

## GUANACO STRANGEST LOOKING OF ANIMALS

Member of Camel Family Represented in Group in the Field Museum

One of the strangest looking animals native to the western hemisphere—the guanaco of South America—is represented by a group of five specimens in a scenic setting reproducing their natural environment, placed on exhibition today at Field Museum of Natural History, it is announced by Stephen C. Simms, director of the museum.

The guanaco is a member of the camel family. The specimens in the museum group were collected near Santa Cruz, Argentina, by Colin C. Sanborn, assistant curator of mammals, while he was a member of the Marshall Field South American expedition. Taxidermy on the group is by Julius Friesser of the museum staff, and the painted background is the work of staff artist C. A. Corwin. One adult male, two adult females, and two young guanacos compose the group. They are mounted in lifelike attitudes, and the group as a whole presents a scene such as a traveler in the South American wilds might encounter.

### Range of Animal

At one time the guanaco ranged over all the bare pampas country of South America, from the Straits of Magellan, north through Argentina, and across the Andes into Chile, Bolivia and Peru, according to Mr. Sanborn. Today it is most common in the southern part of the Argentine republic (Patagonia).

The llama and alpaca are domesticated forms of the guanaco used as beasts of burden. The vicugna, found only in the high Andes, is smaller and has finer silkier hair which is woven by the Indians into clothing. There are also a number of extinct forms of camel, fossils of which are found in South America, and these are likewise related to the guanaco.

The guanacos of Patagonia collect in herds of from five individuals up to about 300. They are generally wild and shy.

## Illinois Has Seventh of Nations Concrete Highways, Is Reported

One seventh of the nation's concrete highways is within the boundaries of Illinois. The exact extent of which the Illinois highway system leads the world is shown in a tabulation just completed by the American Association of State Highway officials.

A comprehensive table of road construction of the United States, issued in the April number of the association's official publication, gives the total miles of concrete pavement in the nation, as of January 1 this year, as 61,492 miles. Of that amount, Illinois leads all others with 9,070 miles of concrete slab opened to traffic.

The survey shows that Illinois has a total of 9,947 miles of improved roads of various kinds. This includes 173 miles of brick pavement, 320 miles of graveled roads, 254 drained and graded, 60 of water-bound macadam, 41 of bituminous macadam and bituminous concrete and 29 miles of other types.

In standard concrete, the highway officials' records places, lists four more than 3,000 miles of concrete mode than 3,000 miles of concrete pavement, January 1. The five, and the miles of concrete that each had available to traffic at the first of the year are given as follows: Illinois 9,070; Pennsylvania 5,679; New York 5,450; Iowa 3,293 and Wisconsin 3,170.

Florida announces that this year it finally got rid of the Mediterranean fruit fly. It probably froze to death.

## Barrington Financial Troubles Cleared Up

The Barrington village board, after two years of investigation, has definitely cleared up the irregularities in public improvement bonds which revealed themselves over two years ago. Roger Hay, attorney in the employ of Village Attorney A. J. Hagenjoss and the man who issued the bonds with a face value beyond authorization, has agreed to refund the amount of the over-issue together

with interest, says the Waukegan News-Sun.

Final construction costs of ten of 13 Barrington special paving assessments on which bonds were issued by Hay, have been determined and turned over to the village board.

A thorough check on the figures was made by W. U. Bardwell, special attorney for the village. If approved by the board finance committee they will be forwarded to Cook and Lake county judges for final disposition.

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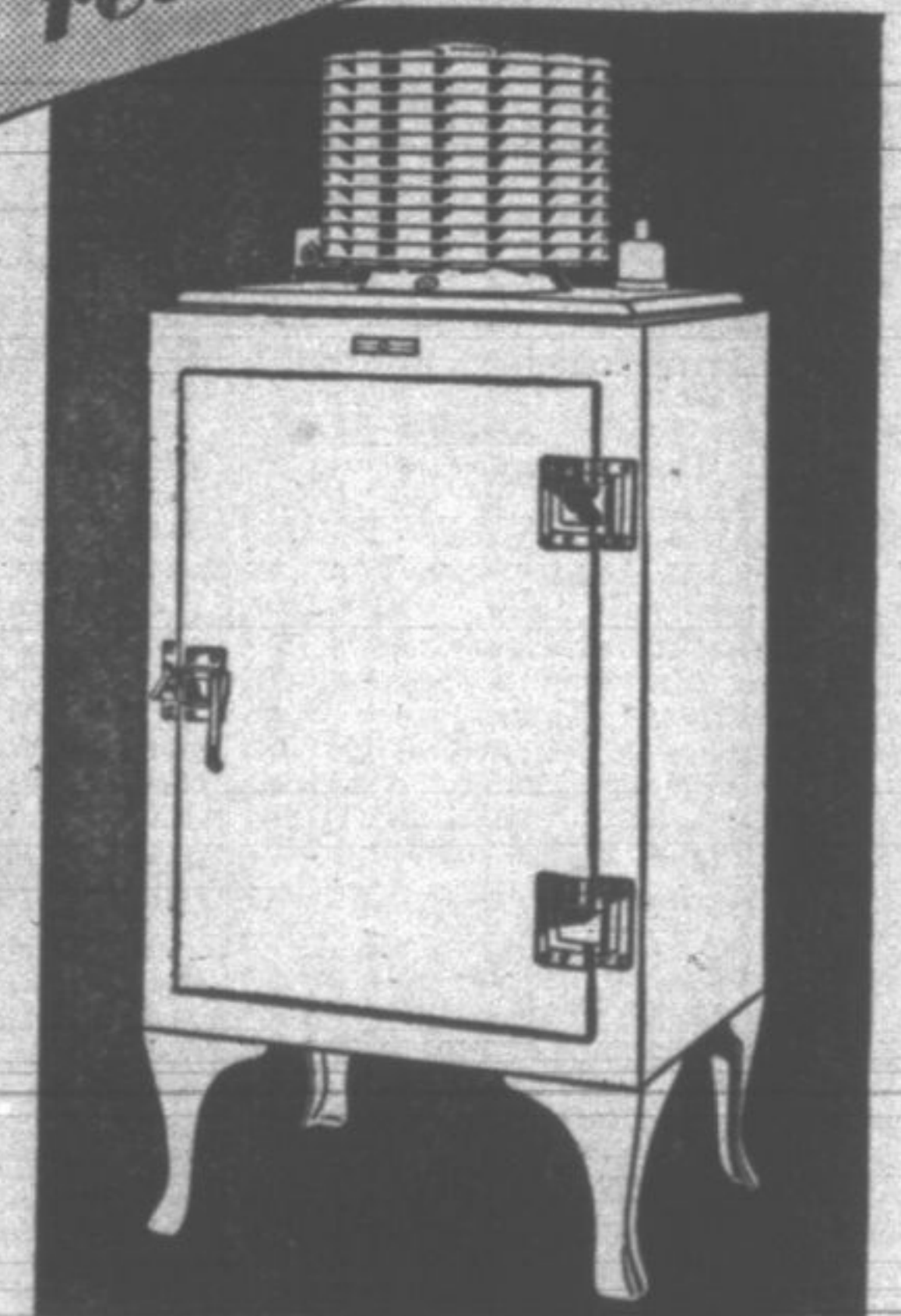
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