

### PLAN SUPER-HIGHWAY

**Proposed Road Would Run From South of Chicago West of City to Ft. Sheridan**

A super-highway which will connect twenty-four towns in Cook county with every east-west street extending to the western limits of Chicago, is proposed in a resolution introduced in the city council by Ald. Francis L. Boutell of the 48th ward. The proposal calls for making Harlem avenue one hundred feet wide from the Lincoln highway on the south to Fort Sheridan on the north, a distance of more than forty-eight miles.

In a statement on the subject, Ald. Boutell says: "An outer belt highway can be constructed at a comparatively low cost to the tax payers and would divert much of the traffic which now blocks the free use of the state and county roads running out of Chicago.

"Practically all the north-south traffic arteries in Chicago are now diverted by parks, rivers, or the curve of the lake, yet they are the most used. The east-west roads are not heavily traveled, extend to the city limits, but have no outlets from there. The outer belt highway would divert more than enough traffic to the east-west routes to relieve the congestion on the north-south traffic lanes.

"From Tinley Park to Fort Sheridan,

Harlem avenue connects with twenty-four towns which are integral parts of Chicago and have definite trade relations with it. Harlem avenue in this distance also feeds twelve highways, all of which lead obliquely out of Chicago.

#### Would Relieve Streets

"Nearly all of these oblique roads are occupied by street car lines, and carry a tremendous volume of truck traffic. This condition makes for frequent blockades and slows down all transportation. This heavy truck traffic could easily be diverted to the proposed super-highway where it could be speeded up and at the same time, give passenger car traffic a chance to move on the oblique roads.

"The most remarkable feature of this proposed highway is that it would give the people of Cook county quick and easy access to the forest preserves. Seventy per cent of the forest preserves run parallel to Harlem avenue and are within four miles of this street. A bus line would make these preserves convenient to tens of thousands of persons who are now unable to reach them.

"The proposed highway would also considerably shorten the traveling time to the lake regions of Illinois and Wisconsin.

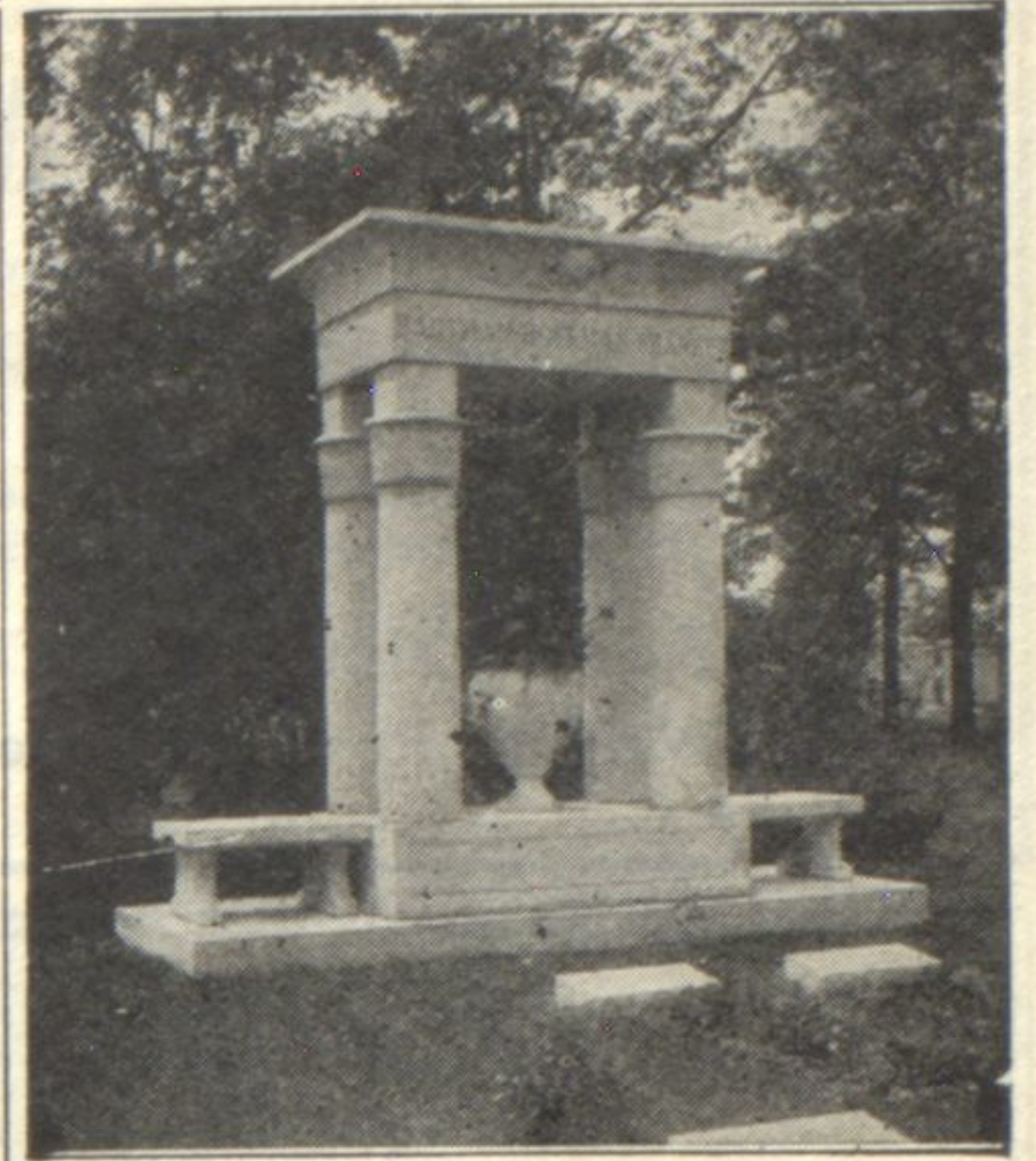
"At present a narrow highway is proposed from 143rd street to the Waukegan road at Niles. The new plan

calls for the development of this highway to one hundred feet and its extension to the Lincoln highway on the south and to Fort Sheridan on the north. This would give a super-highway forty-eight miles long, the straightest, busiest, and longest road in the world."

Miss Vivian Ratcliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Ratcliffe, 804 Lincoln avenue, will return to Washington, D. C., in a few weeks, where she will resume her work in the Children's bureau, Department of Labor. She expects to remain there until Christmas. Miss Ratcliffe will work under the direction of Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the Children's bureau.

Miss Kathleen Air, principal of the Columbia School of Music, 545 Lincoln avenue, has returned from a five weeks' tour of the East, and has resumed her work at the studio. Miss Air included Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Norfolk and Cincinnati in her trip, traveling mostly by automobile.

Dr. and Mrs. V. Massman, 992 Pine street, have returned after an extended tour through Wisconsin.



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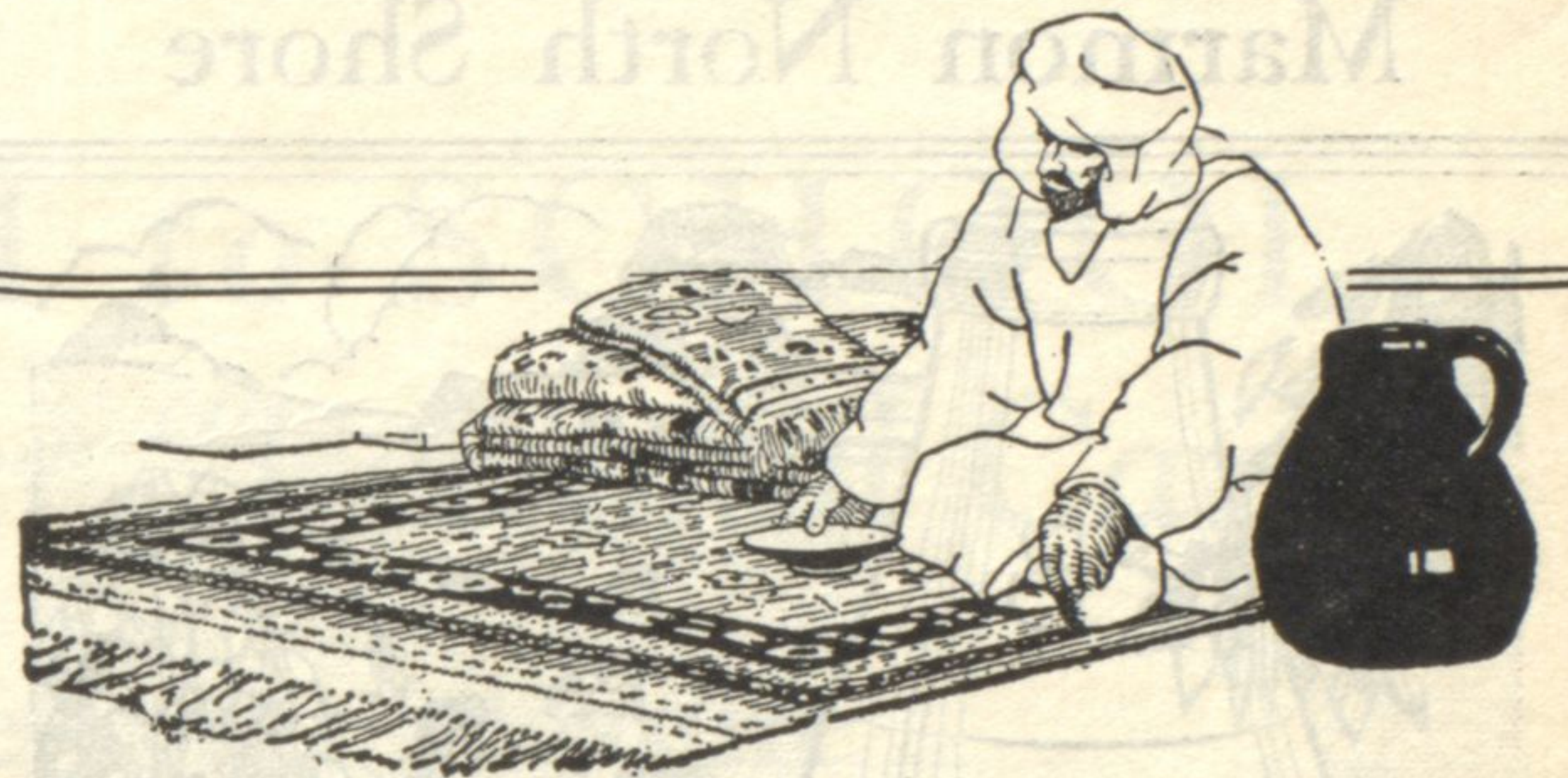
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