

### Santa Comes to Aid of Stricken Northbrook Home

Santa Claus was a real person for Mrs Mary Bill and her family of small children this Christmas. He arrived at the Bill home in Northbrook a few days before Christmas in the person of Frank Stupka of Wilmette and left a gift of \$100 for the widow whose husband was killed several weeks ago by a Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee train at the Lake avenue crossing.

"I found Mrs. Bill absolutely destitute," declared Mr. Stupka. "The gift, which was a contribution from many friends in Wilmette and vicinity, came as a godsend for the family had just fourteen cents with no prospects of immediate assistance. Mrs. Bill is deeply grateful for this help in her dire distress."

Mr. Stupka, whose son, Frank Stupka, Jr., died with Mr. Bill when a truck in which they were riding was hit by the Skokie Valley train, was responsible for securing donations for the purse he presented to Mrs. Bill.

Mrs. Charles Aspenwall of Tower road entertained a few friends at luncheon and bridge Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Maurice H. Lieber.

### P. F. Williams Wins His Commission in R. O. T. C.

Cadet officers' appointments in the Purdue Reserve Officers' Training corps have been announced, totaling 206, and among the 104 seniors honored is P. F. Williams of 487 Ash street, Winnetka, taking mechanical engineering who was named first Lieutenant.

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### Mrs. Catherine Nelson Drowns in Lake Friday

Mrs. Catherine M. Nelson, 58 years of age, residing at 516 Orchard Lane, Winnetka, was found dead on the beach near the foot of Elder Lane, Winnetka, at about 11 o'clock last Friday morning. A verdict of "suffocation by drowning" was returned by a coroner's jury at an inquest held in the Lewis Undertaking parlors, 1120

Central avenue, Wilmette, Friday afternoon.

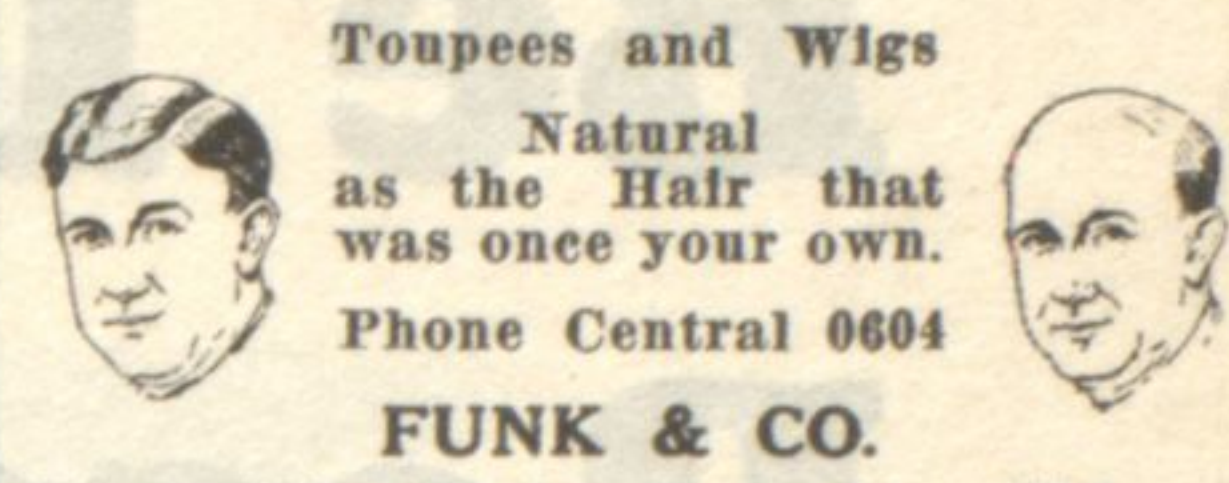
Mrs. Nelson, who was the wife of nels Nelson, a clerk in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, had been ill for more than a year and had been constantly under the care of a nurse. Friday morning she slipped away from her attendant and wandered over to the shore of the lake, where she was found sometime later by the nurse who had gone in search of her.

Services were held Tuesday morning, immediately following a brief serv- at the Lewis chapel, from the Sacred

Heart church, in kenilworth. Burial was at Rosehill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowers of Orchard lane spent the holiday season with relatives in Kansas City.

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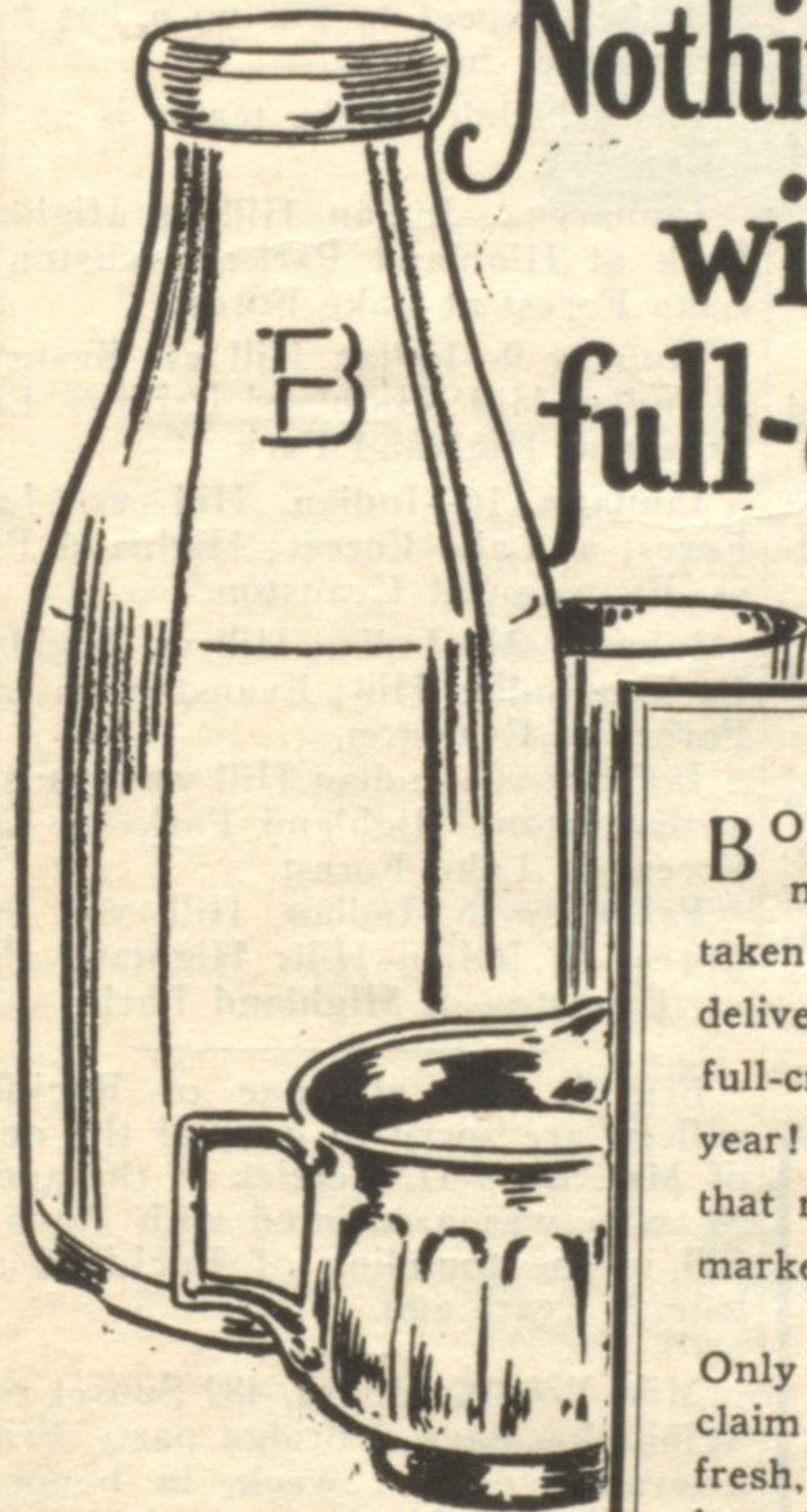
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