

### A PROCLAMATION

*Editor's Note: Fire Prevention Week for Illinois will be observed from October 5 to 11. During that time local officials will make an effort to prosecute a definite Fire Prevention program in the schools and among civic organizations. Accompanying is the formal Fire Prevention Proclamation issued by Governor Small.*

To the People of Illinois, Greeting: Illinois has increased its material resources at a wonderful rate. We are a progressive State. Our road building program, which is giving us the finest system of paved highways in the country, is a tribute to our initiative. Our progress in other lines has been apace.

It is fully as important to conserve resources as it is to create them. Yet we permit more than \$20,000,000 of property to be destroyed by fire each year in this State. I say we permit it, because fully three-fourths of all fires are caused by acts of negligence or carelessness, and are strictly preventable.

If unabated, our fire losses will cost us \$100,000,000 in the next five years, enough to pay for the proposed new bond issue roads.

Fire leaves a trail of ruin and desolation in home, factory, store and every other kind of property. It kills and maims hundreds.

Now, therefore, I, Len Small, Governor of Illinois, do hereby appoint and proclaim the week from October 5 to October 11, 1924, to be observed in the State of Illinois as Fire Prevention Week.

Let us not have merely a perfunctory observance of Fire Prevention Week. Let each citizen rid his premises of fire hazards and keep them free from such hazards thenceforth.

Heating equipment including chimneys, should be made safe. Electric wiring should be examined and defects corrected. Rubbish should be thoroughly cleaned up and safely disposed of. Carefulness should be exercised with all things which may cause fire.

Especially should schools, churches, theaters, public halls, hospitals, hotels and the like be made as safe as possible, with adequate exit facilities. Fire drills should be practised in all schools.

Thursday, October 9, is designated as Fire Prevention Day because it is the anniversary of the Chicago fire. It would be appropriate, where possible, to have practical talks and programs on that day in the public schools and before Chambers of Commerce and Civic organizations.

Local officials should do all possible to reduce fire losses in their communities. Cooperation of press and pulpit is earnestly invited to the same end.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield this 15th of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and of the State of Illinois the one hundred and sixth.

LEN SMALL,  
Governor.

LOUIS L. EMMERSON,  
Secretary of State.

### Closes Kenilworth School As Contagion Threatens

The Joseph Sears school at Kenilworth has been closed all week as a precaution to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis, two cases of which were reported last week.

A notice was issued to parents by

the School board advising them of the infantile paralysis cases and warning them to heed the instructions given by medical authorities, which were also published in last week's issue of WILMETTE LIFE. At a meeting of the School board late last week, it was decided to close the school and notices were sent to all the parents who have children attending the Joseph Sears school that no classes would be held until further notice.

The School board will hold another meeting Friday evening, October 3, to determine the advisability of reopening the school. If classes are to be resumed postal cards will be sent to the parents so that the children may be able to attend classes Monday.

It has been reported that the two boys suffering with infantile paralysis have been improving during the week.

### Establish Classes for Pre-Kindergarten Age

Mrs. Edwin W. Ellis of Indian Hill road, Winnetka, assisted by Mrs. William E. deMille of 1418 Noyes street, Evanston, is conducting a class in her home for her own children and their friends of pre-kindergarten age.

Mrs. deMille is a graduate of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college and an expert in pre-kindergarten work.

The class, which started Wednesday, October 1, will be in session three mornings a week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Ellis home has been remodeled to meet the needs of the class and the location affords ample space for outdoor activities, it is explained.

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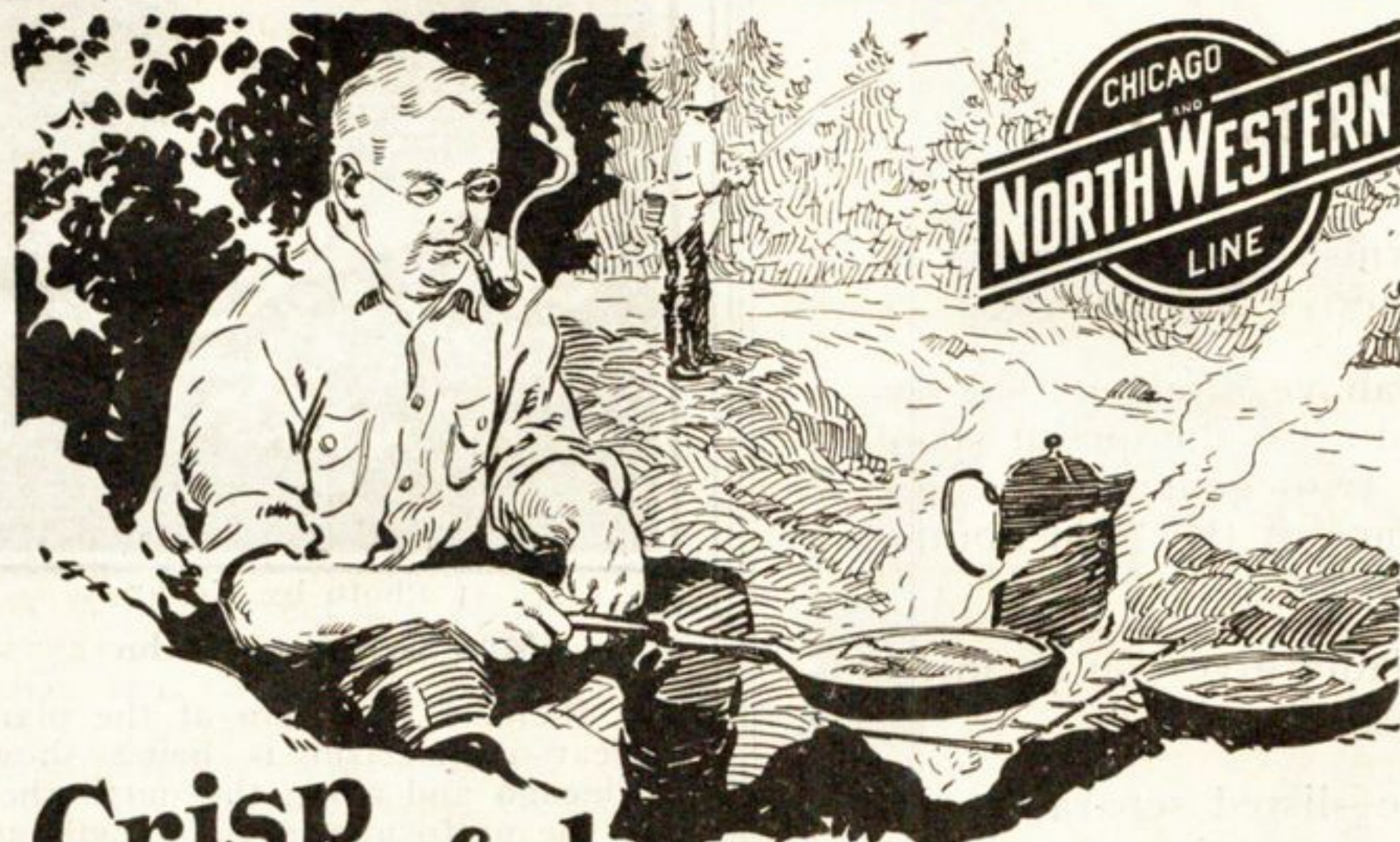
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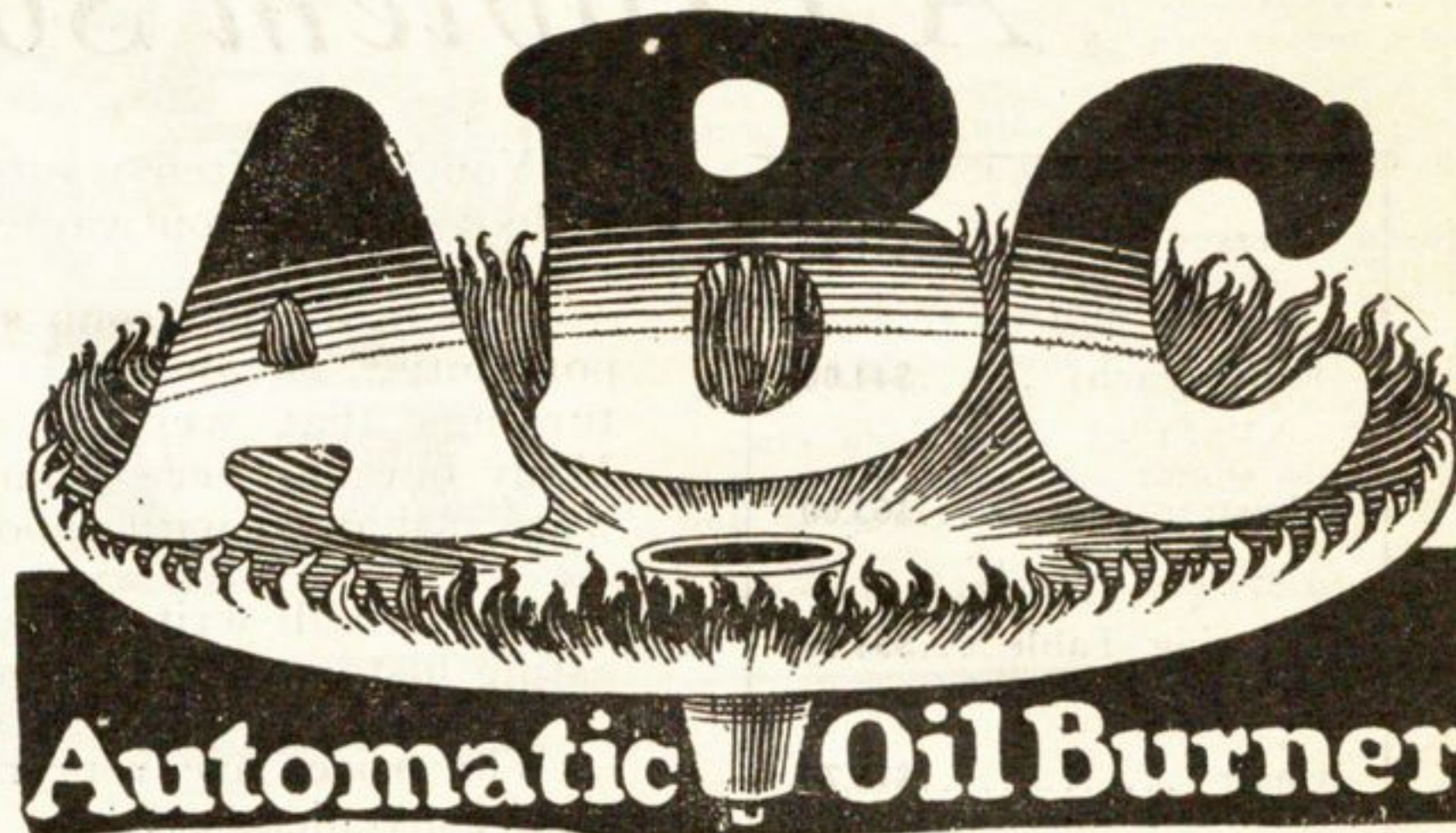
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