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## PUBLIC FORUM

Editor, WINNETKA TALK:

To the citizens of New Trier township:—

At the request of the Citizens committee handling the "No Man's Land" situation, there was introduced in the Illinois Legislature a Bill known as House Bill No. 51, designed to give Wilmette or Kenilworth the right to annex by ordinance this piece of unrestricted and unpoliced territory lying between the two villages.

The Wilmette council has already signified its willingness to annex this property and the Kenilworth council has signified its willingness to let Wilmette do so, as the territory logically belongs to Wilmette. A number of the lots along Chestnut street are partly in Wilmette and partly in "No Man's Land" and Wilmette is in a better position to give the territory adequate fire and police protection.

This Bill was introduced by our representative in the house, Mr. Howard P. Castle, and is supported in the Municipalities committee, to which it was referred by another of our representatives, Mr. William F. Propper.

Both those gentlemen are heart and soul with the north shore in this effort to protect itself and we have good reason to be proud of them.

Our third representative, Mr. Martin H. Finneran, we feel confident, will also support us when he learns of the Bill and its object.

This Bill was given a second hearing before the committee last week, Tuesday, at which time Atty. Ralph F. Potter, representing the Citizens committee and the Village of Wilmette, ably presented valid and sound arguments for its passage. Mr. Benjamin M. Mitchell, representative from the 21st District in Chicago, proved a tow-

er of strength for us in the committee, ably fighting for the rights of the 40,000 or more residents of the north shore against the privileges of the few involved in "No Man's Land" and its developments.

Appearing before the committee in opposition to the Bill was Attorney Emil C. Wetten, representing Vista del Lago and I am told, Mr. Ayres Boal's moving picture syndicate; and Attorney Robert P. Rollo, representing the Breakers Beach club and the Gages.

This Bill has been pronounced entirely constitutional by some of the best lawyers in Chicago, as well as by the Illinois Legislative Reference bureau and endorsements have been given it by Mr. Earl E. Orner, president of the Village of Wilmette, Mr. James C. Murray, president of the Village of Kenilworth, by Mr. Walter A. Strong, publisher of the Chicago Daily News and one of the trustees of the Village of Winnetka and by Mr. Merle B. Waltz, president of the Village of Glencoe—and has the hearty approval of all north shore citizens who have been advised of its purpose.

It is just and fair that this strip of unrestricted and unpoliced territory be put under municipal control and there is no good reason why either the Beach clubs or the motion picture house should refuse to permit this—in- sist that they shall have all the advantages of being located in our midst, yet be exempt from subscribing to the codes and ordinances that apply to the rest of us. As far as I can see nothing will be done nor can be done to legislate them out of existence if Wilmette does annex this ground. The developments have proceeded there to a point that undoubtedly precludes the possibility of zoning it for residential purposes. The district is already stamped by what is there now as a business or semi-business district and the only thing that would be imposed upon the present developments is Wilmette

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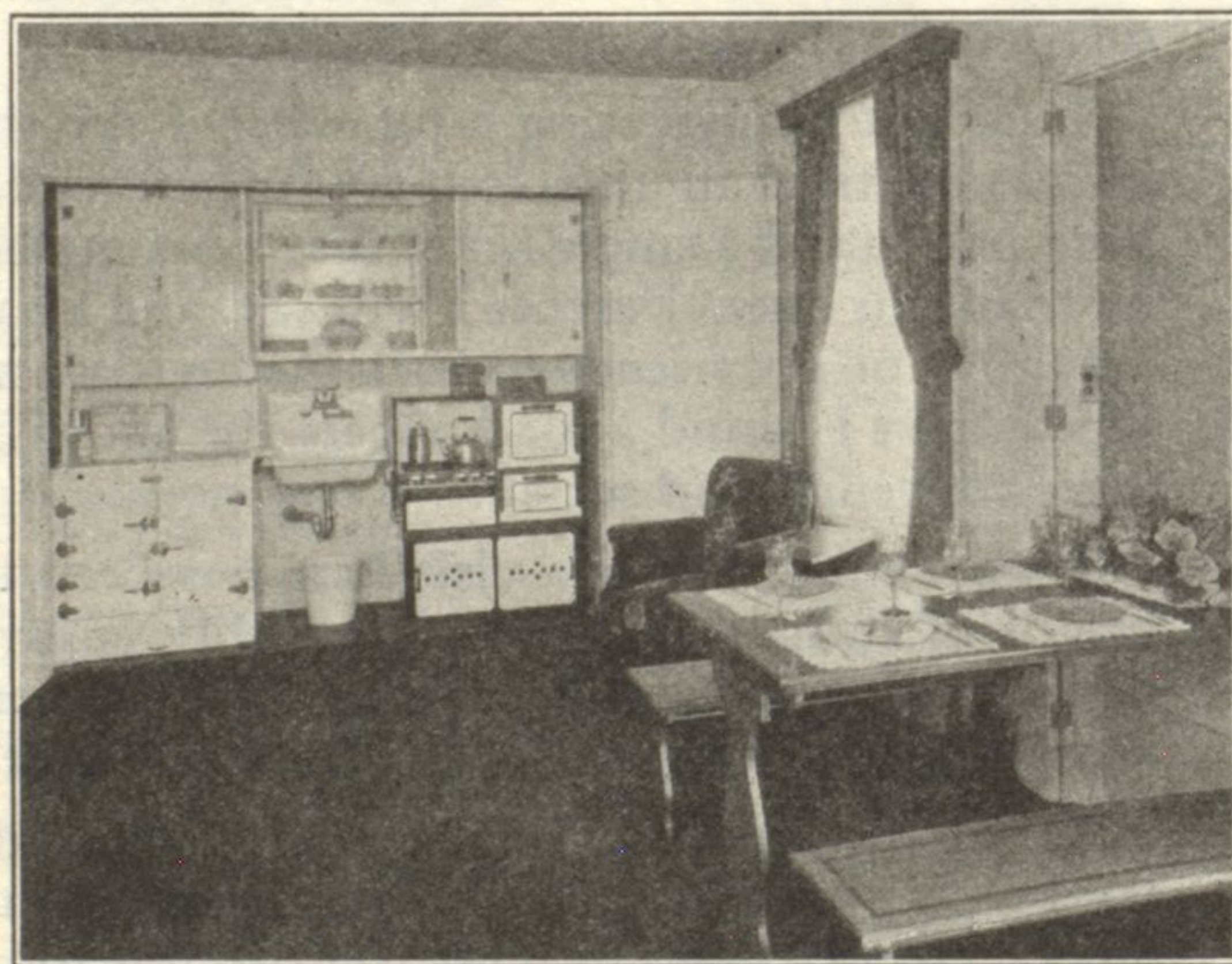
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