

SHOW DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL PLAN IDEAS

Commissioner Penfield Reports Progress of Subdivision and Platting Rules

Frederick W. Penfield, of Glencoe, county commissioner and chairman of the committee on subdivision plats and zoning of the Chicago Regional Planning association, in a statement this week told of the success of regional planning in Cook county and asserted that it had saved a vast amount of money and time. Mr. Penfield is also a member of the Cook county board and the Glencoe zoning board of appeals. His statement was issued following a meeting of state and county officials held in Chicago last week.

"By controlling street widths and locations in accord with a master plan, we feel we are doing some fundamental planning for the future growth of population in this region," said Mr. Penfield. "Our success in obtaining the unanimous support of real estate subdividers in Cook county has shown what sound planning may be done simply by bringing the subdividers together with the various officials. The subdividers themselves worked on these regulations along with city planners, the surveyors' association, county highway engineers, and others, and when the rules were completed all agencies were in full agreement."

State Favors Schemes

"We were surprised," said Mr. Penfield, "and of course very deeply pleased when twenty-two state and county officials gathered together a few days ago to study the regulations drafted by our committee of the Regional Planning association. It was a rainy day and these officials came from

Waukegan, Elgin, Geneva, Wheaton, and Joliet, and included the county superintendent of highways of each county and from one to three members of the county board.

"Guiding the whole discussion was G. N. Lamb, engineer for this district of the Illinois division of highways. The state saw at once the opportunity to obtain relief from some of the problems which have arisen in the past because of the lack of some standard rules for subdividers to go by.

Suggest Changes

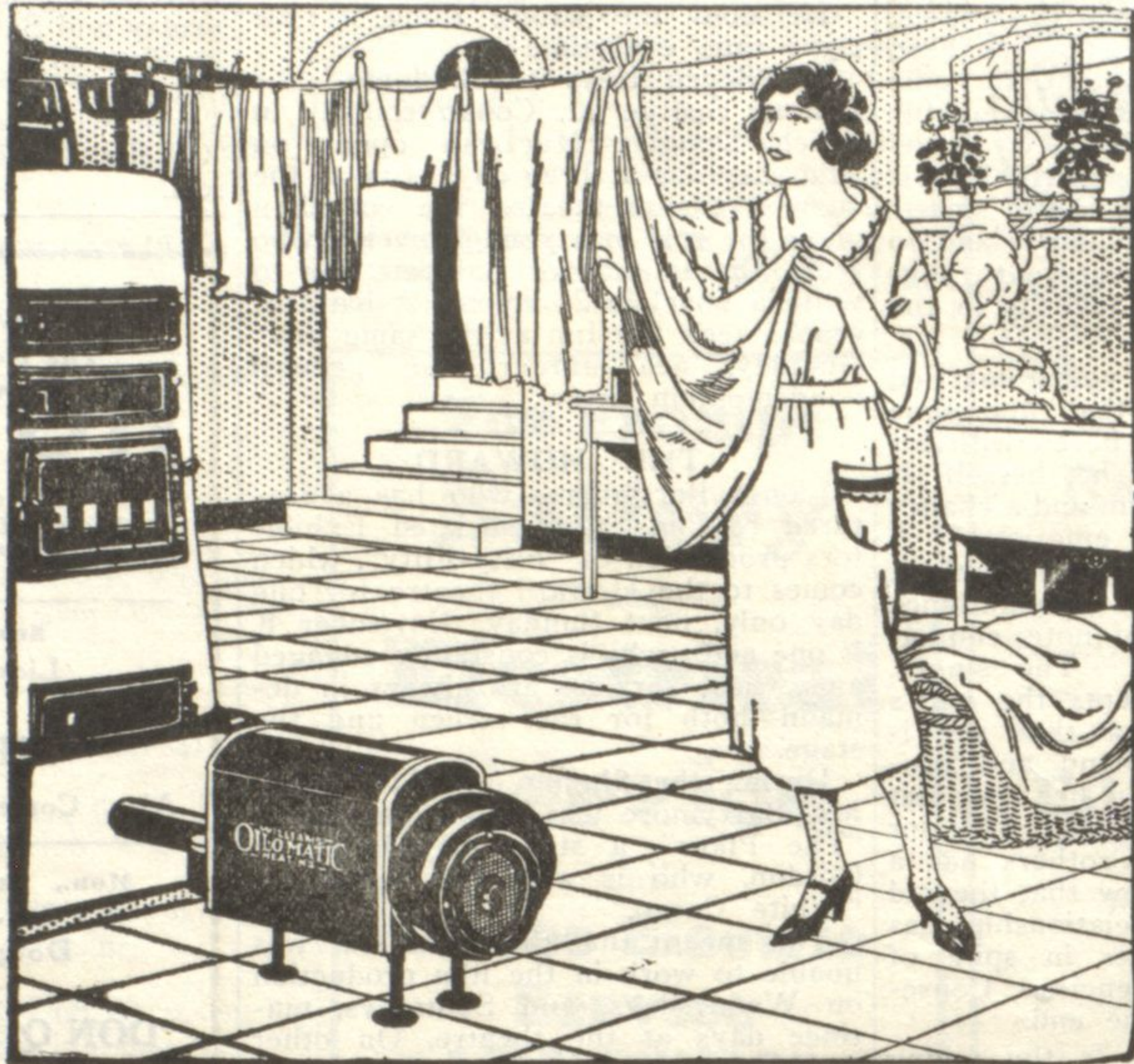
"We sat down and spent the entire afternoon going over paragraph after paragraph of these regulations and

agreed to them one after another. Only two important changes were agreed upon and those were designed for a more strict control rather than lessening the effect of the rules. One put more teeth into them by prescribing that the subdivider put up bond to guarantee his carrying out all provisions of the regulations.

"Before the meeting ended a pledge was given voluntarily by officials of each of the counties that sincere and immediate effort would be made to put into effect in their counties a set of regulations as nearly identical with those in the original draft as could be done."

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Morton Knode of Winnetka and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacLeish of Glencoe have just returned from a ten days' trip to New York. While there they visited their daughters, Jean MacLeish and Betty Knode, who are attending the West-over school at Middlebury, Conn.

Mrs. Theodore J. Coyne of 597 Provident avenue, will have the Lake Bluff Orphanage sewing committee of the Pine Street circle meet at her home for an all-day sewing "bee" Monday, November 9, Christmas sewing in most urgent.



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