

## CONTINUE BATTLE TO WIPE OUT MOTOR TAX

**American Automobile Association Leads Fight for Repeal of Excise Tax on Cars**

"Half the fight is won," declared Howard M. Brown, manager of the Chicago Motor club, when he received word of the action of the House Means and Ways committee, in cutting the excise tax on automobiles and in repealing the tax on trucks, tires and accessories.


"The American Automobile association and its 720 affiliated automobile clubs have been waging war on these taxes and we are grateful for what has been done, but the entire tax on automobiles should be wiped out. The entire tax on mah jong sets, jewelry, cameras, candy, chewing gum, toilet articles, and other commodities numbering 22 in all, has been repealed, yet the tax on automobiles which are much more of a necessity than any of these articles, is reduced to 3 percent. The federal tax on automobiles was a war measure pure and simple, and it should be entirely wiped out. To place the automobile in a category with a platinum wrist watch is absurd.

"The Ways and Means committee is to be congratulated in removing the tax on repairs and parts, which was a tax on misfortune. The farmer will be the one most relieved by the

lifting of this tax. He encounters the worst roads and most of his trips are long and wearing on mechanical equipment."

Mr. Brown attacked secretary Mellon's statement that so long as the federal government contributes more than \$90,000,000 a year to roads over which automobiles run, that automobile owners should be made to pay their way. "If this stand is consistent," said Mr. Brown, "why does not Congress tax specially those who use public buildings or public libraries? Why not tax the railroads for the Interstate Commerce Commission that is established for the supervision of the railroads, or the farmer for the department of agriculture? Each of these departments fulfills a function that benefits certain classes. As a matter of fact, all of these activities are for the common good of the nation, and the cost for them is a common debt to be borne equally by all citizens. What is more essential to commerce, industry, or agriculture than an adequate system of highways? There is no obligation on the part of the motorist to pay excise taxes to cover federal aid appropriations for road building. Federal aid was adopted more than a year before Congress decided to levy a tax on automobiles.

The Scandinavian Pleasure club will give its monthly dance on Saturday evening, December 19, at Community House.



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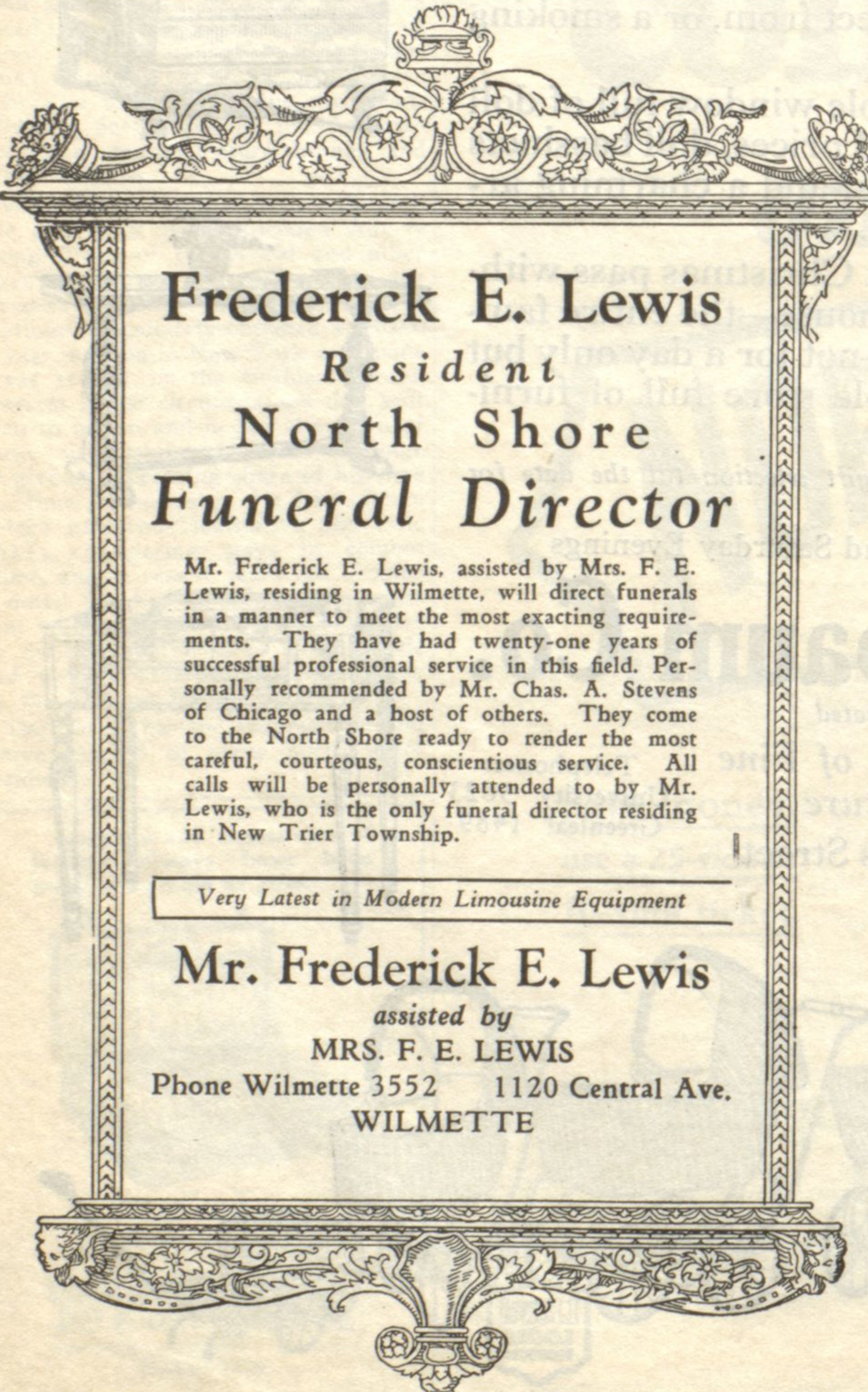
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