

## Dry Condition of Skokie Causes Fire

Lack of rain and intense heat has dried up the Skokie, the marsh lying west of the north shore towns between Winnetka and Lake Forest, causing at least a dozen fires within the past week. Sunday afternoon Hubbard Woods was threatened by a fire which reached rather serious proportions and burnt at least forty acres of woods and prairie. The Glencoe fire department found it necessary to build an immense trench nearly a block long and twenty feet wide to prevent the blaze from spreading into the town. The fire swept along the Skokie just south of the Skokie Country club and was entering Hubbard Woods near the north limits when checked.

Three times during the past week prairie fires have threatened the buildings on the Bob O'Link Golf course. A fire occurring last Saturday was fought for more than three hours by the Highland Park fire department. Lighted cigars and cigarettes thrown from passing automobiles are largely to blame for the origin of these fires. The peaty construction of the Skokie marsh intensified the blaze.

Many people have been wondering why the air has been so full of smoke recently. It is due to these fires.

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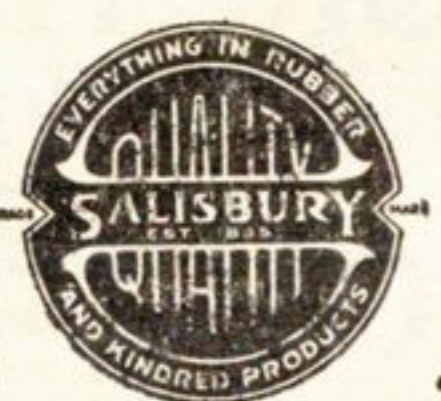
"If the water remained in the battery as water there would be no chance of damage—but it doesn't. It mixes right in with the acid.

"Consequently if your battery is to full the acid begins to slop out at the top with the first hard jolt and keeps spilling little by little until the damage is done. This acid is strong enough to eat through wood or iron, and will take the wooden bottom right out of the battery box.

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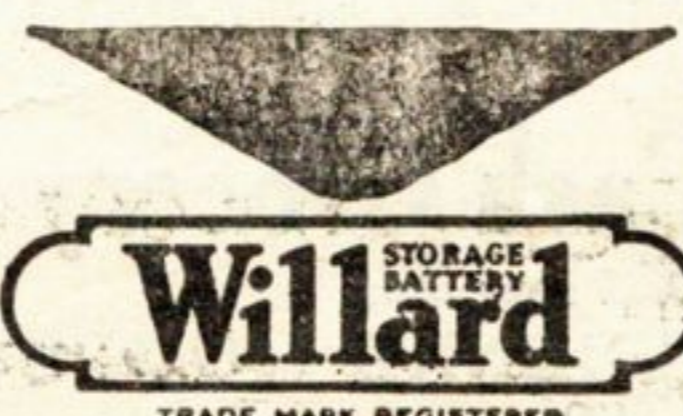
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