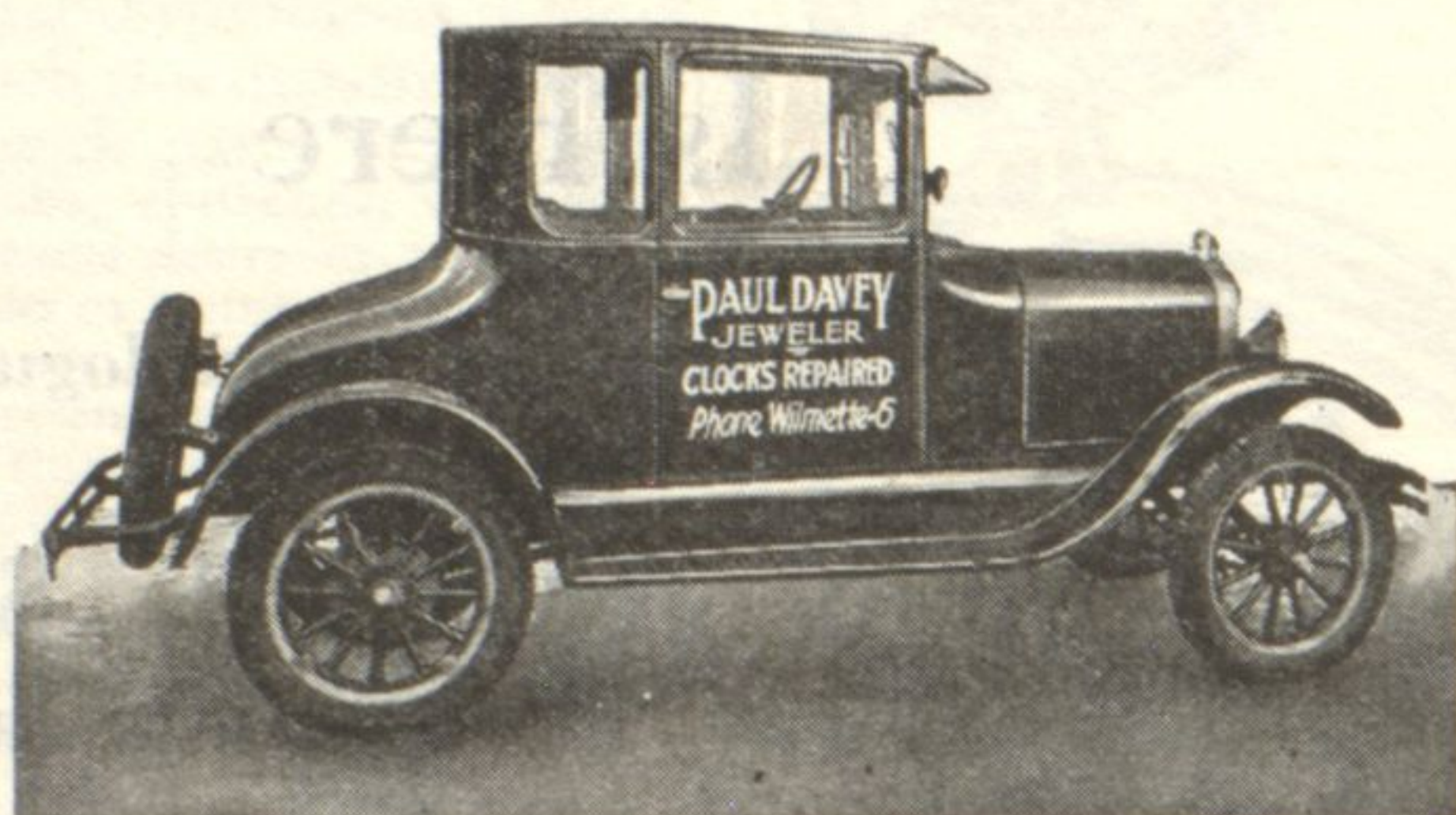


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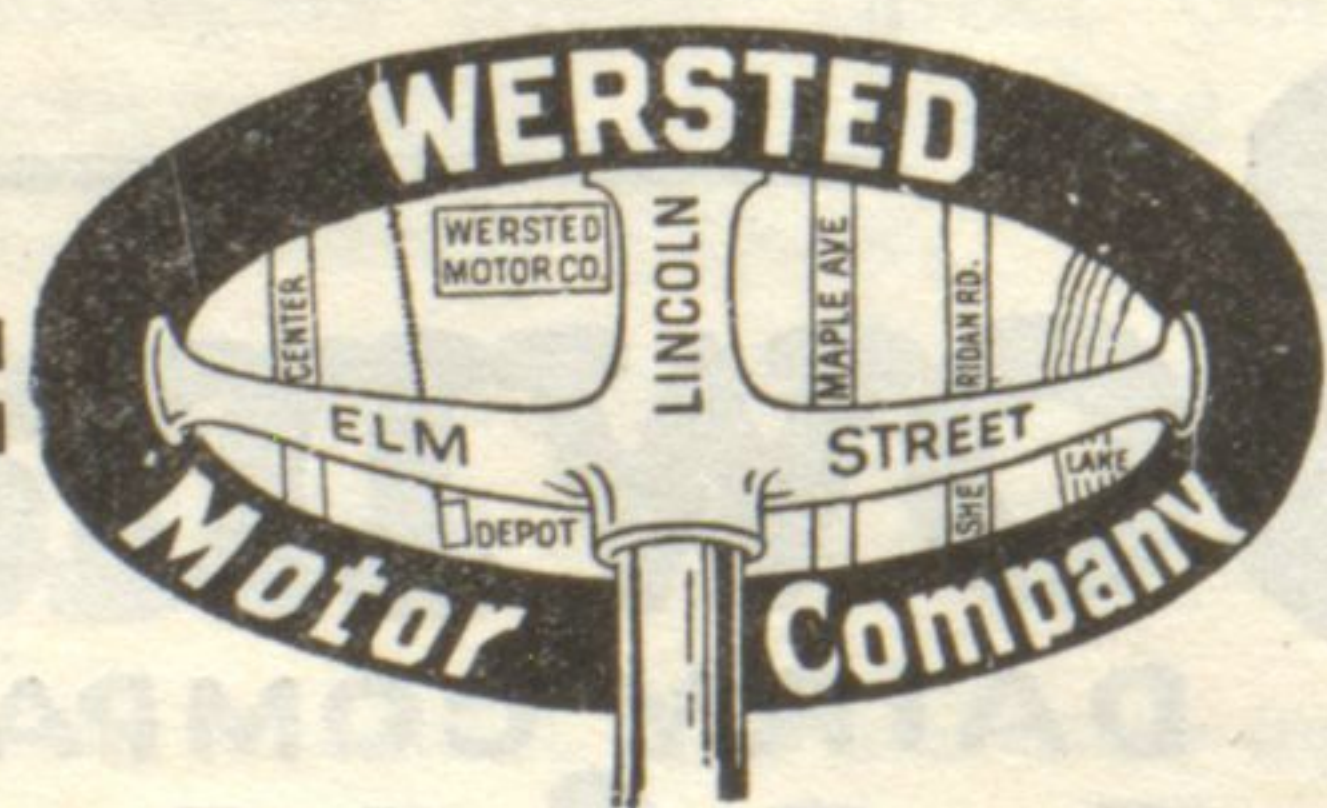
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agreement but we do wish to assure you that we entered seriously into our undertaking with a full knowledge of north shore conditions and that we will develop our property in a way which in our judgment will be a distinct advantage to the north shore towns, and which beyond this matter of service will add materially to north shore values taken as a whole, and it is to this general interest, rather than any particular interest, that we feel obligation. The question of the affect of our improvement upon the property immediately adjacent to it is a matter of close judgment. Certainly in regard to the immediately adjacent property you will find us most considerate and we will be glad to discuss any matters of detail suggestion which you may have to make."

The men interested in the theater project are: Ayres Boal, Gilbert H. Scribner, Mancel T. Clark, Harry C. Edmonds, A. W. Shaw and Henry T. Stanton of Winnetka; Alfred T. Carton of Lake Forest, and H. O. Edmonds of Kenilworth

A second letter from Mr. Bonnet of the Citizens' committee to the theater group is quoted in part as follows:

### Reiterates Position

"The best of intentions, sometimes, are based on the wrong premises. We believe that this is the case with your group. And all of the officers and trustees of the four villages in New Trier township, the ministers, the high school authorities, as well as prominent and intelligent citizens, hold the same view—irrevocably.

"No matter how high-class you propose to keep your project, no matter how much influence you men exert to keep things from entering into it that would be detrimental, you cannot control the surrounding developments and the danger of surrounding developments is self-evident when it is considered that you will attempt to bring thousands of people nightly on 'amusement bent' into an unrestricted and unpoliced territory.

### Continue to Battle

"It is quite evident, however, that we are in full disagreement, I doubt if anything I can say by letter or even in person would change your viewpoints. We citizens of the north shore, who have signed this petition—citizens that are every bit as patriotic and representative of the community as evidenced by the positions and trusts they hold in the community—as any other group, will continue to battle for what we believe is the right."

### Convey Inaccurate Impression

An interesting sidelight on the situation at this juncture is presented in a communication directed to WILMETTE LIFE this week by Frederick E. Clerk, superintendent of New Trier Township High school, in which it is stated that statements concerning the efforts to call a special election for the purpose of voting on a bond issue to take over a certain portion of "No Man's Land" for public park purposes have conveyed "an impression that is not exactly accurate with respect to the position taken by the New Trier Township High school board."

In the interest of making clear the High school board's position in the matter, Mr. Clerk's letter quoted the following resolution adopted by that body on December 14, 1926, and which reads as follows:

### Quotes Resolution

"WHEREAS, it has been proposed to locate a public park on the western part of the tract of about 18 acres of land (commonly known as 'No Man's Land') situated on the lake front between the Villages of Wilmette and

Kenilworth in the New Trier Township High School District.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education, believing that such a park would be a desirable addition to the park area of the High school district and helpful in the conduct of the high school, expresses its approval of the location of a public park on the site proposed."

### Board Not Committed

In this resolution, Mr. Clerk points out, it will be observed that the School board expressed itself in general terms with respect to the development of "No Man's Land," but it does not commit itself to any specific plan for doing it. The position of the High school board is that on general principles it would much prefer to see that land devoted to park purposes than it would to see it converted to any commercial use. It has not approved of any plan accomplishing this purpose and would not wish to be so understood.

"As individuals," Mr. Clerk further states, "the members of the School board and I signed a petition to call a special election to determine the feasibility of handling this situation on a township basis. The act, however, was an act of individuals and had no bearing on the position taken by the board officially."

### Winnetka Studies Proposition

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce has indicated that it will make an exhaustive study of the Township Park bond issue proposition with the object in view of determining the possible cost to the taxpayers, particularly in Winnetka, should the voters of the township decide in favor of the Township Park plan.

At the next meeting of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce, on the second Monday evening in February, B. G. Eberly, the secretary announces, there will be taken up the matter now in controversy regarding "No Man's Land." The purpose of this meeting is to give the people of Winnetka the facts as to what it will cost them in the way of taxes in the case "No Man's Land" is secured for park purposes as now proposed. Because of the great importance of this question, Mr. Eberly has urged that all members of the Chamber be present.

### Celebrate Founders' Day

Founders' day will be celebrated at Northwestern university Friday night, January 28 at the Orrington hotel. On that date in 1851 Northwestern had its inception by the Illinois legislature. The celebration this year will include an evening dinner with prominent men who are graduates on the program. Prominent among those who will speak are Daniel L. Marsh, president of Boston university; Walter Dill Scott, president of Northwestern; Dean Raymond A. Kent of the College of Liberal Arts; and Thomas F. Holgate.

### Quarantine Frat House

Forty-three members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity house on Northwestern campus were quarantined two days last week when a visitor to the house took seriously ill with a spinal meningitis. Herbert Rollins of Pekin, Ill., was the boy. Every member of the fraternity was forced to remain indoors while the case was being investigated. The boys listened to the basketball games over the radio.

### Open Conference Room

Formal opening of the philosophical conference and discussion room on the eighth floor of Wieboldt Hall of Commerce will be held the afternoon of January 25th. Invitations to the various educational and religious groups in Chicago have been sent out for the meeting.