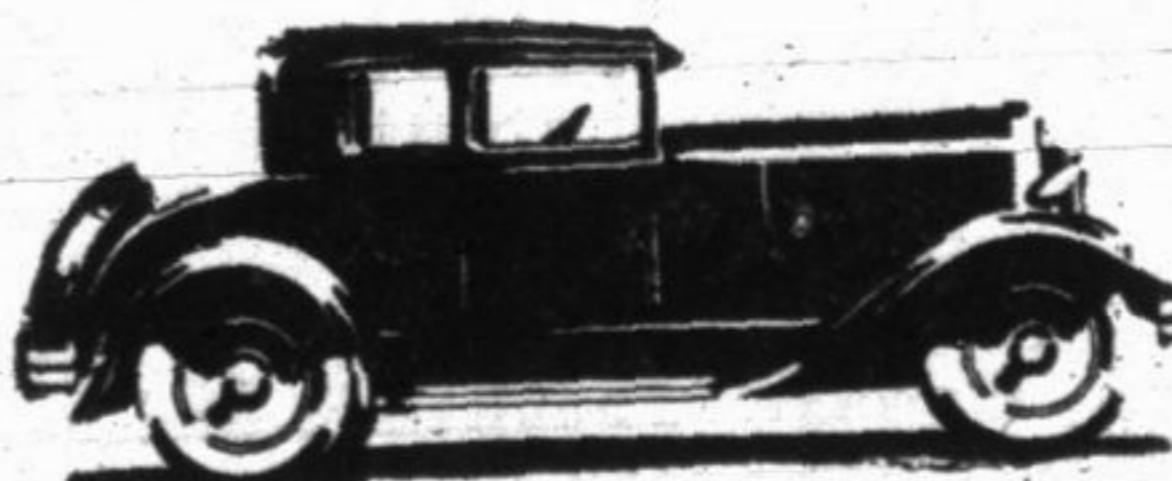
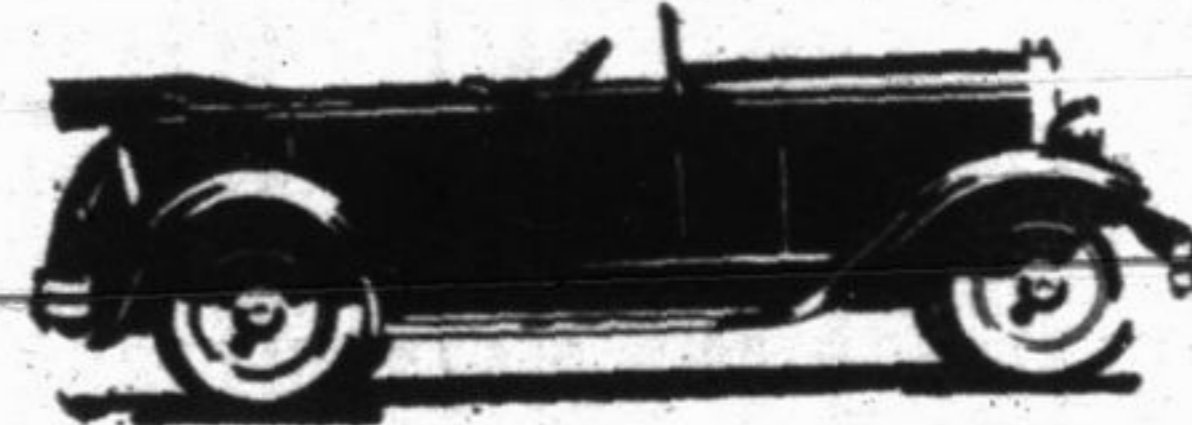
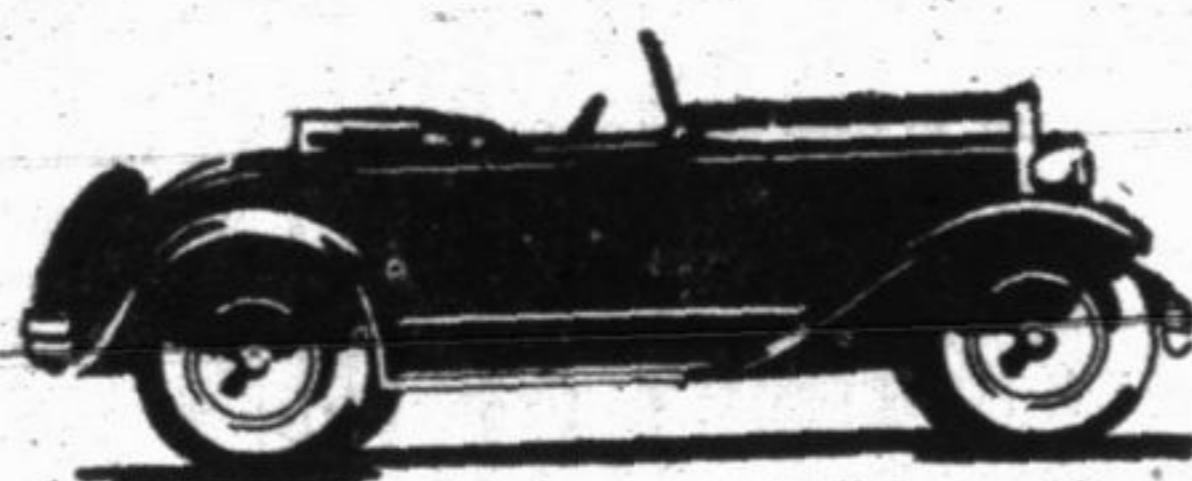
The visit will be followed by a report to the war department as to the feasibility of location of the station here. This report will be read before the committee in the house of representatives at Washington before the bill of Congressman Carl R. Chindblom asking for the establishment of a coast guard station at Waukegan is approved.

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