



Pictured above is a scene from the comedy, "Crab-apple," which will be presented by the dramatic group of the Deerfield Presbyterian church at 8:15 o'clock Friday evening. From left to right, the characters are Mrs. James Russell, who portrays the role of a patient, generous wife; Jirah D. Cole Jr., who plays the title role of a crabby old man; Donald Clark and Mrs. E. J. Hyett, two of the restrained children in the family.

History Reveals Coal Mine Flood Causes Geysers

The flooding of a mine near Pinckneyville in 1880 caused a temporary phenomenon in the nature of a true geyser, probably the only occurrence of this kind in the recorded history of Illinois. Research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, W.P.A., have found an account of this event in a Pinckneyville newspaper of the time.

Flood waters on Beaucoup Creek had covered a tract of land above the coal mine of Bernhard Blume. A break in the roof of a part of the mine suddenly admitted the flood water in great volume, "for a short time almost diverting the current of the swollen creek, carrying away whole sections of the rail fence which stood near a bank of the creek, many of the rails as well as other timber and drift wood being caught in the maelstrom and whirled down the capacious throat of the gaping crevasse."

The sudden inrush of the water "compressed the air in an extraordinary degree, and the rebound was

geyser, and for several minutes' time heaved skyward in vast quantities succeeded by a few minutes of quiet, during which the floods again poured down the funnel. The air was again compressed and again the geyser-like reaction occurred, higher than before. This process was twice more repeated before the mine had been entirely flooded.

LOCALS

Mrs. Harold Bridges is entertaining at luncheon and bridge Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sanders of Wood Bridge avenue are vacationing for three weeks at Gallagher Ranch, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. Schwartz of Orchard Lane are leaving Saturday for a three weeks sojourn at Castle Hot Springs, near Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Davida Clarke of Cary avenue entertained at a dinner party Monday evening preceding the "Turnabout" dance at the high school.

Mrs. Robert Armstrong of East Orange, N.J., will spend the week end with her brother, Mr. Roswell B. Swasey, and family.

Miss Jil Lowenstein of Highland Park is working with the Main Hall porch committee in preparation for Even Day at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Even Day is celebrated annually on March 14 by the classes which graduate in even-numbered years. Plans are kept secret until the morning of

the artist's brush and carpenter's tool.

Corno Game March 1

The Pythian Sisters of Highwood will hold a corno game, Tuesday evening, March first, at eight o'clock in the Highwood City hall. All friends are invited to attend.

Proposed Fuel Oil Tax Seen As Blow To Building Trades

Efforts to promote interest in the building and purchase of small homes, and otherwise to restore prosperity to the building trades, largely would be offset if Congress enacts the Boland Bill imposing a federal tax on fuel oil, it was said today by F. B. Caldwell, secretary of the Burning Oil Distributors Association. Mr. Caldwell said that in view of the fact that oil-heating equipment is being installed in the smaller homes recently built, and now being built, the proposed tax would discourage both buying and building, with unfortunate results to the building trades and their thousands of workers.

"During the past few years," explained Mr. Caldwell, "the buyers of small homes have been demanding oil-heating equipment. Homes built to sell to families of comparatively small income, like homes for the wealthy, have been designed to use oil heat. Now along comes Representative Boland, of Pennsylvania, with a proposal to tax fuel oil, and offsets all the efforts government and industry have been making to promote interest in small home building and buying.

"This is a new threat to the prosperity of the building trades and to their thousands of workers. This tax would hurt many, help none. It is just another one of those discouraging developments which have a habit of coming at a time when business just about gets going."

Opinion was expressed today by Frank E. Spencer, chairman of the Chicago Oil Heat Committee, that the hopes of the American people for a revision of the nation's tax structure and the achievement of economy in government have been dashed by a new effort to resort to a tax which, in effect, is merely an ancient "King's Levy."

Mr. Spencer said that a proposal by Representative Boland, of Pennsylvania, to impose a one-cent per gallon tax on fuel oil used for heating and power production not only "is a step backward but an imposition upon the intelligence of the American people."

"In ancient times," Mr. Spencer explained, "the ruler of a country was empowered to impose what was called the 'King Levy.' This was a tax upon what then were luxuries, such as salt, chimneys, window glass, and the like. These conveniences first were made available to the king, and if any of his subjects wished to enjoy them, they were taxed for the privilege.

"The proposal of Representative Boland, of Pennsylvania, to impose

a one-cent per gallon tax on fuel oil used for heating and power production is not only a big step backward but is also an imposition upon the intelligence of the American people who have had the intelligence to see that by heating homes with oil, and by using oil for fuel for heating and power generation in plants, certain advantages were obtained.

"I am inclined to doubt that the people of the United States will want to go back to the older order of things, and I doubt also that they will want to pay through the nose for the progress they have made. I fear that Mr. Boland is out of step with the times, and unaware of the temper of the American people."

Stage First Public School Boxing Tourney In Chicago Mar. 18-19

On March 18 and 19 a number of public high schools in Northern Illinois will stage the first public school boxing tournament ever to be held in the State of Illinois.

The tournament will be held in the Morton high school auditorium, Cicero, March 18 and 19, under the direction of Morton's Athletic Director, W. P. MacLean, and the Boxing Coach, Joseph Jahelka.

Already a number of high schools have signified a desire to enter. Blue Island, Grant Community High school and Morton will be represented by a full team and a great number of schools in Northern Illinois will send one or more boxers to represent them in this original tournament.

This boxing meet has the sanction of the Illinois High School Athletic Association and will be limited to member schools. It will be conducted strictly under the rules and regulations of the Illinois High School Athletic Association covering athletic contests.

Every effort will be made to safeguard the welfare of contestants. The rounds will be limited to three 1½ minute rounds with a one minute intermission. The safest possible equipment will be made available.

Morton High school has conducted boxing as an intramural and inter-scholastic sport for eight years without an injury. The school has built up an enviable reputation. Public high schools who are members of Northern Illinois High School Athletic Association are cordially invited to send representatives to this unique athletic meet.

Suitable medals and plaques will be awarded to the winners.

Entries of one or more contestants should be sent to state eligibility certificates.

workmen. It is important that pruning be one skillfully, so as to remove branches and twigs already diseased and also put the tree in a condition that will discourage subsequent disease attacks.

"Many shade tree diseases infect by entering through short stubs left during pruning and through improperly shaped pruning wounds that fail to heal rapidly. Other diseases are favored by dense tree growth, which cuts out sunlight and retains too much moisture in the tree tops."

Skillful pruning to thin out tops of dense-growing trees goes a long way, according to Dr. Tehon, toward preventing disease attack, and at the same time heightens the beauty of trees by stimulating regular and symmetrical growth. Such pruning also removes dead and dying twigs and small branches, most of which is infected with fungi capable of doing real harm to the body of the tree.

"Stubs should never be left when branches are removed," states Dr. Tehon, "because they provide means of entrance for the Noctria canker, which is one of the most destructive of the shade tree diseases prevalent in the eastern half of the United States.

"Pruning wounds should be carefully shaped as pointed ovals to encourage rapid healing over. Every large wound that is likely to take more than a year for healing should be protected with a coat of tree wound dressing. Exposed wood offers one of the best avenues for the entrance of rot-producing fungi. Wound dressings or wound paints used should therefore be of the best quality and capable of enduring for more than a year without checking, cracking or peeling."

Attention may well be given at this time also to cavities and old, unhealed wounds, with a view to filling and cleaning, Dr. Tehon advises. If this work is completed while trees are dormant, the rapid spring growth will do much toward sealing the edges of filled cavities and renewing the healing of the old wounds.

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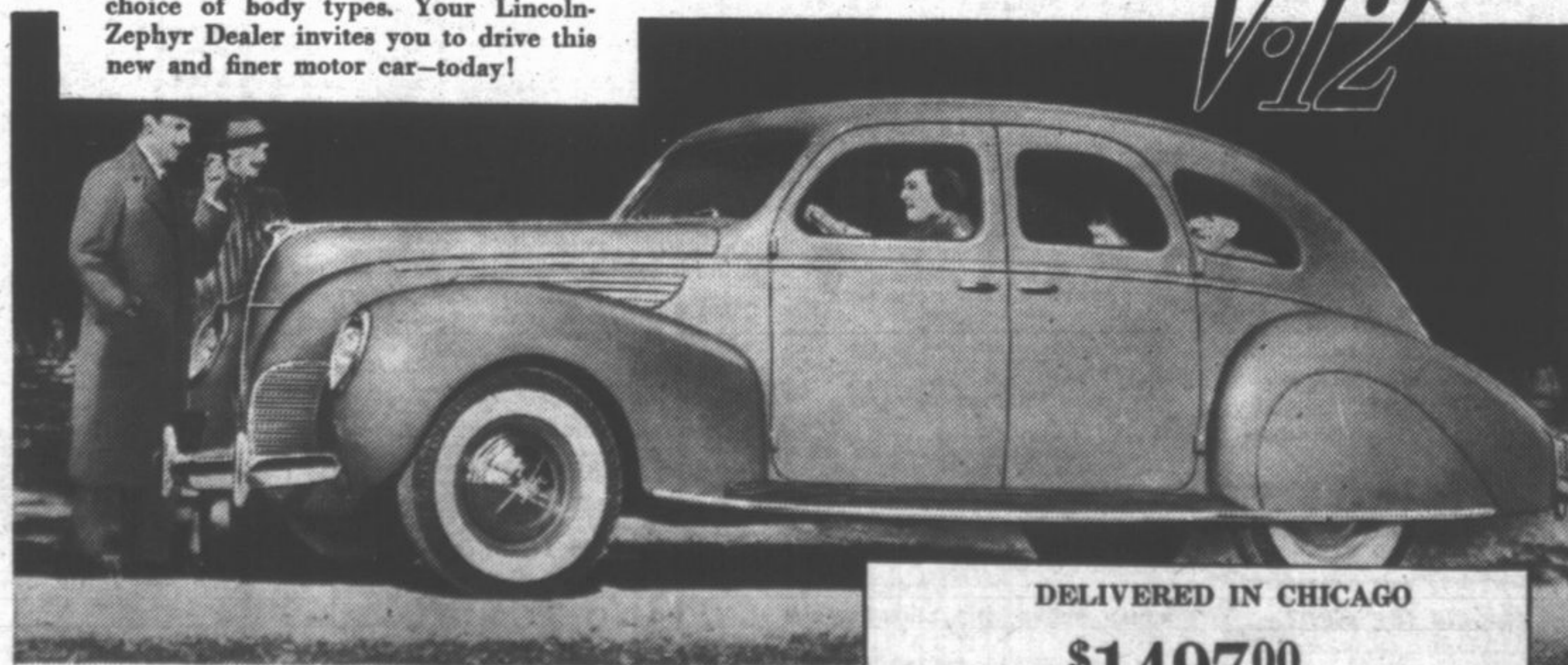
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Pruning Advised to Insure Longer Life for Trees

Taking extra care with late winter and early spring pruning will pay shade tree owners large dividends by insuring better health and longer life for their trees, is the belief of Dr. L. R. Tehon, head of the Section of Applied Botany of the Illinois Natural History Survey.

"Too often," says Dr. Tehon, "pruning is done only to improve the shape of the tree or to remove branches that threaten to damage buildings, and the job often is entrusted to untrained and unskilled