

Issues Opinion on Treasurer's Fees

According to a recent opinion of Attorney General Carlstrom, county treasurers are not entitled to a collector's commission on school funds received from the distributive school fund. This money, he holds, should be paid to the county superintendent

of schools, and no one is entitled to one per cent for collecting and one per cent for distributing.

Those people who think that the three R's are being neglected in the schools should go to a college football game and hear 'em—"rah, rah, rah!"

Building Improvements in November, \$180,680

Building improvements maintained a fair average in Highland Park during November, considering the bad weather late in the month, and the monthly report of Building Inspector S. D. Morris shows a total estimated cost of \$180,680 for improvements represented by permits issued. Total fees for these were \$621.25. For November, 1928, total estimated cost of new building started in that month was \$621,680. This included the large new addition to the Moraine hotel.

Details of last month's report show permits issued for six dwellings, estimated cost, \$140,200; seven private garages, \$2,250; four alterations, \$30,800; one greenhouse, \$180; one swimming pool, \$7,250. Total permits, 19; total estimated cost, \$180,680.

State Bar Association Honors Supreme Court

Honoring members of Illinois Supreme court, the state bar association gave a formal dinner at the Palmer House in Chicago, Nov. 29. During the day the association held its session. Speakers at the banquet included Henry Upton Sims, of Birmingham, Ala., president of American Bar association; Attorney George D. Logan, St. Louis; Acting Chief Justice Frank K. Dunn of the supreme court.

It is said that it takes the average Chicago girl six minutes to do her primping before going out. Now we know that Chicago is the swiftest city in the country.

NEW DEFINITION OF WORD, "HOME" WANTED

Real Estate Boards Say Webster's Explanation Too Cold and Inadequate

The National Association of Real Estate Boards is dissatisfied with Mr. Webster's definition of the word "home," and seeking a more complete description offers \$250.00 for the best one submitted to the association headquarters in Chicago.

There is no good definition for the word "home" according to Herbert U. Nelson, executive secretary of the association and the widespread use of such a definition that would catch the sympathy of the public would get people to thinking about home ownership, a thing that the government as well as many philanthropic agencies are constantly endeavoring to do.

Old and Inadequate

Mr. Webster's definitions are cold and inadequate thinks Mr. Nelson. "One's own dwelling place; the house in which one lives; the house one lives with his family; and the abiding place of the affections," found under the word "home" in the Standard Dictionary hardly describe the magic in this word.

"Nor does the Funk and Wagnell dictionary do better with, 'One's fixed place of abode; family residence.'

"Home is more than a refuge, more than a sign of independence. Home is an institution into which are packed the practical and the sentimental and a good definition must cover all that the word home covers.

"It is said that English is the only language which has the word 'home,'" points out Mr. Nelson. "No language has a word which precisely expresses the ideas and associations which are aroused by our word home. The Italian and Spanish 'casa', the German 'haus', and the Russian 'doma' all refer to a building and have none of the connotations that cluster around the precious English word. The German 'heim' comes the closest but even this word is too general to refer specifically to what we call 'home'."

Translation Difficult

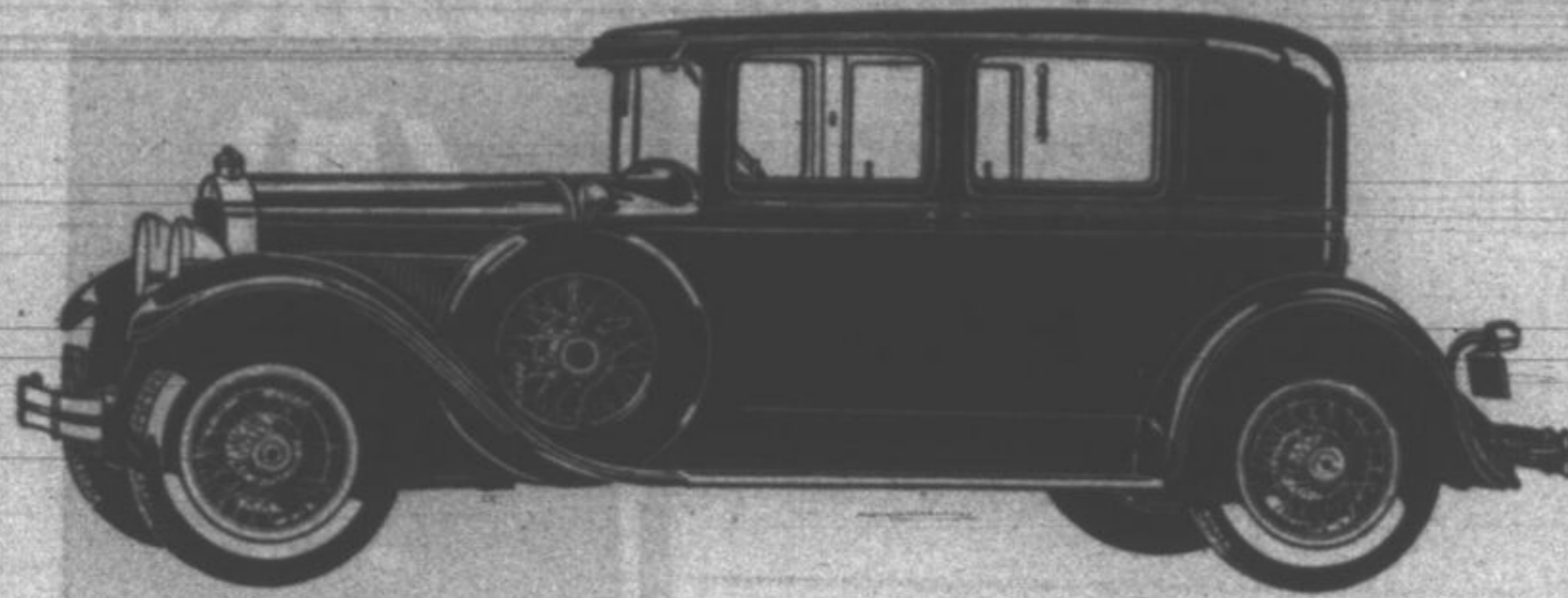
"The story is told of a Frenchman who once translated Cardinal Newman's 'Lead Kindly Light,' and in the translation, for want of a better word, the line, 'The night is dark and I am far from home,' became 'La mon foyer.' The translator was obliged to use the word which describes 'hearth' or 'firebox' in the French language for the English word 'home'."

There have been many interesting instances when the lack of an acceptable definition of the word "home" has been shown, says Mr. Nelson, and if the association can secure a good definition, it may come to have an official meaning.

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