

NEW SPORTSMEN'S SOCIETY GETS PARK

Illinois Organization Formed at Springfield Obtains Club Grounds

Charles F. Mansfield, grand executive secretary of the Sportsmen Mutual, a not for profit society of sportsmen of the state organized here recently, today announced the organization has acquired Norcross Park, near Carlyle, Illinois, as its first club grounds.

Norcross park is on State Route 12 about 50 miles from East St. Louis on the Kaskaskia river near Carlyle. It consists of one half mile of river front with a sand bathing beach, bath house and dining hall.

The purpose of the Sportsmen's Mutual, as stated in its application for a charter, is "to preserve for the future our natural resources; to promote fraternal co-operation between sportsmen; to acquire, build and operate mutually, game and fish preserves and hunting and fishing lodges and camping grounds."

Its incorporators include a number of well known business men and sportsmen of the state. At its initial meeting here it elected the following officers:

Officers

Grand president—Brooke Anderson, Chicago; grand vice presidents—William Duncan, Alton; Thomas A. Journy, Rock Island; Guy Wakely, Harvard; Robert N. Crawford, Mendota and Colonel George A. Seaman, Taylorville; grand treasurer—E. E. Crabtree, Jacksonville; grand executive secretary C. F. Mansfield, Springfield; grand medical officer—Dr. P. R. Blodgett, Chicago Heights. Members of the board of directors are the officers and John H. Walker, Springfield; Dennis McCarthy, Springfield; Dr. A. E. Rives, East St. Louis and H. C. Norcross, Carlyle.

The board of directors gave its unqualified endorsement to the proposal to have the State issue \$14,000,000 in bonds for the purchase of conservation and forest preserves and hunting, fishing and recreation grounds in each county in the state for use of citizens of all classes. This proposition will be voted on at the general election November 4.

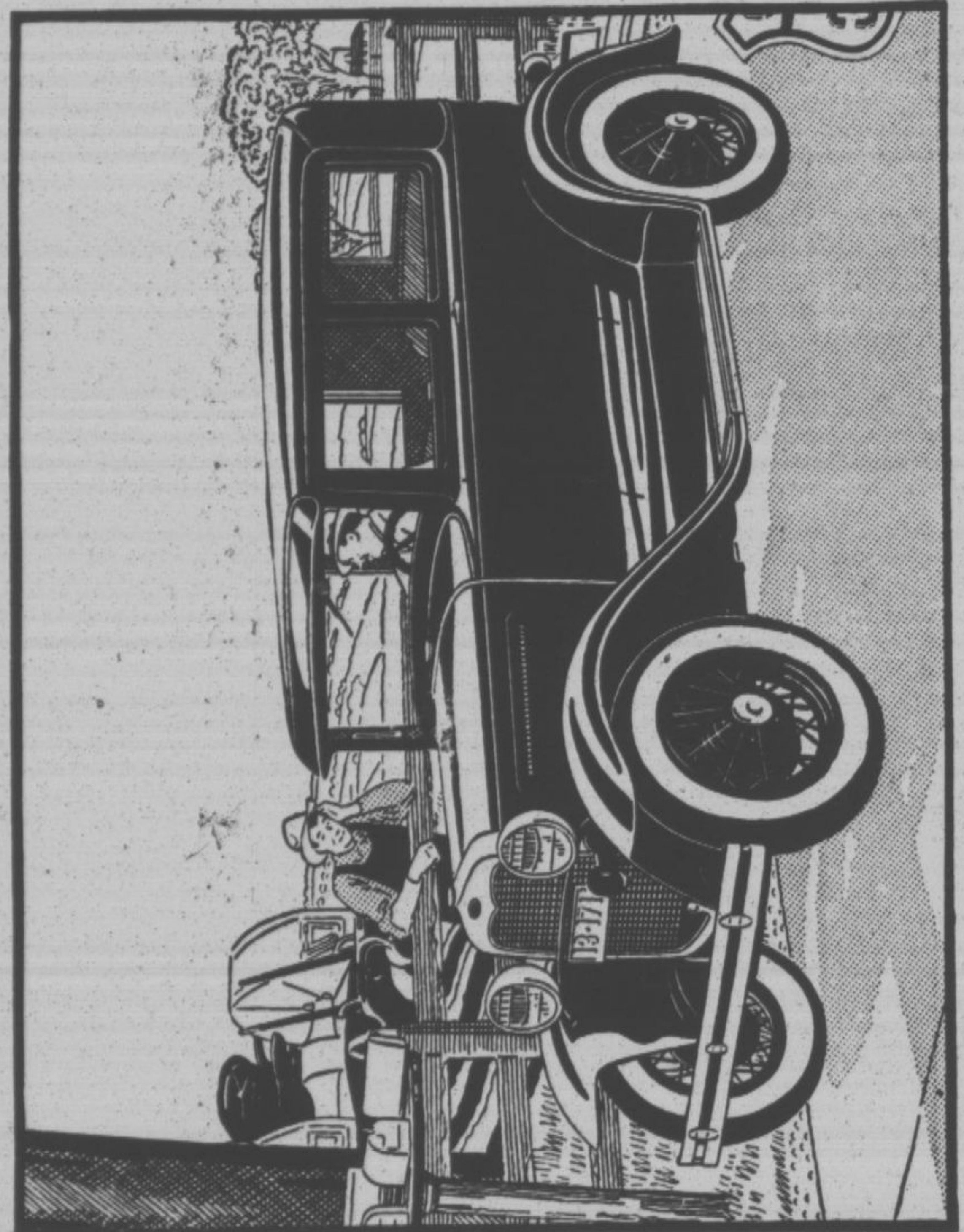
Officers of the Sportsmen's Mutual are negotiating for additional club grounds for its members in other parts of the State.

Open Bids for State Road Improvements to Cost Over 4 Millions

Bids for highway improvements reaching a total of \$4,100,275 were opened in Springfield last week by Chief Highway Engineer Frank T. Sheets and Director H. H. Cleveland of the state department of public works and buildings. Road widening, bridge and grade separation work in the metropolitan area are included in the projects.

Contractors who submitted bids were informed by Director Cleveland that only Illinois common labor can be used in carrying out awards. This decision follows protests that contractors are using out-of-state common labor on Illinois road work.

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Study of the bids reveals an average cost of \$28,760 per mile for concrete paving. The bids just received apply against improvements including 2.35 miles of 40-foot pavement, 32.63 miles of 20-foot pavement and 92.83 miles of 18-foot pavement; also 22 separate bridge sections and 31.71 miles of grading.

Drinking Fountains Installed, Waukegan

The first of the drinking fountains for horses, dogs, cats, birds, children and adults, will be installed at Jackson and Fairfax avenue immediately by the street and water department at Waukegan, it was announced by Nicholas M. Keller and R. J. Pearfall, commissioners of the two departments.

The drinking fountains were requested by the Lake County Humane society, and were furnished by the society under an agreement with the two departments, whereby the departments would install them and operate them.



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