

SUGGEST STATE MUSIC CONTEST

Osbourne McConathy Backs Unusual Venture

Through the effort of a Northwestern university faculty member it is likely that state-wide musical contests will be held throughout Illinois during the coming year, with a culminating, final test to be held in Chicago. Prof. Osbourne McConathy, head of the department of community music at Northwestern University School of Music, has made the suggestion and the indications are that the plan will be pushed.

As president of the Illinois Music Teachers' association, Prof. McConathy addressed a convention of the Illinois Music Merchants' association at Springfield this week and asked for a cooperating alliance that would accomplish the purpose.

"It is my thought," said Prof. McConathy, "that the Illinois Music Teachers' association shall hold a number of district conventions at important centers throughout the state at which there shall be recitals and other musical programs, at which, also, there shall be illuminating talks by distinguished music teachers for the benefit and help of the music teachers of the district, and finally at which the district music contest shall take place. By organizing the state into these various districts and by building up a great local interest in music by means of the three types of program which the Illinois Music Teachers' association could plan our whole state could be made musically alive and energetic. It should be comparatively an easy thing to get the civic organizations of these various districts interested in sending to Chicago the winning teams of the district. That is a different proposition from asking these various organizations to finance the teams which have not first been tried out in the refining fires of an actual competition.

Contests Show Interest

"Last year some of the down state organizations hesitated to send contestants because they felt that Chicago would probably capture all of the events. Such, however, was not the case—the first prize mixed chorus went to Urbana; the first prize grade school orchestra went to Evanston; the first prize girl's voice solo went to Elgin. So you see that Chicago by no means walked away triumphantly with all the prizes in its pocket. There is no reason to believe that with the stimulus of the proposed district contests over the state any amount of the very finest musical talent may not be uncovered. It is to the interest of you music merchants both personally and as public spirited citizens to see that this musical interest in your several communities is fanned to a white heat.

"I should like to call upon you, therefore, if it seems wise for you to do so, to cooperate with the Illinois Music Teachers' association in the project that I have outlined. First, by appointing a general committee from your body to work with us in outlining the administrative details of our plan; second, by assisting us in so districting the state that our plan can most effectively be carried through; and third, by appointing district committees from your organization to cooperate with us in each one of these districts in making the district conventions and the district contests as great successes as possible. I should like to feel that you and we can get together and so conduct this enterprise that the state of Illinois may become a leading factor in the development of a 'Musical America.'"

DAD'S DAY AT N. U. IS SET FOR OCT. 18

Two thousand dads of Northwestern university students will journey to Evanston, Saturday, October 18, to aid the Purple in opening the conference football season against Purdue. The occasion will be the second annual Dad's Day celebration and dads from all over the country will be on hand to take part in the program which has been arranged in their honor. Last fall more than 1,000 dads attended the initial Dad's Day program which proved such a success that it is to be made an annual event.

Coach Tom Robinson's National Collegiate swimming champs will give an exhibition of their aquatic skill in the swimming pool Saturday morning. At this time Ralph Breyer and Dick Howell, both members of the Purple swimming squad and members of America's Olympic swimming team which won first honors in the Olympic contests in France last summer, will go through their paces for the visiting fathers. Byran Hines, Northwestern wrestler, also a member of the Olympic team, will put on a wrestling exhibition.

Between halves at the football game a clown stunt is to be staged by members of the N. U. gymnasium team. The dads will be seated in a special section of the stands which will be reserved for them.

President Walter Dill Scott and Coach Glenn Thistlethwaite will deliver addresses of welcome to the fathers. Deans of all the schools in the university will be present and may deliver short talks. Fun will follow.

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Purple Meets Cincinnati at N. U. Field Saturday

Enthused over their victory against South Dakota last Saturday the Purple football squad settled down to another hard week of practice preparatory to taking on the University of Cincinnati at Northwestern field Saturday, October 11.

Coach Thistlethwaite was well satisfied with the performance of his men but is anxious to strengthen the defense before meeting Cincinnati. Ralph Baker, sophomore halfback showed to advantage throughout the contest and proved a consistent ground gainer. Development of reserve material for the backfield to aid the speedy Baker will be on the program for the Purple during the coming practice sessions.

COMMON COLDS COSTLY ITEM

Illinois Pupils Lose 3,000,000 Days a Year

Primary school children in Illinois will be absent from their classrooms a total of 3,000,000 days because of common colds during the next eight months, according to estimates by Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director. This will cost the taxpayers the sum of \$1,050,000 without the expense for cough drops, cough syrup and doctor bills which the parents will incur, he declared.

"These deductions are made on the basis of surveys recently made which indicate that common colds cause an annual average of 3 days absence from school per each primary pupil while the cost of operating the schools in Illinois amount to 35 cents per day per pupil. There are approximately 1,000,000 primary school children in the state.

"Frost, furnace heat and air-tight windows arrive just ahead of the first peak of prevalence of common colds," said Dr. Rawlings, "which is manifested by the first peak of absenteeism on the part of school children. This fact suggests the lack of fresh air and sunshine as an important factor in the cause of colds which are spread from one person to another through careless coughing and sneezing, the use of common drinking cups and towels and close contact which is especially usual among school children. More weight is given to this idea by the fact that children who are in open air rooms at school lose practically no time because of colds although these children are below normal in health at the outset.

"Of course common colds affect adults no less than children and cause a greater economic loss to the elders than the young. A big industrial concern in Boston found that 34 per cent of all absenteeism among 22,000 employees resulted from common colds. During five years common colds caused a loss of 16,983 working days which cost the firm and the employees more than \$10,000 in lost wages, not to add the loss in production and the expense for professional care or treatments.

"Common colds is just one instance of the cost burden that contagious disease places upon the public. It indicates the sound economic basis for medical service in connection with such institutions as the public schools where careful inspection, isolation of the sick and

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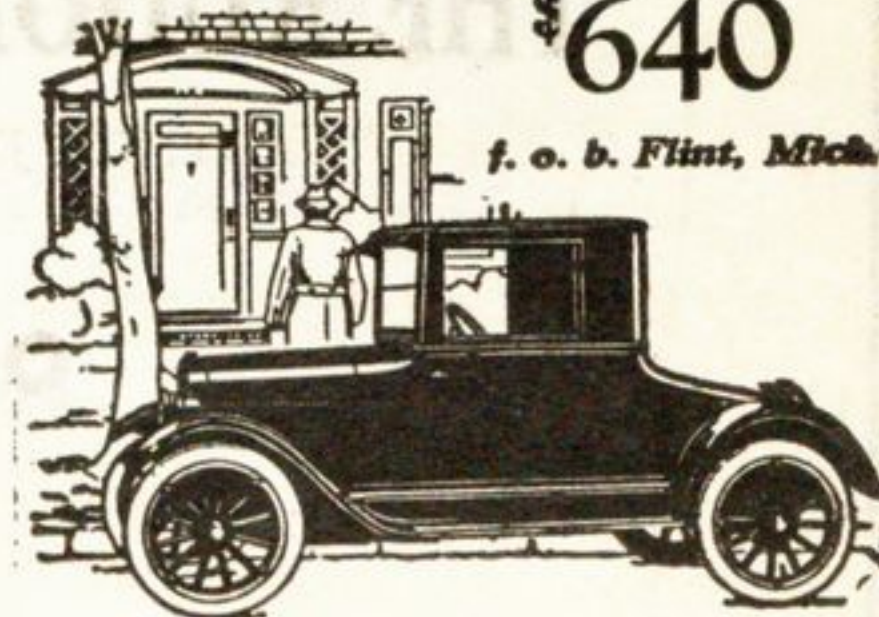
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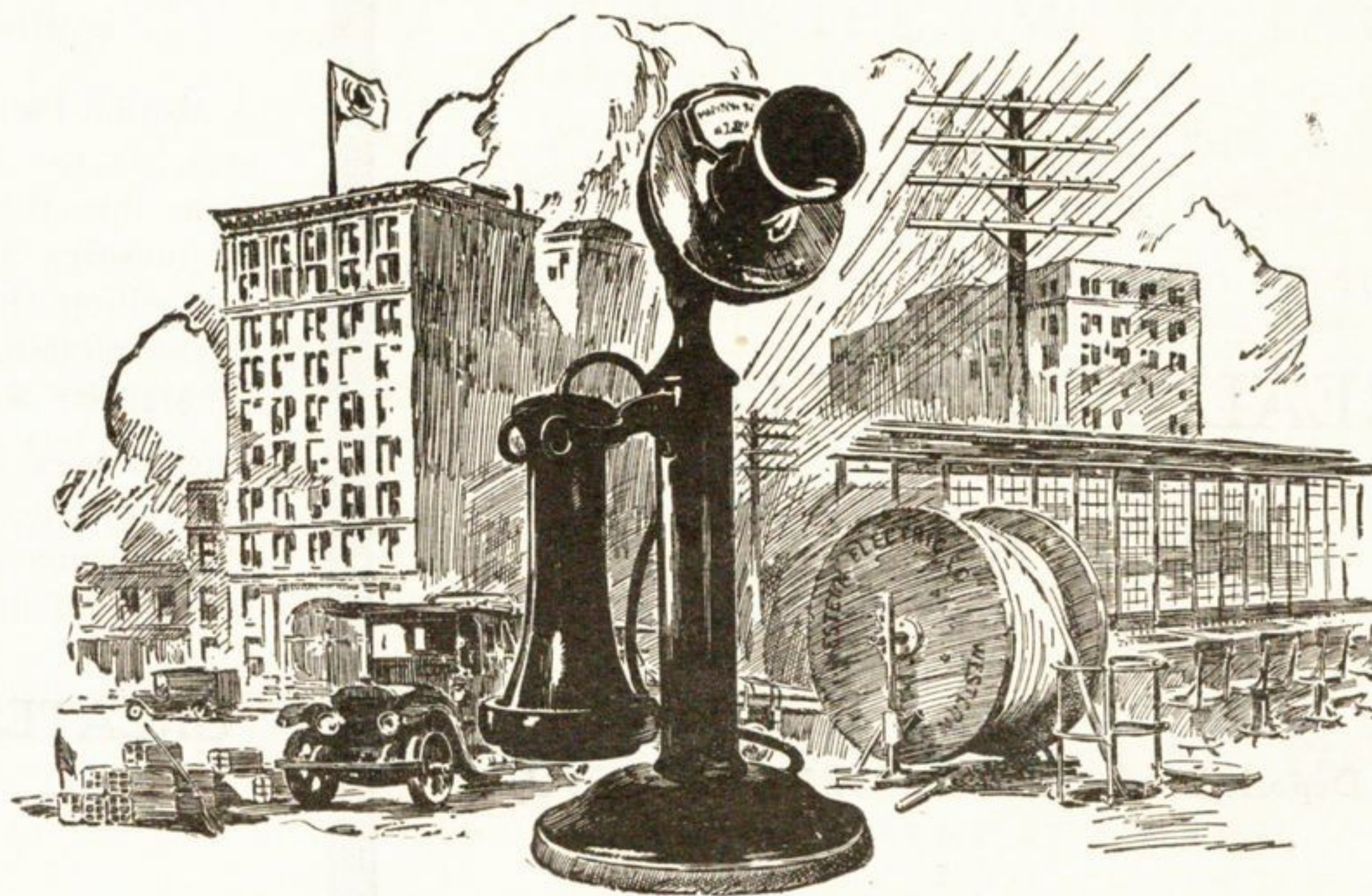
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