

# PICTURES FIRE DANGER IN HOME

## State Fire Marshal Gives Home-Owners Advice

Men will guard closely their places of business against fire hazard, but are prone to neglect their homes and families against those same dangers, declared John G. Gamber, Illinois state fire marshal, in a talk before the Wilmette Rotary club this week.

"How many homes, for instance," the fire official asked, "have even the precaution of a single fire extinguisher? Yet statistics show that 80 percent of the victims of fire ravage are women and children—most of them presumably safe in the homes or schools."

Mr. Gamber, in citing several great fire catastrophes of the past two decades, showed that, in virtually every instance, the deplorable tragedies were attributable to the carelessness of one or a few persons.

On the subject of oil burning devices for the homes Mr. Gamber, in declaring that oil heating has come to stay and would eventually supplant coal for home-heating purposes, added that of the 300 or more oil-burner devices on the market today only about 25 had been approved by the fire underwriters. He cautioned the users of oil burners to take great care in selecting the best grades of oil and to avoid these of the heavier density. Grades of oils to be used are specified by the underwriters, he said.

Every community should enact an ordinance regulating the installation of oil-heating devices, the marshal declared. Proper installation, and safe storage of oil are important as a safeguard to the home, he said. Oil, if in large quantity, should be stored underground and brought to the heating plant by means of a hand pump, he suggested. It was his opinion that gravity feed was often unsafe.

"Look after your furnace in the fall, before you start the fire," was Mr. Gamber's parting advice. "You wouldn't let your car stand idle all winter and drive it away in the spring without first going over it thoroughly. Then why not take the same precaution with the heating system in your home? Autumn brings most of the fires because of failure to inspecting heating systems."

## Northwestern Scene of Cook County Tournament

The Cook County municipal golf championship is being decided at the Northwestern Golf club this week. The first matches are played between various clubs on the north and south sides of Chicago, to determine the north and south winners who then play against each other for the Cook County Municipal Golf Championship cup. In a match with the Edgebrook Golf Club last Sunday Dick Skaer, Arthur Boyke, J. S. Marshall, Jr., and Dick Hughes, playing for the Northwestern Golf club, won with seven points to their opponents' four.

## Wilmette Youth Awarded Scholarship at Harvard

Blake Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Blake Roberts, 629 Gregory avenue, Wilmette, has been awarded the Harvard scholarship tendered by Harvard university.

Roberts was for four years an honor student at New Trier High school and took an active part in athletics. He was elected a member of TNT honor society in his junior year at high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Badgerow have closed their Winnetka home on Arbor Vitae road for the summer, and with their daughters, Louise and Susan, are spending the summer at "Egrralharve" on West Okiboji lake in northwestern Iowa, the summer home of Mr. Badgerow's mother. They will return in September in time to see Miss Louise off to the Masters' School, Dobbs Ferry, New York, where she is entered for the fall term.

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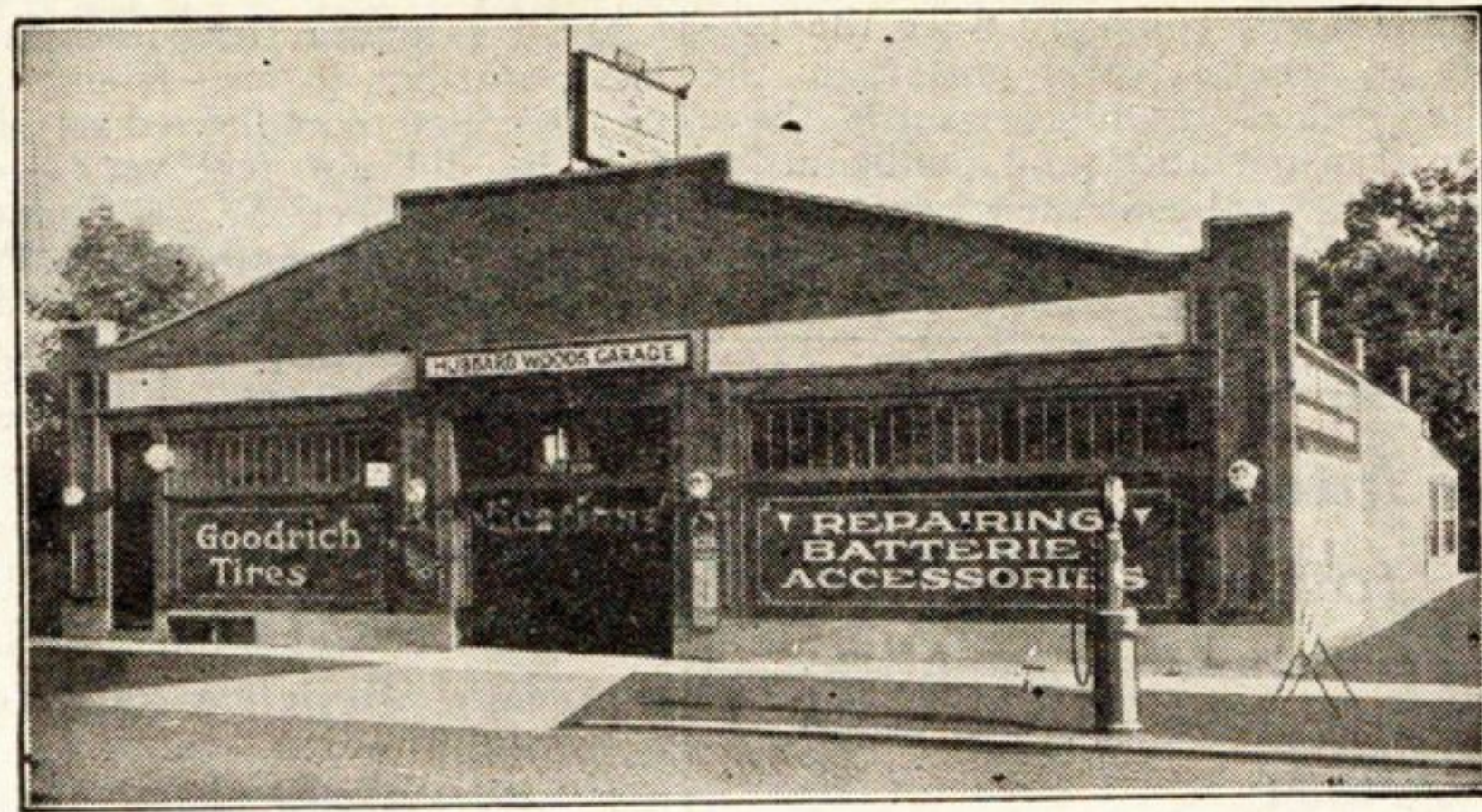
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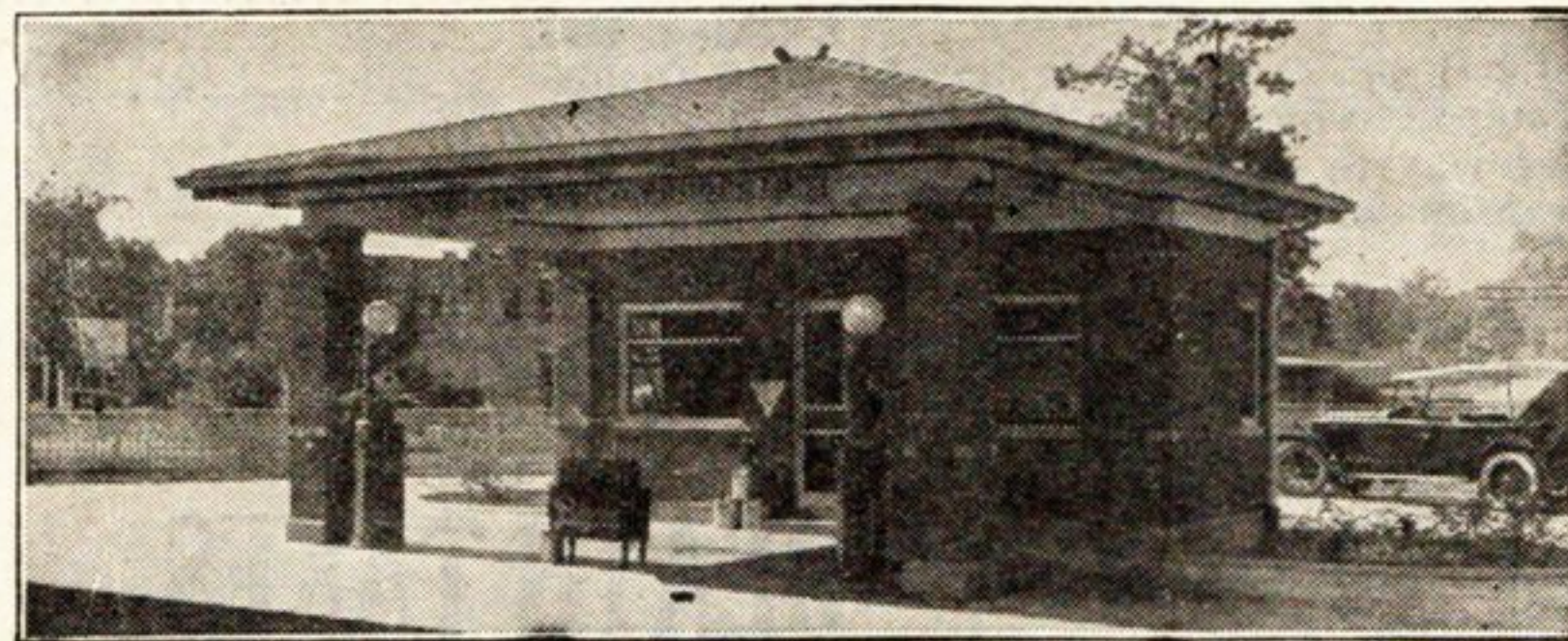
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