

PRESIDENT HARRASSED MORE IN THESE DAYS

Attitude Toward Chief Executive Changing, Says Noted Writer in Magazine

During the past 12 years the general attitude toward the Presidency of the United States has suffered a change which, if continued, will eventually affect the quality of man willing to undertake the leadership of the country.

Until the second term of President Wilson most presidents had been immune to personal attack. The presidency stood for something which should not be destroyed. It was like the flag, the symbol of Government. The office was to be respected and held aloof from disparagement.

Ended with Wilson

Mary Roberts Rinehart calls attention to the fact that this immunity of the office ceased with President Wilson. She writes forcibly and fearlessly regarding the resultant situation in a provocative article in the American Magazine. "The new use of a President as a whipping boy by his political enemies is dangerous," she asserts. "Deliberate attempts are made to ruin him, merely that his party may be destroyed with him. Why is this dangerous? Because respect for the presidential office is a part of the respect for all Government, and when a hostile Senate plus an inflammatory portion of the press deliberately belittles the one, it undermines the other."

No President goes into office to destroy the country. Practical politics, personal ambition, and idealism alike dictate that he shall give the nation the best that is in him. He may appeal to the popular mind or he may not. Probably not, for there is no time in the office today for showmanship.

The presidential job, under the most favorable conditions, is a burden few men have the temperament and physique to stand without breaking. At its worst it is a man-killing position, stultifying to pride as well as to effort, and increasingly difficult to administer.

Needs Support

Perhaps it needs reorganizing. As things are, it will be difficult as time goes on to secure men physically and mentally able to carry it. Certainly it needs whole-hearted public support, and there should surely be a restoration of the dignity of the office and its immunity from attack.

Lake Zurich Workman Is Stabbed by Bandits

Coming home early one morning last week Manuel Papino, 20, of Lake Zurich, was stopped by three men near the E. J. & E. tracks. One of the men asked him for a cigaret.

As he put his hand in his pocket to get the cigaret, one of the three men stabbed him near the heart with a dagger. The dagger lodged in a rib. The three men then looted Papino's pockets of \$7.75.

Evidently not satisfied with the loot, the bandits again plunged knives into Papino's body and hit him over the head with a club. The injured man was found near the railroad in a serious condition.

Filling Station Man Routs Bandits; Heaves Crank and They Run

Three armed bandits learned a little in the way of the proper technique for a successful hold-up one night last week when they tried to convince Thomas Masek, filling station owner near Antioch that he should throw up his hands and turn over his cash.

One of the bandits, with a gun pushed into Masek's midriff, told him to back into the filling station.

"Shove up your hands and keep them up," he ordered as Masek backed away.

As soon as the filling station proprietor got into the doorway he whirled and picked up a gas pump crank and flung it at the heads of the bandits. Then he charged as they raced for the car and sped away.

Deputy Sheriff Russell McBride, an hour later, had the victim of the attempted robbery and several others who had been held up recently view three youths up in Libertyville on a

charge of disorderly conduct. They McBride said, had been attempting to take gasoline.

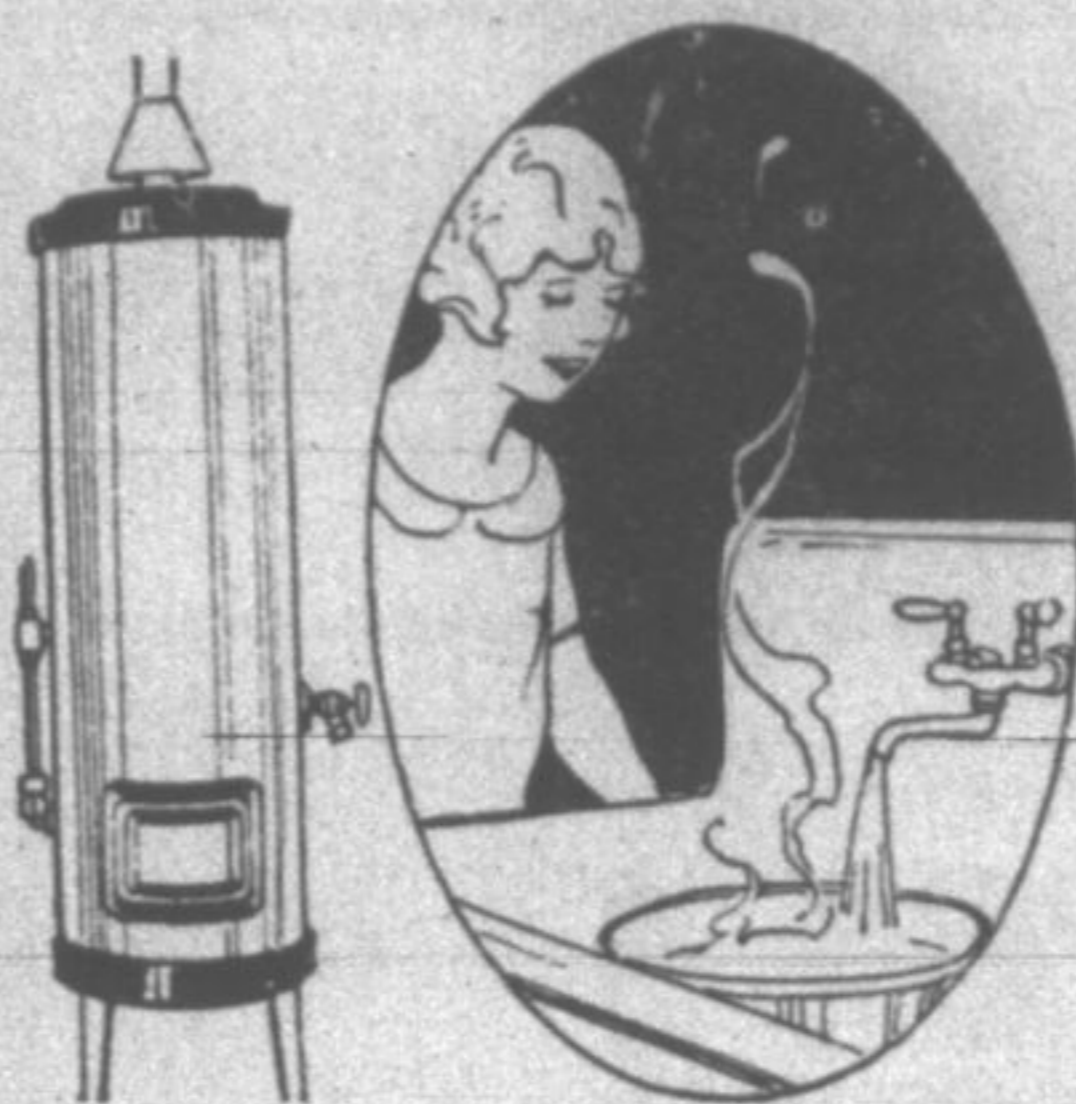
Filling station attendants absolved these youths who were later fined on charges of disorderly conduct. Two were from Waukegan and one from Libertyville.

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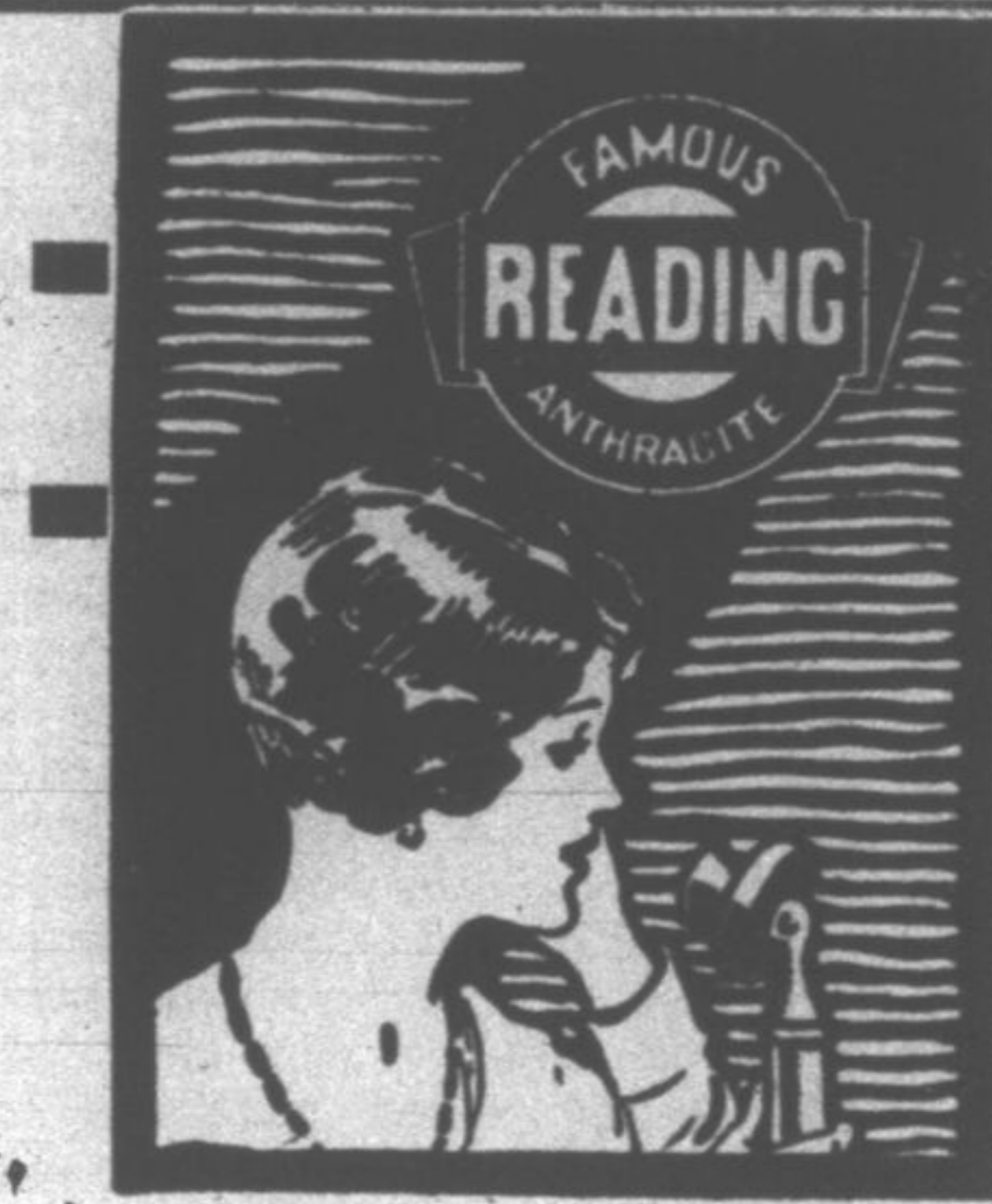
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