

### At Woman's Club

The Winnetka Woman's club met Tuesday, March 1, in open session, members of the Winnetka League of Women Voters and others being guests of the club.

The minutes were read and several notices presented. Mrs. Arthur Cushman, the club president, called attention to the remarkable achievement of the committee on civics and philanthropy in bringing to the club within one short year, the two most outstanding women of the United States, Miss Jane Addams and Miss Julia Lathrop.

Mrs. Cushman then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Edwin E. Brown, chairman of this committee, who introduced Miss Lathrop. Mrs. Brown recalled to our minds Miss Lathrop's many public services, the most far reaching of which, was perhaps, that of being chief of the Children's bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

Miss Lathrop's topic was "A New World Issue," that issue being child welfare. Miss Lathrop took as the basis for her talk the fact that the great increase in scientific inventions have influenced greatly the position of the child and that now the question of welfare no longer belongs to the family alone, but must be a government issue.

Miss Lathrop traced picturesquely by historical anecdote the change from hand labor to machine; from the spinning done by little children and women in order to clothe mankind, to the introduction of the first machine in 1789, down to our present machine age, stressing the accompanying change made in the position of the child.

As evidence of the recognition of the importance of the child and of gov-

ernment responsibility for its welfare, Miss Lathrop cited the measures taken in various countries. While speaking of conditions in Chile, Miss Lathrop interposed "One of the most important factors for general peace is an understanding with all parts of the western hemisphere. It is easy to understand people who have a common interest. Perhaps care for children is the best means to that end."

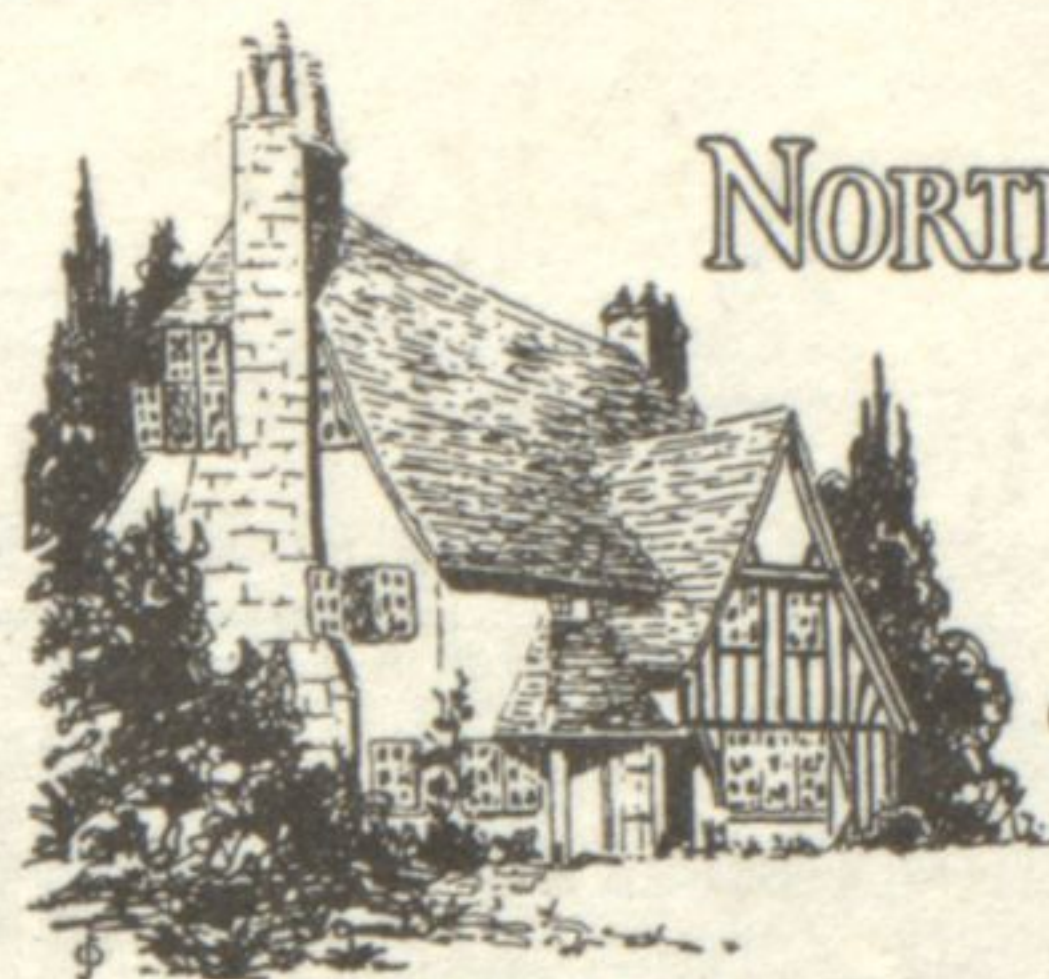
"Since most people love children and desire their welfare, many thought that the Child's bureau would tread a primrose path, but it was not so," said Miss Lathrop. Although it was generally agreed that a child had a right to a good home, to enough schooling to give him a fair chance, and to sufficient recreation. How to secure these for the child was another question. It soon becomes evident that lack of income or accident may prevent a family from giving a child these rights, therefore it becomes a governmental issue. "The best Child Welfare law yet passed," said Miss Lathrop, "is the Compulsory School law, for after all child education is the foundation rock of child welfare."

After stressing the fact that "It is no longer possible to think of your own child alone; that family, nation and world are related," Miss Lathrop closed her talk with two challenging statements: (1) "The great practical question today," said Miss Lathrop, "is what sort of people are we asking to administer these matters in regard to welfare?"; (2) "The greatest and nearest question for women's organizations to consider is how to make such offices attractive to our ablest citizens."

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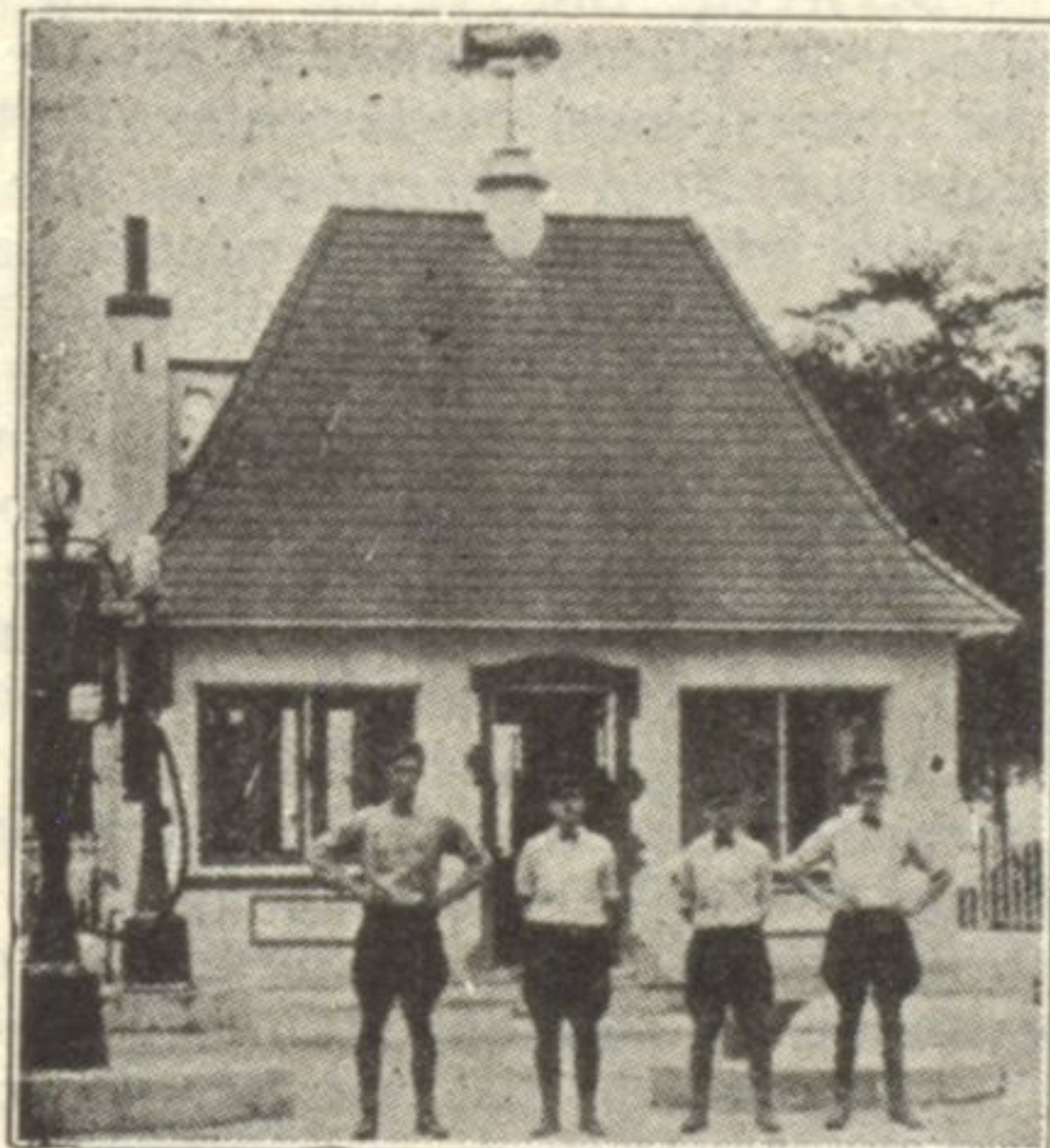
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