

BREEZES from ... by ... JIM MOONEY the OPEN

CONSERVATION

This is conservation week in Illinois, a week of argumentation between hunters, outdoor enthusiasts and the scientific conservationist. I am conscious of the fact that some hunters believe conservation is a means by which a political group can protect game for their private shooting. Others believe conservation is something that the government has devised to get more tax revenue or to inaugurate a new bureaucracy.

These attitudes are misleading, harmful to the true conservationist, and make the problem of protecting our natural resources more difficult.

Scientists are the men to be in charge of the conservation movement. Politicians, automatic carriers and the convincing sentimentalist should not have control of the conservationist's work. No single element of nature is aided by the scientific conservationist, all nature is considered in this work. The aim he has in mind is to abolish all needless interference with our wild life.

Conservation is truly a means of protecting our outdoors as it was originally planned and set up for us. We know that hawks, ducks, fairs and all creatures thrived before man came along with his mauling tactics. Certainly we should not get the fanciful idea that we can improve on the ways of nature. The competition we gave our outdoors in the past was too trying, so we must suffer the consequences.

We allowed people to destroy the natural environment of the water fowl, neglected to disseminate the knowledge of birds and animals to people and so we have lost forever many species. The present creed of the conservationist is to protect a species while it is still common. The only means to prevent extinction of animals and birds is to never let them become rare.

Extirpation and destruction of certain species as wolves, foxes, hawks, etc., is not true conservation, not protection, but merely a form of game management. This is far from the idea the conservationist has in mind. Hunters believe that hawks and foxes should be killed so the game birds will be protected. Fishermen wish to destroy fish eating birds.

The birds of prey in my estimation are more important than a pheasant or a grouse as they control many rodents and creatures which would deplete the numbers of song birds and ruin our balance of nature. Certainly the birds of prey and all our animals were given to us for a purpose, so they deserve our respect as part of the adjustment between nature and our well being.

Conservation in our state and country is surely a necessity. This week set aside to discuss the outdoor will certainly give the movement publicity. Your attention to this matter should lead to you doing your part in aiding the movement in the future.

N. U. Golf Team Now in the Upper Brackets

Northwestern university's golf team assumed the proportions of a real threat for the National Intercollegiate team championships to be decided at the North Shore Golf club here in June as a result of its decisive victory over Louisiana state; recent victors in the Southern Intercollegiate championships.

By turning aside the southern team the Wildcats accomplished a real golfing feat since the Louisiana forces were led by Freddie Haas, southern intercollegiate champion and runner-up in last year's national intercollegiate.

Coach Ted Paysour has eight players fighting it out for the six positions on the team that will represent Northwestern in the nationals. Only four of these players will compete in the Big Ten championships to be held at Kildeer here May 18 and 19.

Pick Wagner, a junior, playing his first year on the squad, holds down No. 1 position on the team by virtue of his two up victory over Haas in the Louisiana match. This victory evened the score between the two boys since it was Haas who eliminated Wagner in the quarter finals

of the national amateur championship last summer.

Tom Salelli, of Highland Park captain and senior, holds down No. 2 position. He is one of the steadiest players in the conference and his long experience is both the Big Ten and National Intercollegiate is expected to prove a big aid for the Wildcats in this year's tournaments.

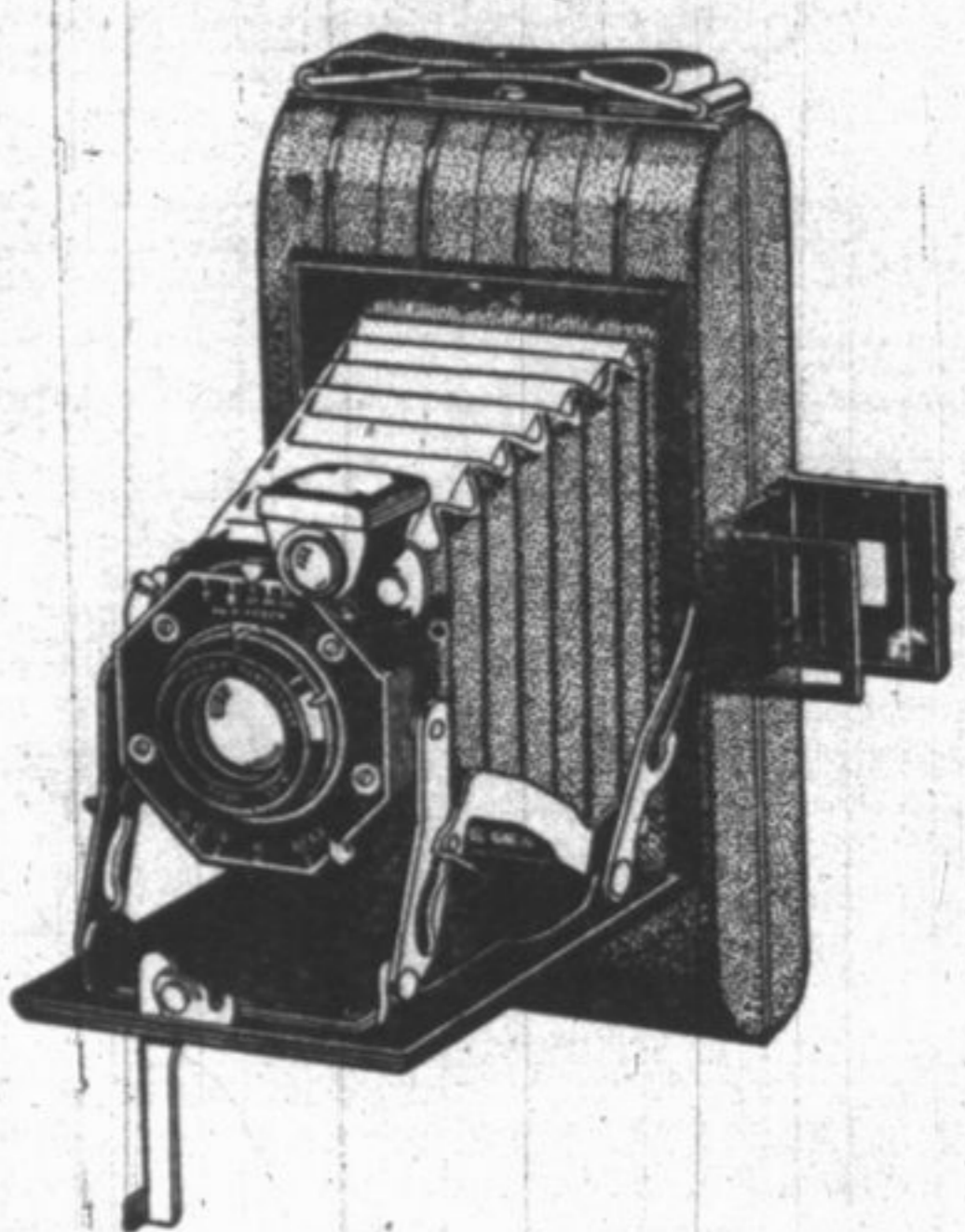
Bill Kostecky and Jim Marek, 2 more newcomers, are playing No. 3 and No. 4 at the present time. The other two positions are being fought over by Dick Graham and Keith Jackson, seniors, and Harry Lazier and Bill McKenzie, sophomores.

To be commended by those who might blame without fear, gives great pleasure.—Ageselaus.

An angry man is again angry with himself when he returns to reason.—Publius Syrus.

Other men's sins are before our eyes; our own are behind our back.—Seneca.

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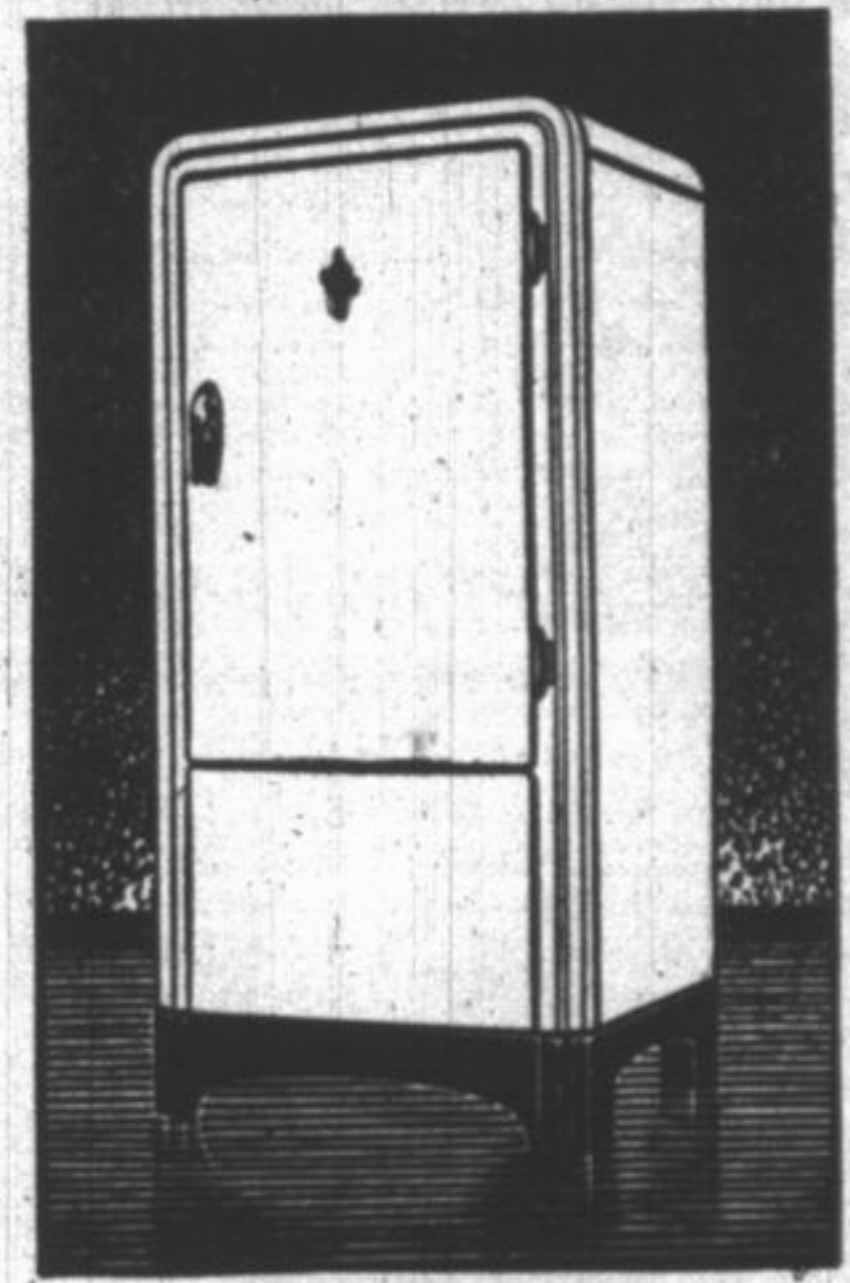
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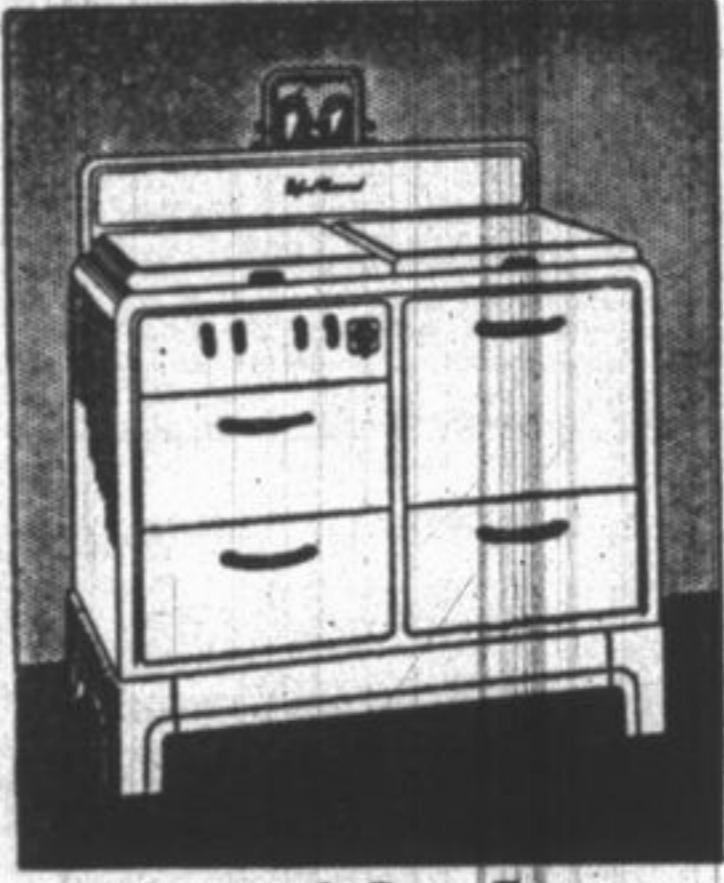
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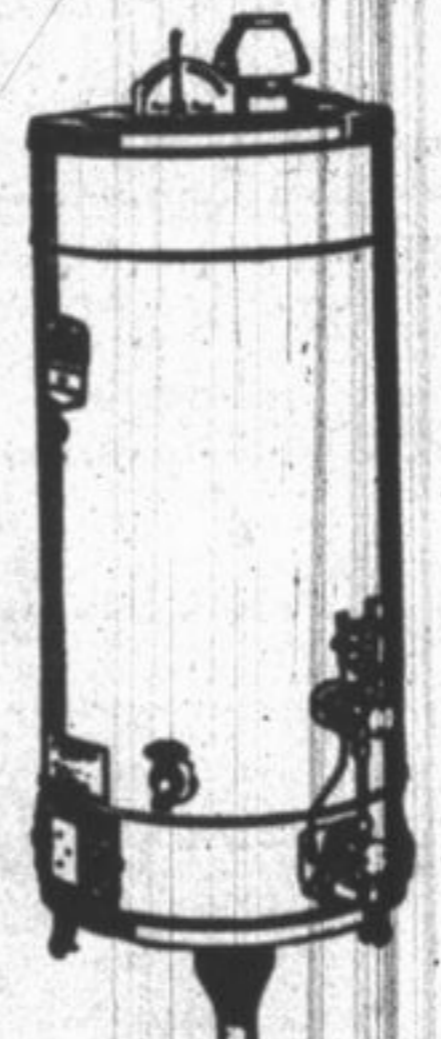
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