

PUBLIC FORUM

Editor, Winnetka Talk:

Upon my return from my vacation I noticed in several back numbers of Winnetka Talk, among the news columns, statements that I would introduce at the Omaha convention of the American Legion, counterpart of the resolution I introduced in the Illinois State convention of the Legion, calling for generosity on the part of American officials in the settlement of the French government debt to the government of the United States.

While I believed at the time of the State convention, and still believe, that the French people are entitled to every reasonable consideration in lightening the burden upon them which has resulted from our common war of defense, and while I believed, and still believe, that it was the right and duty of American citizens and groups of citizens to express themselves upon this matter in order that our government's representatives might be aware of our sentiments, I do not think that the present is a proper time for the introduction of such a resolution in the National convention of the American Legion. The Debt Commission is now in session and any action at this time of such a representative body as the American Legion might seriously hamper the American representatives in their negotiations. I do not think that such a resolution would be entirely proper at this time and consequently do not intend to introduce any such resolution in the Omaha convention.

If I knew who had written the news articles referred to, I would write to that person suggesting that there would be no further statements that I will introduce the resolution. As I do not know who wrote them, I am taking the occasion of writing to you in order that there may be no repetition.

J. M. DICKINSON, JR.

Would Remodel Building Adjoining Village Hall

At a joint meeting of the public buildings and grounds committee of the Village council and the Winnetka Plan Commission held Wednesday evening, plans for remodeling the Rapp building to harmonize with the new Village hall and the Winnetka Plan architecture were considered. Edwin H. Clark, the architect who designed the new Village hall is making further studies of the possibility of improving the architectural effect of this building. Another joint meeting will be held in the near future, it was said.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beck, formerly of Chicago, have purchased the Samuel McCaulley home on Elm street which they are now occupying.

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Would Stop Burning of Rubbish in Store Areas

An ordinance amending the present ordinance relating to the burning of rubbish out-of-doors was introduced at the meeting of the Village council last Tuesday. The new ordinance provides that no rubbish shall be burned out-of-doors within the fire limits under any conditions. The present ordinance allows rubbish to be burned not nearer than 25 feet to any frame structure. The purpose of the new ordinance is to require business establishments to have their combustible waste material hauled away, rather than to burn it on the premises, thus creating a fire hazard. For the past two years the village has been giving a special rubbish collection service to merchants at a low monthly charge, it is explained. A large percentage of the business men have taken advantage of this service.

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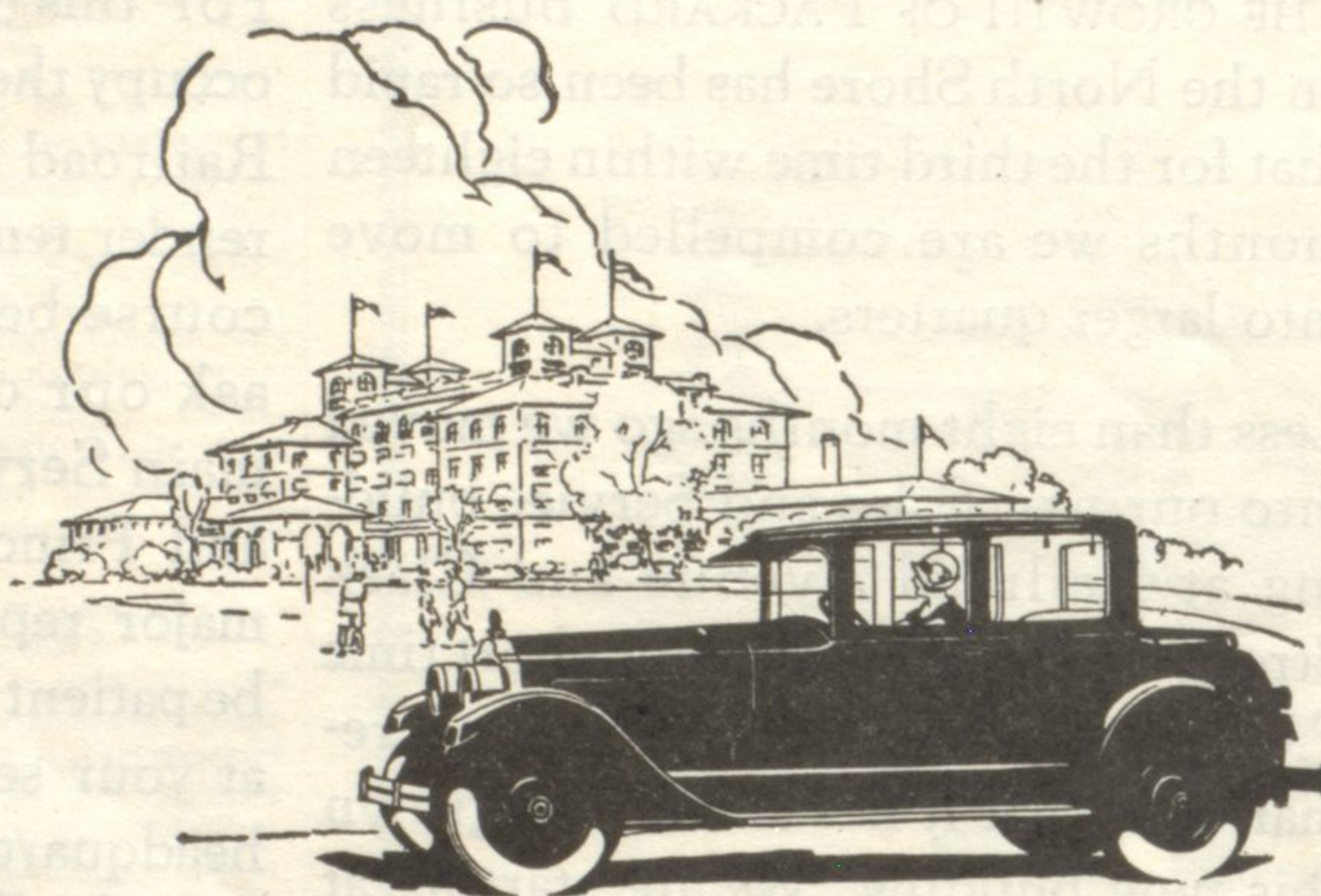
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