

## N. T. BAND TO ENTER TOURNEY

Will Vie for National Honors Among Scores of Prep Schools

### IN NEED OF UNIFORMS

Members in Plea for Completion of Fund

By J. R.

The entrance of the New Trier High School Band in the annual national band contest has been accepted. This means that again this spring, as last, the organization will play against other bands from all over the country in an attempt to win the prize and gain the title of the best high school band in the United States.

The coming contest will be bigger than ever. In 1923 all organizations entered were required to come to Chicago to compete, but this year the wide scope of the tournament has made such a system impracticable. The contest is to be conducted in the same way as are the basket ball tourneys: there will be state meets, then district meets, and lastly the final meet which will decide the national winner.

At the present time exact details of time and place for the 1924 tournament are not available. However, it is known that the contest will take place about the middle of May, and it is thought that the state meet will be in Springfield. The winner there will journey to another city and play against bands from neighboring states. From this district meet the victor will travel to a third city, somewhere in the country, where it will vie with the remaining organizations for the national title.

Of course, now that New Trier's band is entered in the tournament, it needs those new uniforms more urgently than ever. A smartly costumed band looks well on any occasion, but especially so at a contest. In fact, outfits are almost a necessity, for appearance is taken into account in addition to good playing.

It is significant to note that many other schools can boast of bands with uniforms. Only recently the New Trier News, New Trier's weekly publication, received a copy of the paper from Waukegan High. One of the articles on the front page was an announcement of a coming concert by the school band, at which that organization would wear its newly acquired uniforms for the first time.

Likewise the paper from Champaign, Illinois, described the new outfits re-

ceived by its band. Both Waukegan and Champaign will probably be entered in the Illinois state tournament, and the fine display caused by the uniforms will be a serious obstacle to the New Trier boys,—unless, of course, the New Trier boys get their coveted suits in time.

Another concert is being planned for April 10 to raise additional money for the uniforms. It was originally expected that the receipts from this concert could be used for railroad fare. However, if the Band Fund, now being conducted by Lloyd Hollister, Inc., does not reach its \$2,000 quota by April 10, the concert receipts will have to go towards uniforms, and railroad fare will have to come from some unforeseen source.

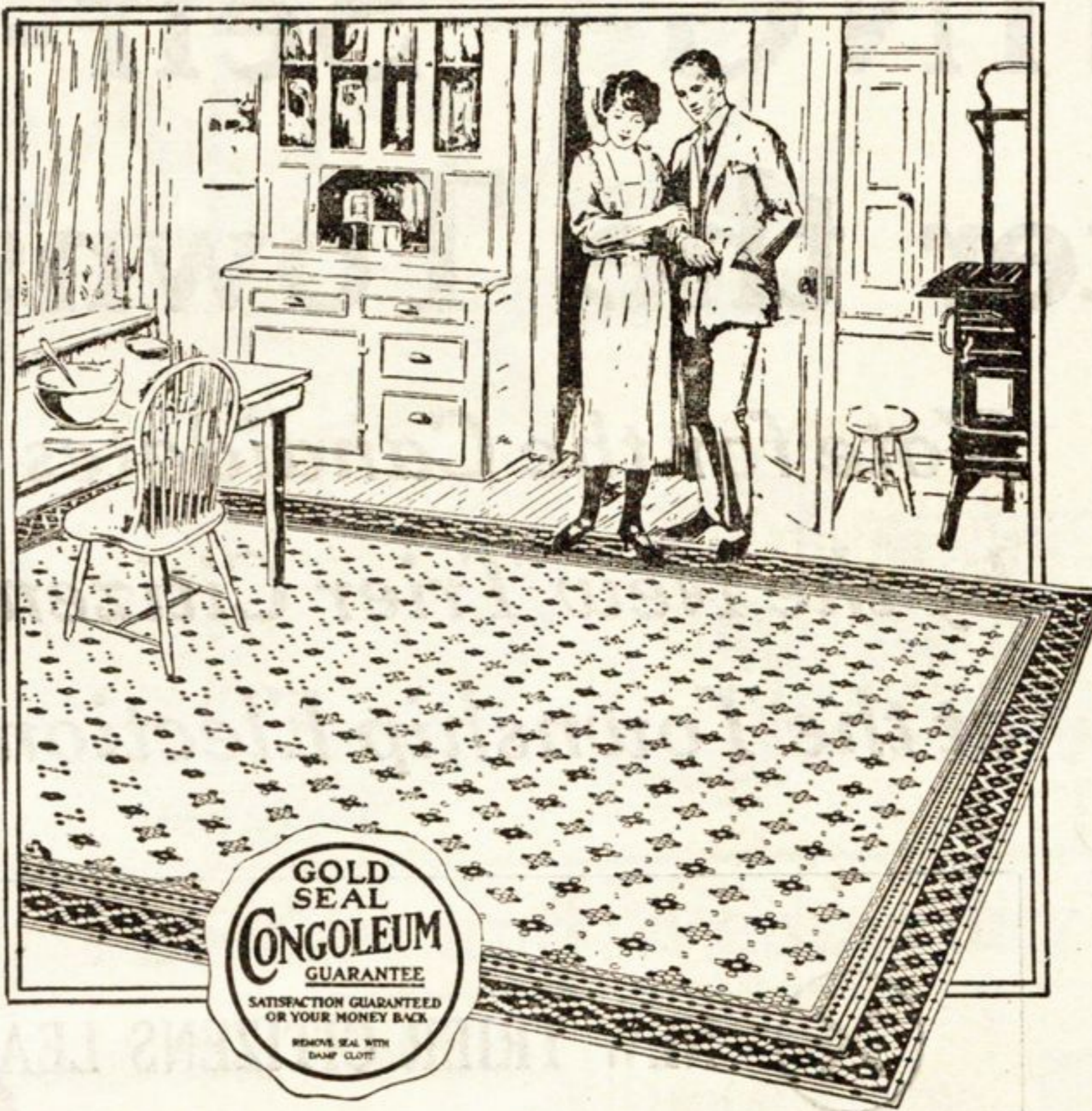
Such a crisis can be averted by the citizens of the township if they will only subscribe the few hundred dollars necessary to complete the fund. This amount does not mean much to a community of 25,000 inhabitants, but it means a great deal to the band members; it is everything between them and their coveted uniforms. Those uniforms, coupled with their already good playing, mean a fine chance of taking the tournament honors.

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Although, to use his own words, Fortune Gallo feels that to bring grand opera to Chicago is somewhat like shipping oil to Oklahoma, he has decided to make the experiment, and feels under an obligation to the heads of the Chicago Civic opera for enabling him to do so. One strong motive for the visit is that the San Carlo company has appeared in every city of importance in the United States with the exception of Chicago. Each year it has a season of several weeks in New York, and last September and October the performances of the company at the huge Century theatre in that city drew packed houses nightly.

Since then Fortune Gallo has taken his company, as in previous years, right across the continent, and it has appeared, usually to overflowing audiences in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Detroit, Pittsburgh, as well as in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other large cities of the Pacific Coast. Mr. Gallo has a perfectly understandable and laudable desire to let Chicago hear his company in several of the works from a repertory of over twenty operas, and among those which may probably be given here are "Madame Butterfly," "La Boheme," "Aida," "Rigoletto," "Tosca," "Trovatore," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Pagliacci," "Faust," "Carmen," "Tales of Hoffman" and "Martha."



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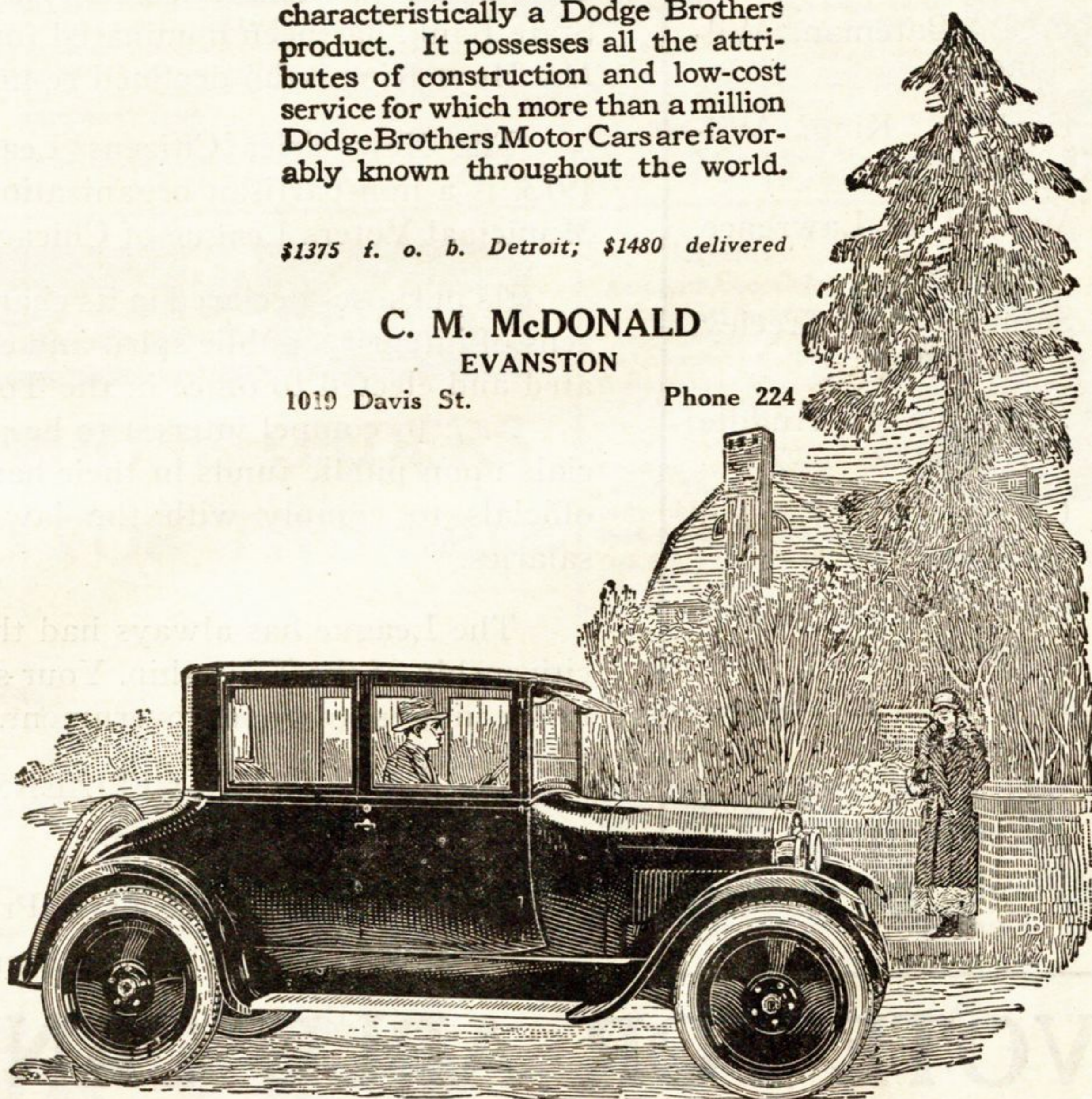
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