

SMOKERS, WATCH YOUR STEP HERE

California Has Law Against "Shooting Butts"

Motorists traveling to California must exercise extreme care in the handling of lighted cigaret, cigar ashes or other flaming or glowing substances under the terms of a new law which will become effective July 24, according to the legal department of the Chicago Motor club. The law not only prohibits the placing of such objects where they may cause a fire but prohibits the throwing of any of them out of a moving automobile at any time.

The law, passed by the last legislature and designated as Section 384 of the penal code, is intended to lessen the fire hazard in that state. It not only places stringent restrictions on the setting of fires of any kind, but prescribes special regulations for the smoker. It is expected that a strict enforcement of its provisions will greatly decrease the number of man-made fires in California national forests and other mountain sections.

Specifically, the law prohibits the throwing or placing of any lighted cigaret, cigar, ashes or other flaming or glowing substance or any substance or thing which may cause a fire, in any place directly or indirectly start a fire. It also prohibits the throwing of any such objects from a moving vehicle.

In a recent opinion, the attorney general stated that the term "moving vehicle" was interpreted to include a

street car or railroad coach, so that the regulations affect not only motorists but persons who travel in street cars and railroads as well.

Violation of the law is defined as a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The new law also makes it a misdemeanor to leave a camp fire burning or unextinguished without some person in attendance, or allowing such a fire to spread after being built.

Be Sure You're Right, Warning to Motorists

"He violated the law, why shouldn't I recover?" This question is a common one where motorists are involved in automobile collision controversies. Many motorists believe that the cost of recovery is based on the misconduct of the other driver without any reference to their own actions.

"Before a recovery can be made," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, "the party seeking to recover must prove that he himself has not been guilty of contributory negligence; a violation of a state law or city ordinance is negligence in law.

"If both parties are at fault, as for example, one has violated the speed law, while the other has violated the right-of-way law, neither party according to the law of Illinois is entitled to recovery.

"The contention that one party has been more negligent than the other has no bearing on the case as the law of comparative negligence has been abolished in Illinois and in many other states.

"The courts have often said that there would be few accidents at intersections if this law were better known and obeyed."

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jacobs and children, 368 Elder lane, have returned from Estes Park, where they spent the month of July.

Miss Margaret Smith of 1111 Gage street, Hubbard Woods, is spending the month of August at Denver and Estes Park.

Mrs. Frank Raab of Hilbert, Wis., is the guest for several weeks of her sister, Mrs. Frederick Gillette at her home at 1103 Spruce street.

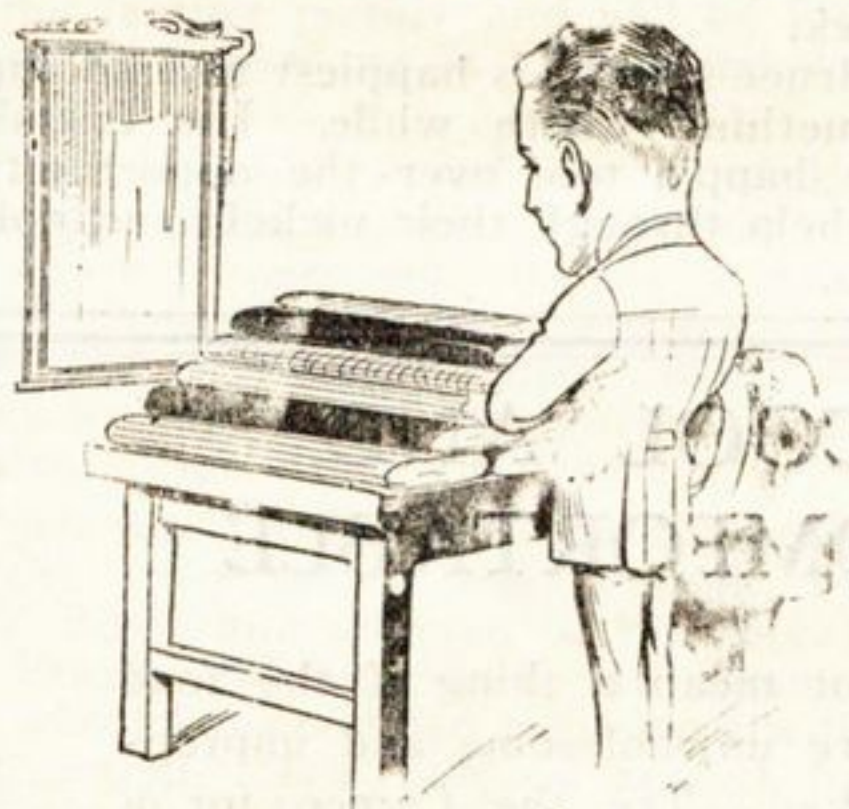
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Paulson, 1471 Tower road, have sailed for home. They have been visiting in Sweden since May 1.

Mrs. John Mangel and children, 490 Sunset road, have returned from a month at Tipler at Stevens lake, Wis.

Miss Mary S. King, 672 Maple avenue, left yesterday to spend three weeks visiting in the East at points on the coast.

Miss Elizabeth Babcock, 566 Ash street, is visiting Miss Elizabeth Webster at her summer home at Oregon,

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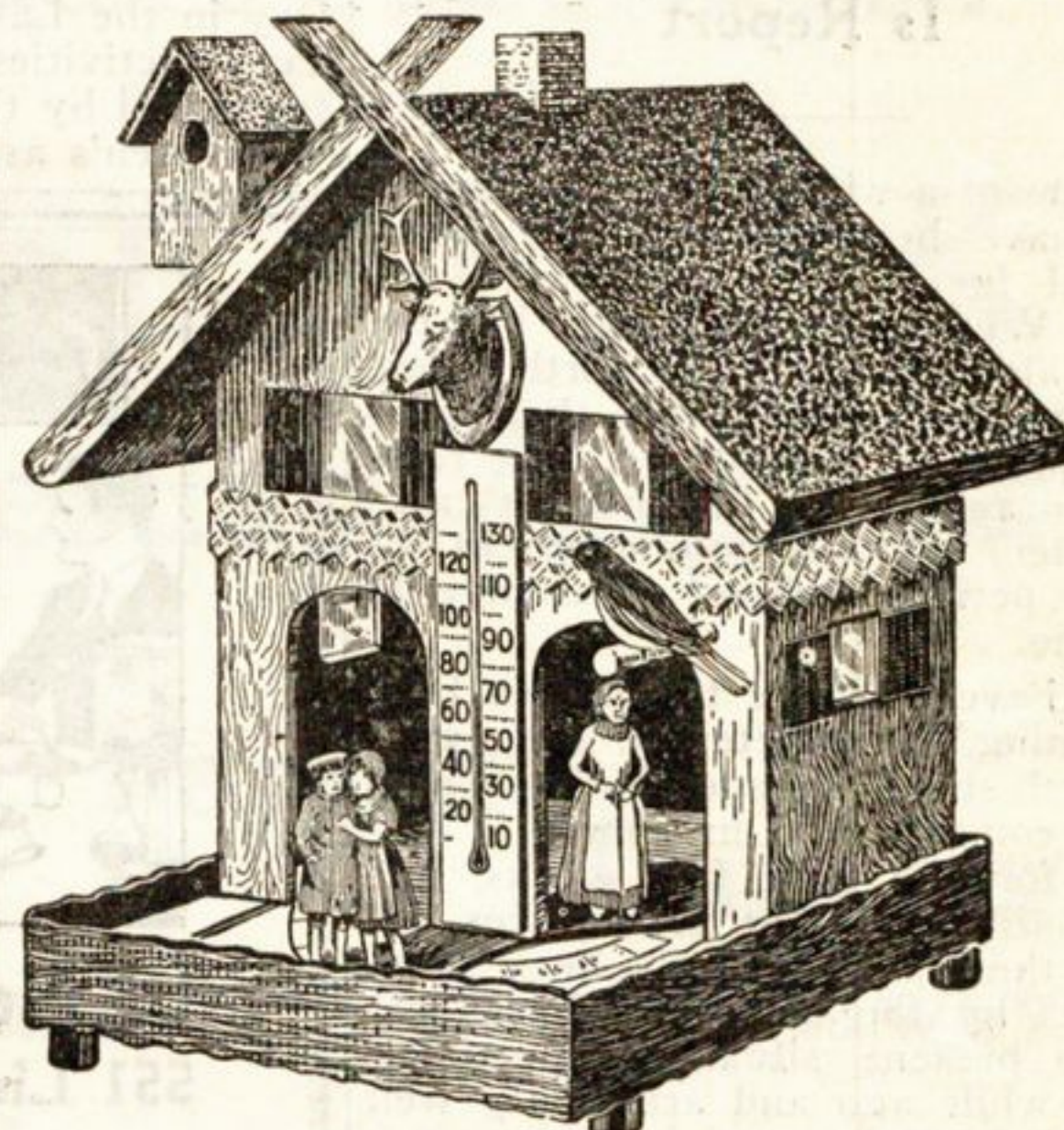
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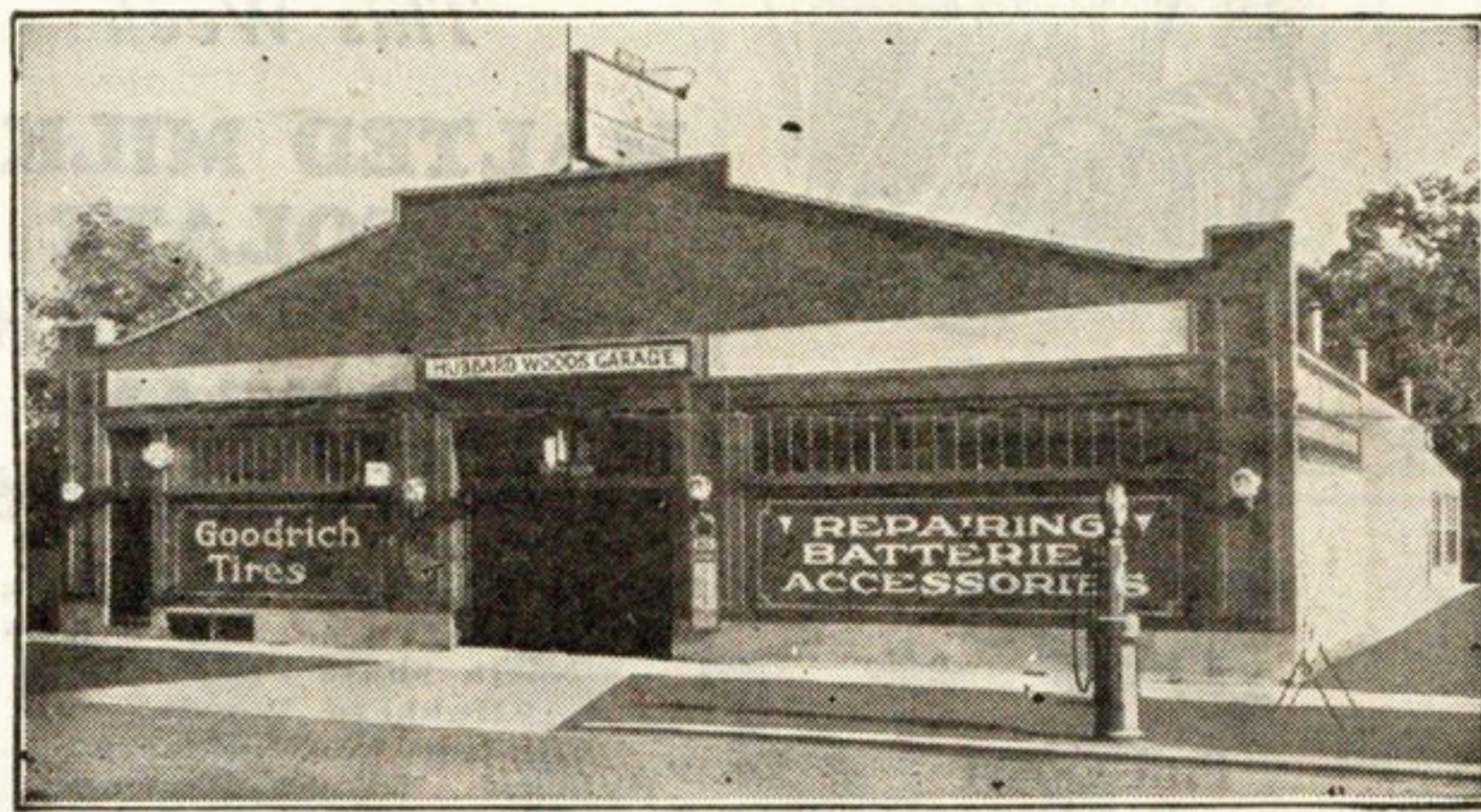
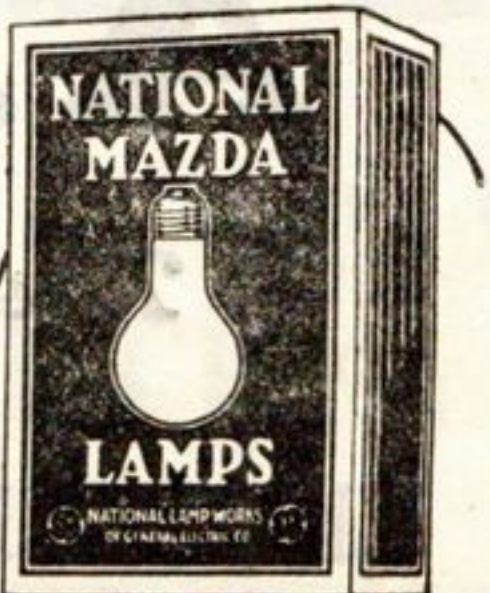
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