

LAKE COUNTY SAVING IN YEAR IS \$45,000

Chairman Vercoe of Finance Committee Makes Report to County Board

Lake county operated during the last twelve months, according to the audit, for \$45,000 less than the year previous Supervisor A. W. Vercoe, Highland Park, advised the county board of supervisors last week.

The actual saving, he admitted, was only \$20,000 because the other \$25,000 was claimed by the county farm committee to repair, remodel and recondition the county farm at Libertyville.

Previous to that R. H. Stripe, president of the Waukegan Taxpayer's association, had addressed the board of supervisors stating that the organization he represented stood ready to co-operate with the county officials at any time.

He urged a purchasing agent and competitive bidding as a means of shaving county expenses and renewed the request that the resolution to this effect presented to the board some time ago be recognized.

Vercoe's Report

At the conclusion of the talk the taxpayer's leader, Vercoe took the floor and stated:

"At the end of the last audit, which we heard just the other day, the figures showed that we are \$45,000 better off than we were a year ago but we spent \$25,000 of that on the county farm which was good work and really well done and your efforts

have not been in vain. If we can get out each year as we have done in the past year we can look anyone, any taxpayer in the face, and feel as if we had done our duty," Vercoe declared.

No action has been taken on the purchasing agent resolution, except, that the board in other transactions, drew the strings closer on expenditures and prescribed a uniform method of making claims for purchases on the part of officials. It was also provided that two supervisors should approve requisitions by signing them.

To Warn of Practices of Some Realty Agents

Warnings that real estate dealers occasionally become parties to criminal acts in closing deals with clients will be issued in letters to all real estate dealers in the county by the Lake County Bar association by a committee that is to be appointed by Attorney Clarence W. Diver, the president.

Attorney Diver stated last week that he would notify the bar of the appointment as soon as he determined the three men he would select.

The matter was raised before the annual meeting of the bar by Attorney Okel Fugua, retiring president. He stated that within the past six months he had been advised, and had personal knowledge in some instances, where real estate dealers, in their haste to close deals, represented themselves as lawyers as well.

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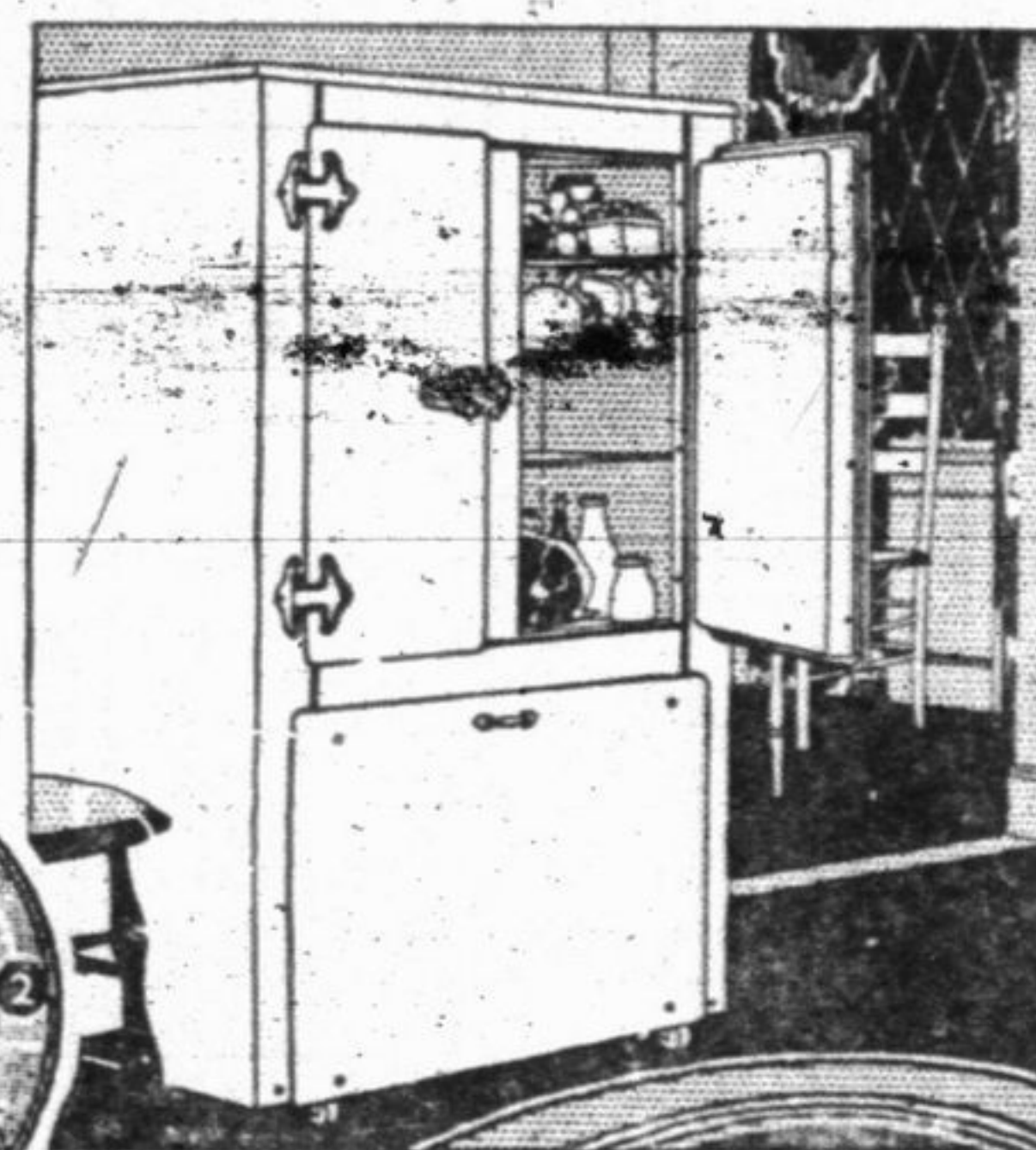
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