

Motor Accidents Last Year Caused Deaths of 2,464 in State, Report

Motor accidents in Illinois in 1930 caused 2,464 deaths. This is the final figure as announced today by the state department of public health, based upon reports that have been obtained from the entire state.

This is an increase of 503 over motor crash fatalities of 1929, and signifies that for every four that met death by motor crashes that year, five were killed in 1930.

The death rate from automobile accidents last year figures 32.2 per 100,000 population — nearly 20 per cent higher than the death rate from that cause in 1929, when 27 of every 100,000 people in the state were killed by automobiles.

The increase in fatalities because of automobile accidents in 1930 over the preceding year is nearly one and one-half per cent.

That the increase in automobile fatalities can not be attributed to grade crossing crashes and collisions with street cars is apparent in the health department's compilation. Fatalities from automobile-train collisions fell from 199 in 1929 to 188 last year. That shows a five per cent decline. Death from auto and street car crashes were fewer by 10, or almost 14 per cent in 1930 than in the preceding year.

Anonymous Donor Has Given \$50,000 Fund to Landscape Highway

An anonymous donor has contributed \$50,000 toward the project of landscaping the state highway along the Skokie Valley route, and an elaborate plan is now being drawn up.

Following the clearing away of debris and dead woods, many miles of the right-of-way have been seeded, trees have been trimmed and other work of reclaiming begun. A great amount of work is necessary in some spots along the highway before planting of shrubs and trees can be started.

Several hundred thousand seedlings and slips have been already planted, and millions of trees are in the process of propagation within the next two or three years.

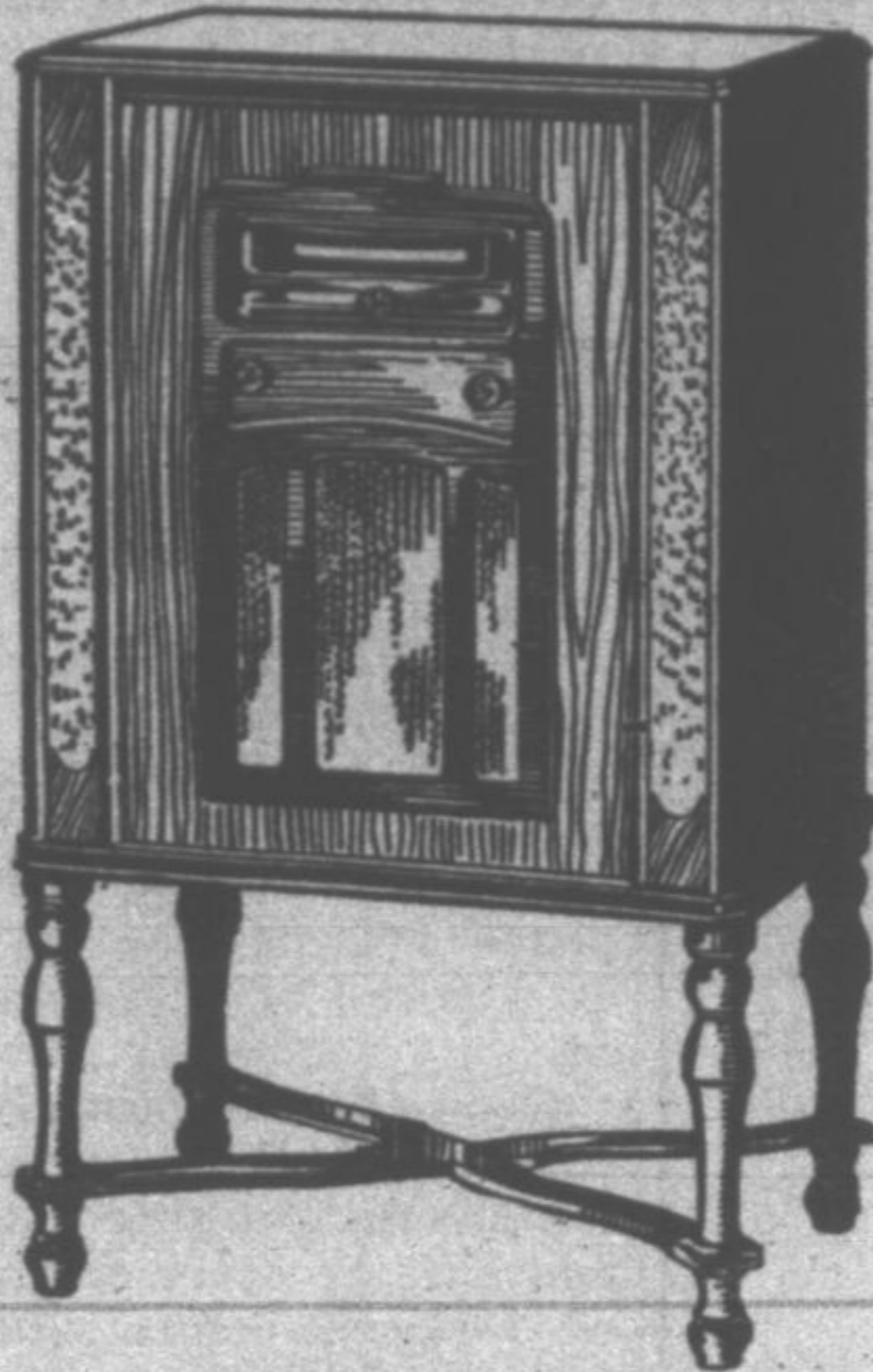
This scheme of landscaping will undoubtedly make the scenic scope of the Skokie Valley route one of the loveliest drives in the country and will present much to the eye in the summer and particularly in the fall.

The state welfare department is presenting evergreens from the Lincoln state school on North avenue between St. Charles and Elmhurst and the planting is being done by inmates from the St. Charles school for boys. Lake county groups have promoted much interest in the work and doing considerable of material value as well.

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