

ONLY CHIMNEY FIRE? THAT'S SOURCE OF BIGGEST FIRE LOSS

"It's only a chimney fire," is an expression commonly heard that to the average person conveys something almost insignificant. It isn't worth going to see, he reasons.

But—
The National Board of Fire Underwriters is authority for the statement that during the six years from 1915 to 1920 "this strictly preventable" fire hazard was the cause of \$71,037,084 worth of material wealth being destroyed in the United States. Allowing 12 per cent for unreported losses and those upon uninsured property, the underwriters estimate, the total is increased to \$88,796,355, which is considered a conservative estimate of the actual losses.

Of the four divisions into which heating plants are divided in the list of fire causes drawn up by the Actuarial Bureau of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, that of defective chimneys and flues is responsible for the heaviest property losses. It stands third in the list of major fire causes, electricity and matches-smoking being the leaders.

The reasons why chimneys are such a fruitful source of fire have been summed up as follows:

1. Use of terra cotta sewer-pipe or other unprotected tile or hollow blocks for the chimney;
2. Construction of chimney with bricks laid on edge instead of flat;
3. Chimney walls built with brick flatwise or only one brick thick, and flues unlined;
4. Supporting chimney on the timber construction of a building or upon brackets; or insufficient masonry foundation, when the chimney rests on the ground;
5. Two or more connections to the same flue;
6. Building woodwork into the wall of a chimney, or placing it in contact with its exterior;
7. Smoke-pipes arranged to enter a chimney in vertical line;
8. Carelessness in sealing the connection between smoke-pipe and the chimney, and failure to anchor the pipe to the chimney;
9. Carelessness in not renewing a rusted smoke-pipe and also in allowing combustible material too near the pipe;
10. Carelessness in not keeping the brickwork properly pointed.

There have been numerous so-called "chimney fires" in this village during recent weeks. Cold weather, the glowing furnace or fire place and chimney fires, well—"a stitch in time saves nine," an old philosopher once reminded.

Vesta Murray Watkins In Recital Here Jan. 27

Better hold Friday evening, January 27, open for which promises to be one of the most delightful musical entertainments of the season. It will be a real treat—for everybody, its sponsors say, for on that evening Vesta Murray Watkins, whose reputation as a soprano and reader is nation-wide, and Ethel Woodstock Porter, a noted dramatic reader, will appear in a recital of unusual merit at the Wilmette Methodist Episcopal church, Lake and Wilmette avenues.

The affair will be under auspices of the Young Woman's Missionary society of the church, and the funds realized will be used in behalf of missions.

The late David Bispham—the famous singer, said of Vesta Murray Watkins: "She has one of the finest voices I ever heard. Anywhere in Europe she would have been a star in opera long ago."

The committee expects to have a packed auditorium.

EVANSTON TANKERS DEFEAT NEW TRIER IN THRILLING MATCH

The Evanston High School swimmers defeated New Trier at the Evanston "Y," 30 to 29, Saturday. This is the first time in five years that Evanston has won from New Trier and it is the first defeat for New Trier, which has held the suburban league championship four years. Captain Jefferson of Evanston, who was expected to win the 40-yard and 100-yard swims, was beaten by his teammate, Davis, in the first event and lost the 100-yard swim by six inches to Corbett of New Trier. The summaries:

Plunge for distance—Slater, Evanston, first; Atwood, New Trier, second; Wood, New Trier, third. Distance—60 feet in 0:45.

40-Yard Swim—Davis, Evanston, first; Jefferson, Evanston, second; Corbett, New Trier, third. Time—0:21 1-5

100-Yard Breast Stroke—Goble, New Trier, first; McMakin, Evanston, second; Marx, New Trier, third. Time 1:22 1-5.

100-yard Swim—Corbett, New Trier, first; Jefferson, Evanston, second; Davis, Evanston, third. Time—1:04 1-5.

60-Yard Back Stroke—Pencher, New Trier, first; Slater, Evanston, second; Jefferson, third. Time—0:45 2-5.

Fancy Diving—Wattley, New Trier, first; Corbett, New Trier, second; Markle, Evanston, third.

160-Yard Relay—Evanston, Mills, McMakin Davis, Jefferson, first. Time—1:29 2-5.

K. OF C. INDOOR GAME

Quilmette council, Knights of Columbus Indoor players, will meet the O'Connell team Thursday evening, January 19, in the first game of the second round of the Knights of Columbus Indoor league season.

Realty Board Appoints New Committee Chairmen

Committee chairmen of the North Shore Real Estate board were appointed at a meeting of the board executive committee held Friday evening, January 13.

W. G. Stacey, was elected chairman of the Publicity committee; C. S. Smith named chairman of the Membership committee, and other chairmen named as follows: E. R. Stone, Grievance committee; H. W. Butler, Taxation committee; Clark T. Northrop, Municipal committee; L. C. Ayres, chairman in charge of the Skokie road and McCormick boulevard projects committee.

It was announced at the executive committee session that the Real Estate board is prepared to make appraisals for north shore property owners at a nominal fee.

Kenilworth Plans Park West of C. & N. W. Road

Plans for beautifying the territory lying immediately west of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad right-of-way in Kenilworth were presented before the Wilmette Village board Tuesday evening by special representatives of the Village of Kenilworth.

Under the proposed plan West Railroad avenue is to be closed in that village and commercial establishments west of the tracks eliminated, all making room for a large and attractively landscaped park with winding roadways.

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The plan was presented informally following the executive session of the board.

COMMENDABLE GUN PLAY

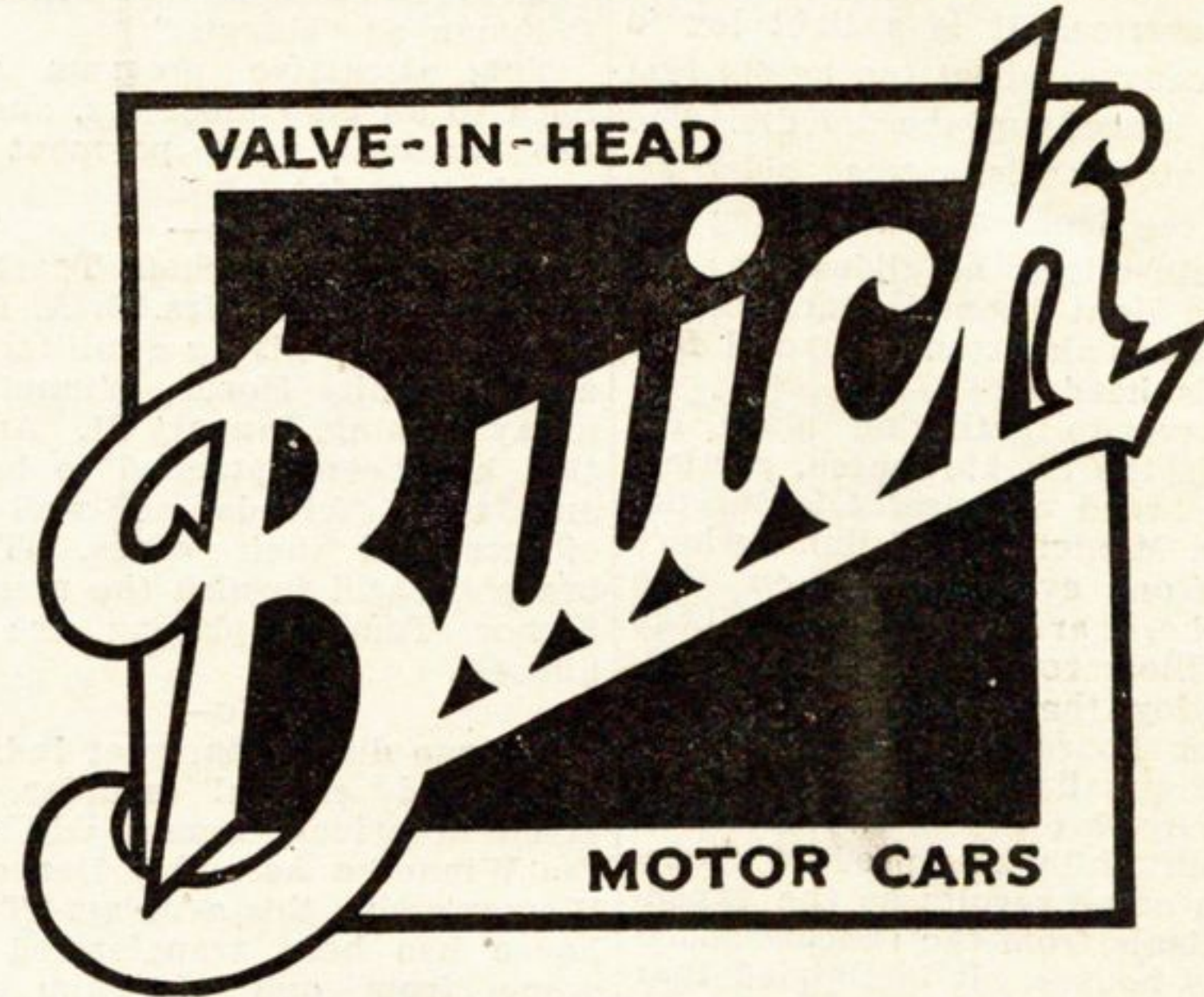
Gun play between the chamber of commerce and the American Legion post at Akron, Colorado, resulted in

the death of 936 rabbits, which were distributed to needy families in Denver. The shooting match benefited farmers, who have been greatly troubled with rabbits.

Mrs. O. C. Owen was a luncheon hostess Wednesday at her home on Essex road.

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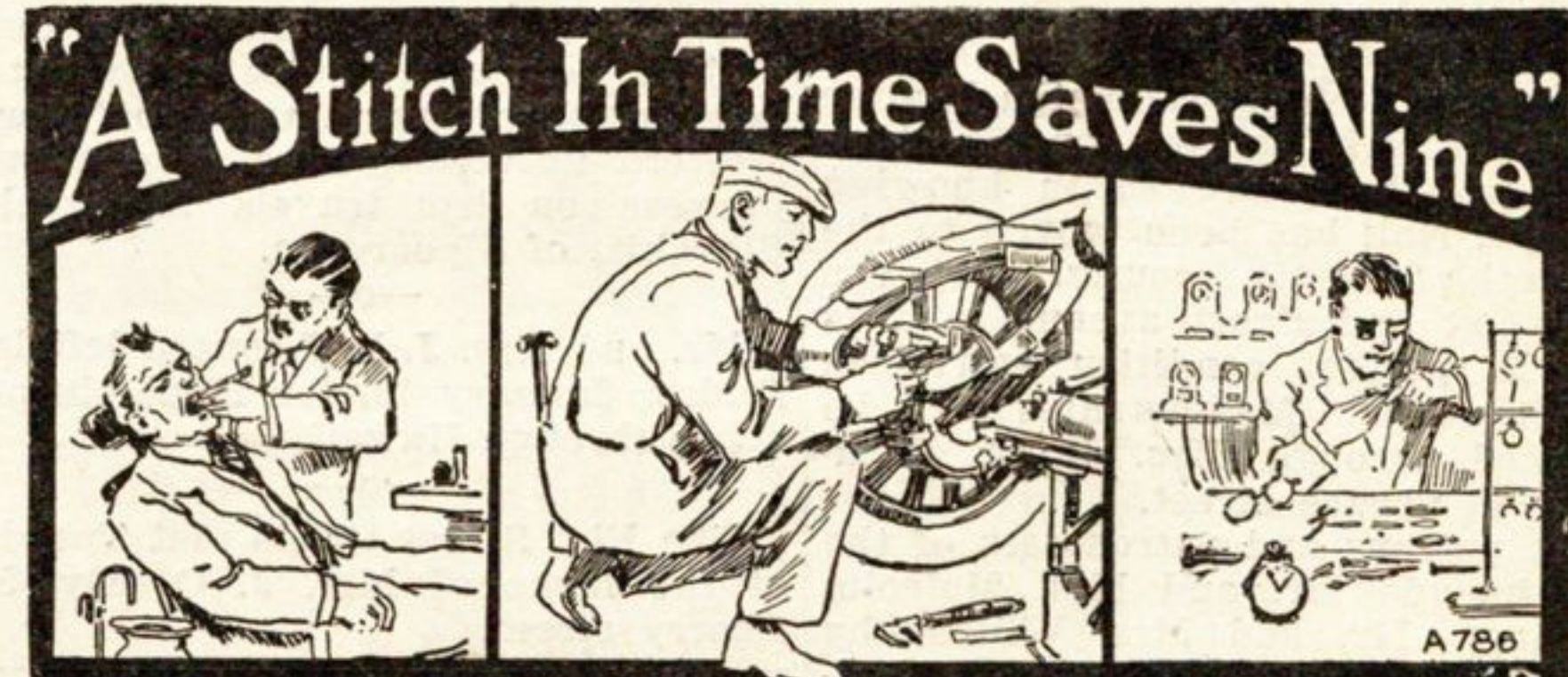
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