

### ILLINOIS COUNTY HAS NO COURTHOUSE

**Hamilton Co. Hasn't Had One Since 1893; Residents Not Interested**

Although Hamilton county, Illinois, at one time boasted of a courthouse as fine as any of its neighboring counties it is now the only county in the state that has no courthouse.

Records show the last courthouse vanished in flames and smoke 38 years ago and despite repeated efforts to finance a new building the issue has always been defeated in county elections.

**Not Favored**

Only a few years ago, the ques-

tion was again agitated but with little success. Crop failures and ever increasing taxes have brought bond issues into increasing disfavor with the majority of the citizens.

Hamilton county's first courthouse, a log cabin, was replaced by a two-story brick structure in 1842. The building was the scene of many historical events and its corridors were trod by the feet of many of the nation's greatest statesmen.

As the years forged onward, however, the structure was relegated to wrack and ruin and was finally abandoned and condemned. For several years the progressive citizens of the county sought a new courthouse without success.

On July 4, 1893, fire destroyed the historic land mark. Many believed the fire of incendiary origin for when

firemen attempted to fight the blaze citizens blocked their efforts and threatened to cut the hose lines.

**Imitates Nero**

Imitating Nero, one of the townsmen, a cornetist of the McLeansboro band, marched around the public square while the building was blazing solemnly playing a funeral march, while some citizens frowned upon the proceedings, contending such foolish-

ness would help to prevent the construction of another courthouse in McLeansboro for 40 years.

Soon after the burning of the old courthouse, the citizens of the county were forced to take up an old issue of railroad bonds amounting to 191,000. Consequently when the question of a new courthouse was brought to a vote a short time later, the voters were bond shy and the proposi-

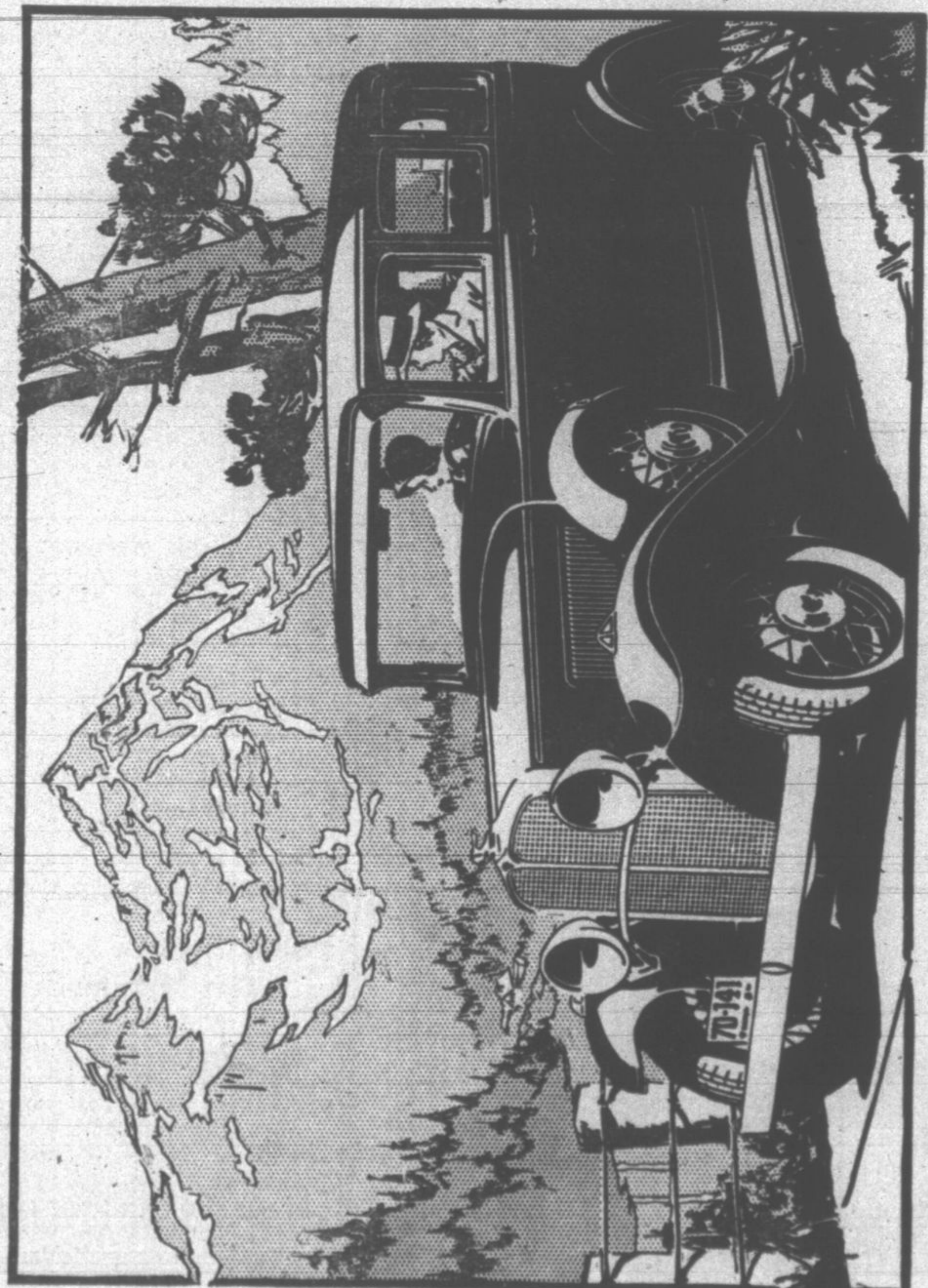
tion was defeated by a large majority.

The last time a vote was taken on the issue it was defeated by only 124 votes.

### Must Give Full Name For Auto Licenses

Attorney General Carlstrom, in a ruling handed down recently, held that legal names must be signed to applications for automobile licenses. For example he explained that the name should be "Helen Jones, and not Mrs. Chris Jones." The opinion was given Secretary of State William J. Stratton, who asked if married women should sign "Mrs." or give the first name of the husband.

is to get so much more for your money!  
Any Oakland-Pontiac dealer will arrange a demonstration at your convenience.



**PONTIAC \$755**

MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND KEEPING THE OLD

Two-door Sedan or Coupe, equipped and delivered in Highland Park, \$755. Sport Coupe, \$795. Four-door Sedan or Convertible Coupe, \$825. Custom Sedan, \$865. All cars equipped with front and rear bumpers, shock absorbers, five wire wheels, and extra tire, tube and tire lock. You may have the advantage, too, of G.M.A.C. time payments.

**SMITH & GARFIELD**  
Service Sales

Telephone H. P. 4090

512 Laurel Avenue

OAKLAND 8 AND PONTIAC 6-TWO FINE CARS