

Thursday, September 3, 1931

from business Mr. Wright's ambition of becoming a breeder of harness racing horses. His Calumet farm, west of Lexington, Illinois, is one of the finest places of Kenesha several hundred acres and contains an investment of several million dollars. It was here that Mr. Wright bred and trained the all-time champion, the late Mr. Wright died in 1914, but his prize trotter, won the \$60,000 stake, earlier in the year. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Georgia, and their son, Mr. Wright.

RADIO-TRACTOR IS STATE FAIR NOVELTY

Implement Controlled by Radio Waves Attracts Wide Interest, Report

Now comes the "Radio-Tractor," futuristic farm-horse, as another brain-child of inventive genius, destined, perhaps, to lighten the burdens of the next generation of scientific farmers.

At the Illinois State Fair, last week for the first time in the history of radio, electric waves that travel thru the air steered a standard three-plow tractor as adroitly as this task could be performed by an experienced chauffeur. It was demonstrated in the racetrack in view of the grandstand audience.

Drive by Radio

Radio engineers have mastered the technique of manipulating other vehicles and projectiles by remote control, but for the first time in history, science has now achieved the utilitarian accomplishment of driving a farm tractor by the unseen force of electric waves. The Illinois State Fair officials, perfecting plans for the presentation of this rather futuristic feature, announced that this exposition is pleased to set a precedent in the field of mechanical exhibitions. In discussing this feature, the state fair board chairman, Homer J. Tice of Greenview, said:

"When President McKinley, just prior to his assassination, at Buffalo,

said that 'Expositions are the milestones that mark the progress of civilization', he was only partly right. This exposition, the Illinois State Fair, not only records progress, but now, we enter into the somewhat visionary scheme of forecasting the future.

To Furnish Reminiscence

"When our descendants sit at ease and press a button that will direct the operation of tractors, drawing the improved farm equipment that, say 1981 will bring to agriculture, they may recall that, in 1931, they witnessed the first public demonstration of a farm tractor guided by the unseen hand of radio at the Illinois State Fair of 1931."

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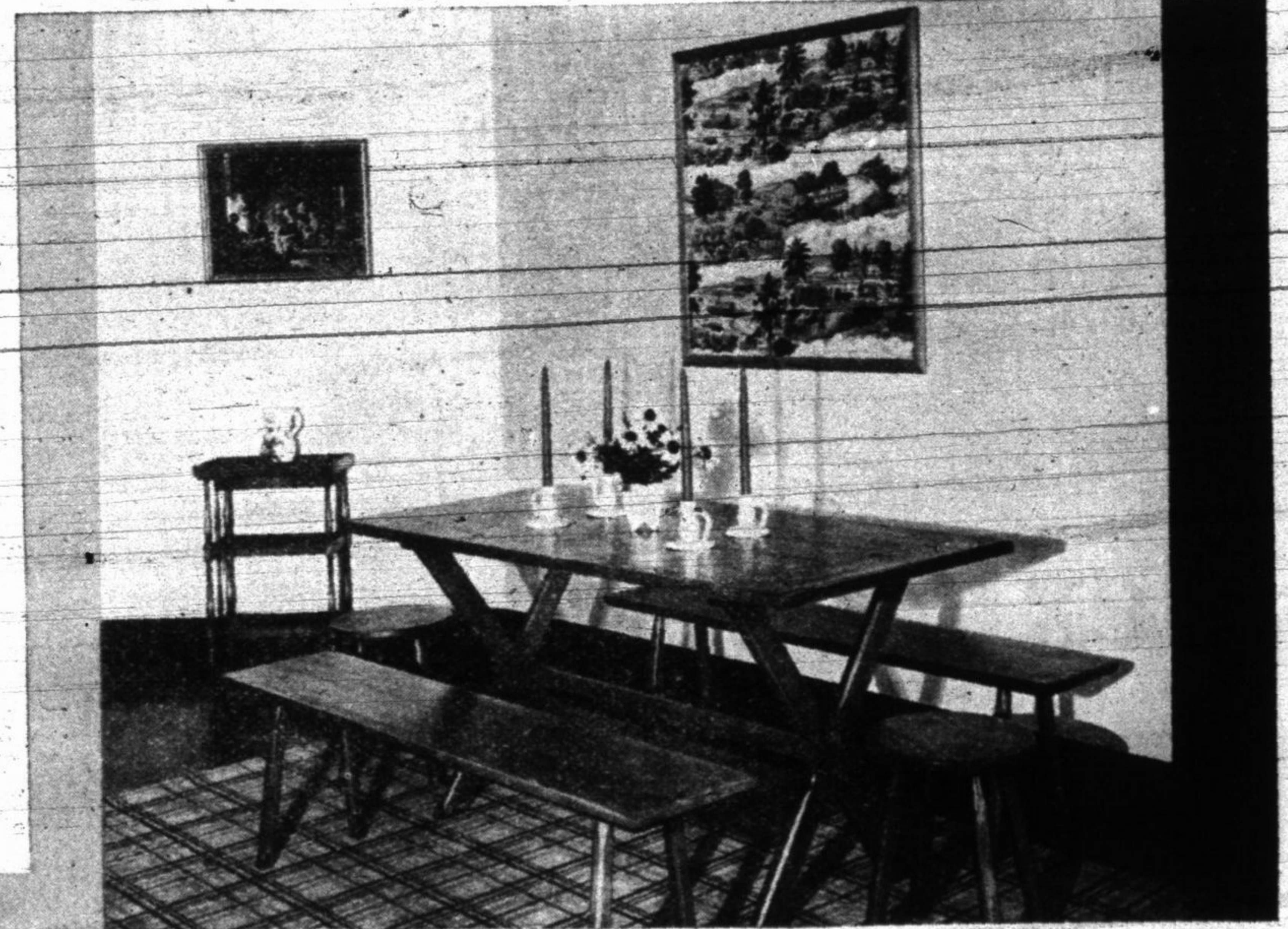
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