

I. O. O. F. IN BUSY SEASON

Degree Work Has Important Place on Program

Saturday evening, November 15, a delegation of 40 Odd Fellows, members of Steel City Lodge, of Gary, Ind., motored to Wilmette to confer the second degree on candidates of the A. T. Sherman Lodge No. 892 and of Northbrook Lodge No. 1052.

Shortly after their arrival the visitors were served a supper by the local brothers, assisted by the Sister Rebekahs, in the I. O. O. F. hall. Then, later in the evening, before a crowd that filled the large hall, the degree staff of the visiting delegation conferred the second degree on nine candidates in a manner described as commendable and unique. After the conferring of the degree the team, dressed in natty uniforms, executed a series of complicated marches that were performed with exceedingly efficient skill.

Membership Contest

In order to help in increasing the membership of A. T. Sherman Lodge No. 892, the lodge was divided early in the summer into two sections, one under the Noble Grand and the other under the Vice Grand. The side bringing in the larger number of candidates by January 1 is to be treated to a banquet by the losing side. At the present time the Vice Grand's side is in the lead. Under this competitive contest the membership is steadily increasing. After the first of the year the initiation fees are to be doubled, and the minimum age for candidates is to be lowered from 21 to 18 by order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Last Thursday evening the third degree staff put on its work in a very creditable manner, conferring the degree on four candidates. The floor-work after the degree was also well performed.

"Appreciation Dinner"

In appreciation of the numerous occasions on which the Sister Rebekahs have given valuable assistance and encouragement in all undertakings of the Brother lodge, the latter will give them an "Appreciation Dinner" and entertainment in the lodge rooms on Saturday evening, November 29, at 6:30 o'clock. The dinner is to be prepared and served entirely by Odd Fellows, and the enter-

tainment is also to be given by talent from the lodge.

The young Wilevansbrook encampment, which was instituted last September from Evanston, Wilmette, and Northbrook subordinate lodges, is progressing remarkably. Many applications for membership are being received, and the increasing attendance and enthusiasm are becoming more evident at every meeting, it is explained. On November 7, a staff from North Shore Encampment No. 142 initiated 14 of Wilevansbrook's candidates in the Patriarchal degree. Then, on November 21, these candidates were advanced to the Golden Rule degree by a very efficient staff, composed entirely of members living in Evanston.

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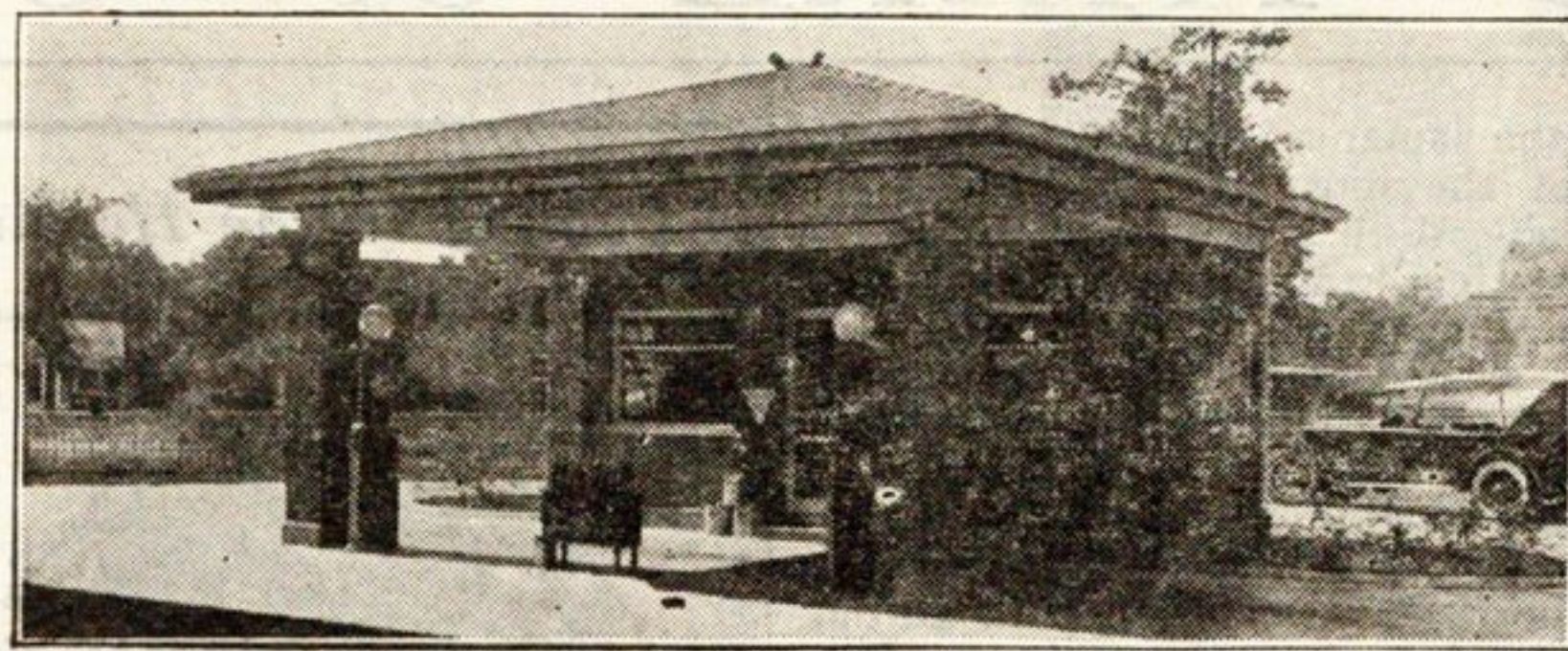
Considering the fact that this was the first attempt of the new encampment to put on a degree with a team of its own members, the Evanston members merited the praise they received after the completion of the work. The brand new uniforms and regalia of the encampment, which were used for the first time, added dignity to the impressive work of the team. It will now be up to the Wilmette members of the lodge to put on the Royal Purple degree, which they are planning to do on December 19, as the next meeting is to be devoted to the election of officers for the coming new year.

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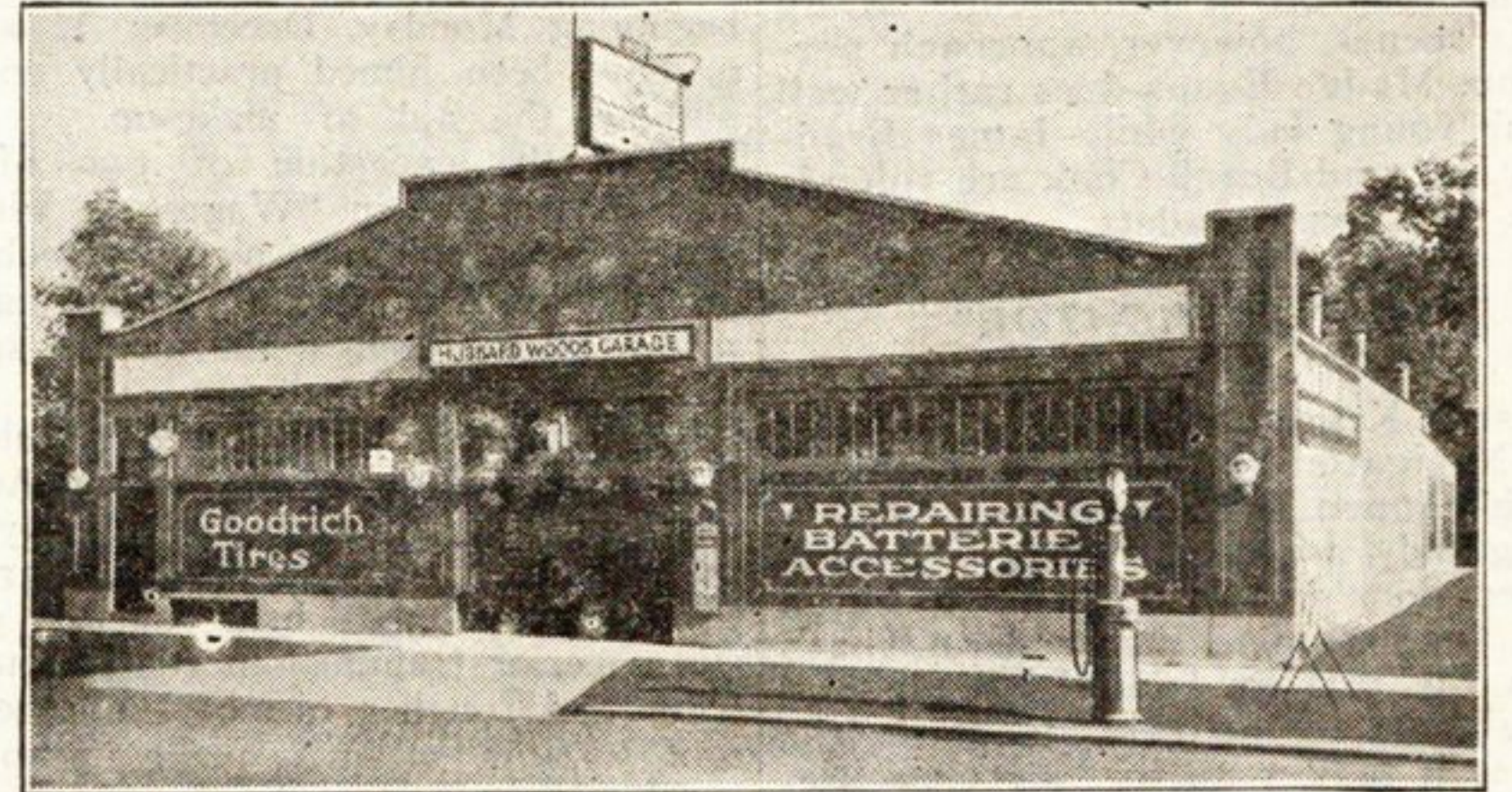
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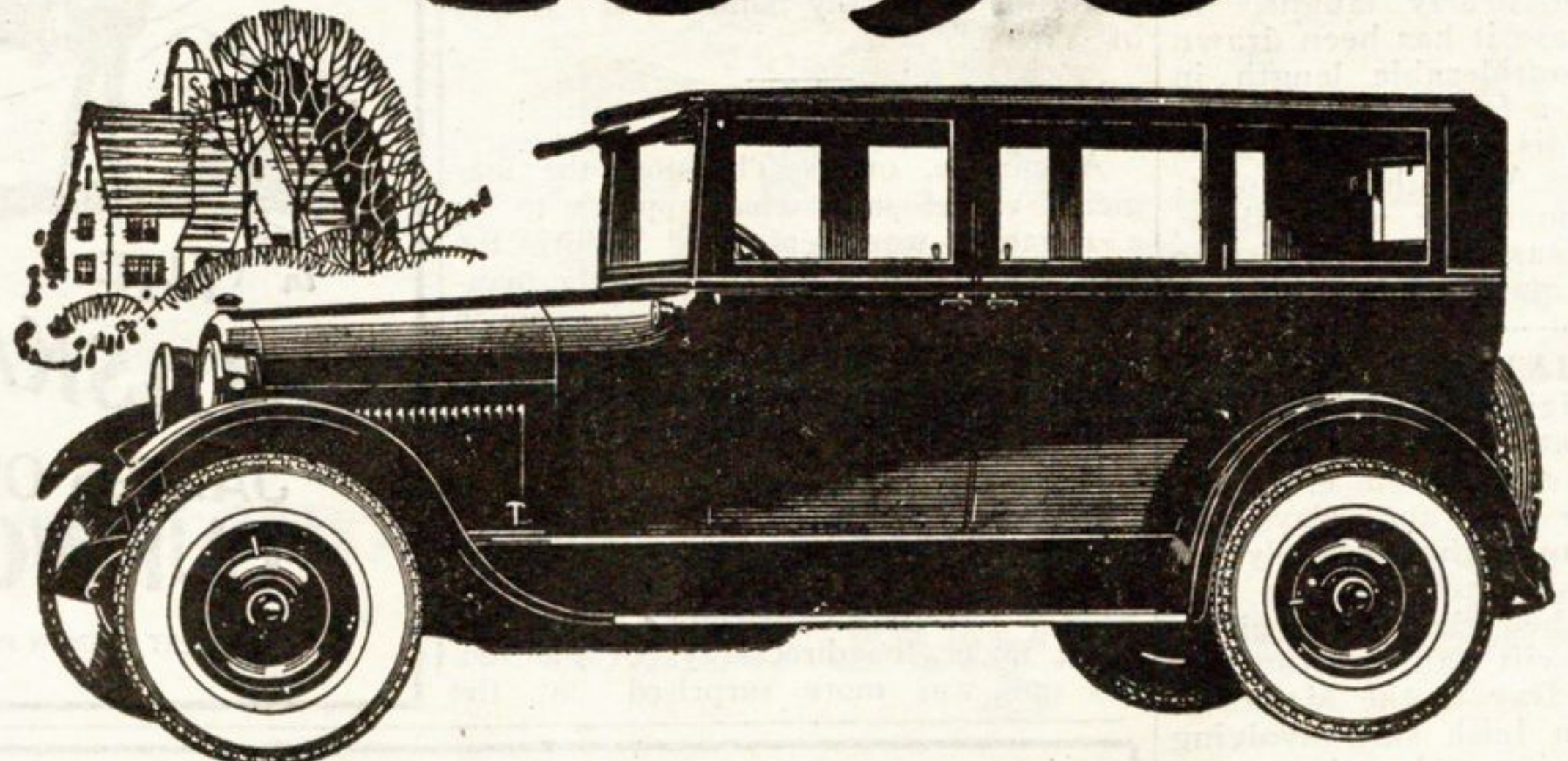
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