

## W. W. DEBERARD JOINS REGIONAL PLAN STAFF

### Wilmette Village Trustee and Engineering Expert Accepts Post as Chief Engineer

Village Trustee W. W. DeBerard of Wilmette will become chief engineer of the Chicago Regional Planning association on August 1. He has been granted a leave of absence from his post as western editor of Engineering News-Record.

The Regional Planning association is a corporation not for profit which has enlisted the support of the county boards, the Chicago Commonwealth club, University of Chicago, Northwestern university, Union League club, the City club, many cities and villages, Chambers of Commerce, and firms and individuals. D. H. Burnham is president; B. F. Affleck, treasurer; and Robert Kingery, of Winnetka, secretary.

#### Commuter's Area

The area covered is that territory within commuting distance of Chicago, roughly a 50-mile radius covering more than 7,000 square miles of land in three states and fifteen counties, and including 250 cities and villages, seventy park boards, forty plan commissions, eight sanitary districts, and a large number of drainage districts.

Co-ordination of the construction activities of the many authorities now planning and carrying out public and private works projects is the principal purpose of the association, so that orderly and connected systems of highways, sewers, parks and other public and private works may be developed. This is being accomplished through joint agreement of these authorities in committees on each of the twelve major subjects being studied. Such general drawings are being made as will aid officials in scheduling their programs. Progress and special reports are issued as needed for public education. Ultimately these reports may be assembled into a master volume covering the entire regional project.

#### Has Broad Experience

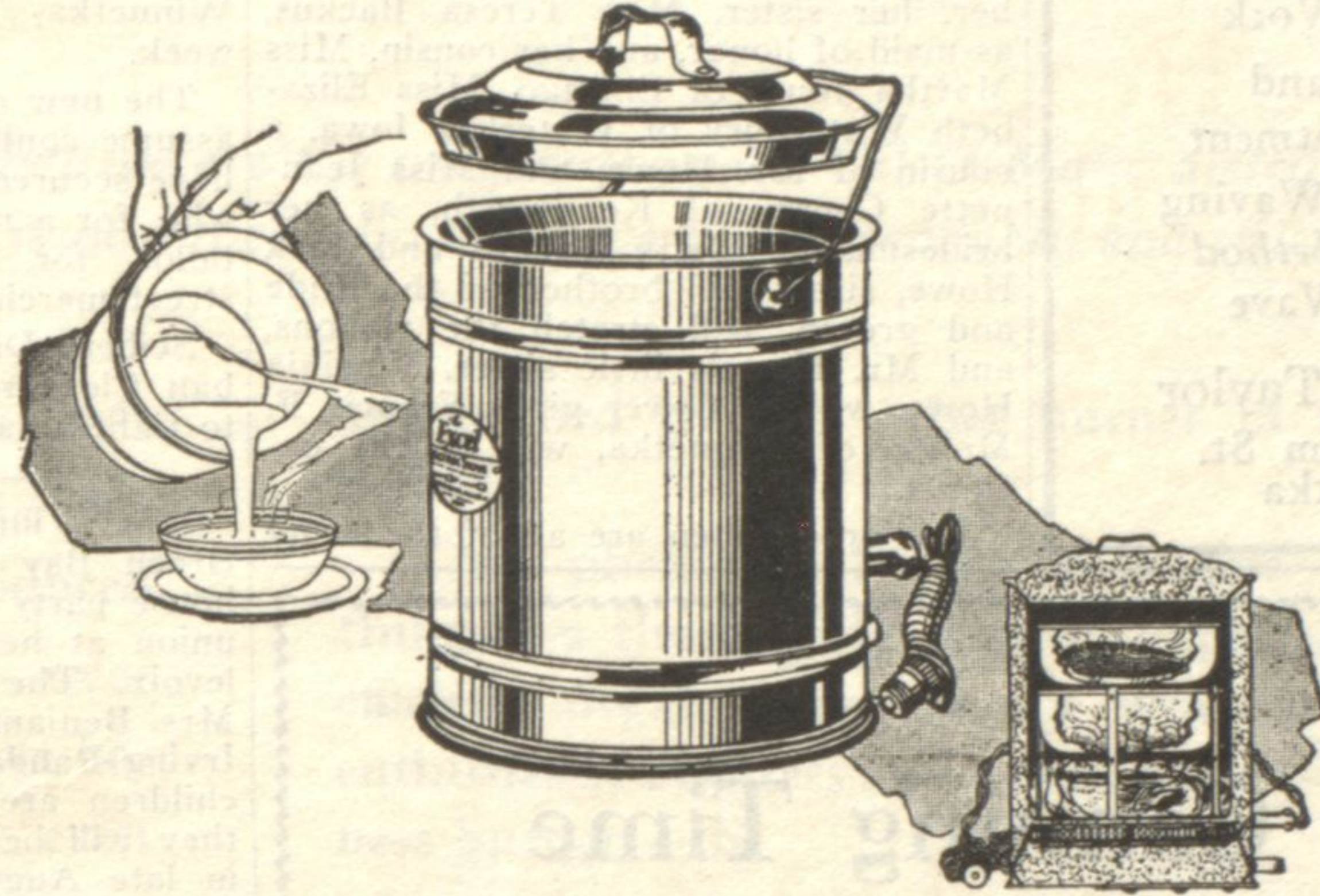
Mr. DeBerard has been connected with the Engineering News-Record and its predecessor, Engineering Record, since 1910, all of that time in charge of the Chicago editorial office. He was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1901 and from that time until 1910 was engaged in engineering work, mainly in water and sewerage plants in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pa., Columbus, Ohio, Oakland, Cal., and Denver, Col., and the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission of New York. He was also for a time in the U. S. Reclamation service. Mr. DeBerard was a member in 1924-25 of the engineering board of review of the Sanitary District of Chicago. His headquarters with the Regional Planning association will be in the Burnham building, Chicago.

Public men on the north shore in close touch with the development of the Chicago metropolitan district are of the opinion, it is said, that Mr. DeBerard will be in a position to help forward through traffic roads in this section and other projects of particular interest to the people of Wilmette and surrounding towns.

#### GIVES "AUTOBIOGRAPHY"

Rabbi Harvey E. Wessel of the North Shore Congregation was the speaker at the Winnetka Rotary club luncheon Friday of this week. Mr. Wessel, who is a member of the club, gave the club his "autobiography," a procedure experienced by every member of the club.

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