

## IF TRAINING WILL DO IT, THEY'LL HAVE IT

**"It" Meaning the Utmost in Efficiency Toward Which Our Firemen Are Striving**

The Winnetka Fire department, one of the best equipped in the state, both in regard to the building in which it is housed and in the apparatus with which it is provided to do its "Stuff," is going to go just one step further in the matter of attaining a reputation.

It proposes to be one of the best drilled departments in the state. G. M. Houren, chief, is himself recognized as an authority in his line of work, not alone in the local field in which he operates, but also throughout the state and nation, where he attends and participates in conventions of firemen.

### Get Detailed Instruction

And it is under his personal direction that the eight members of the department are now receiving detailed instructions in the various phases of the work. The Winnetka fire department has long enjoyed a reputation for efficient work, whenever called to duty, but in the same manner in which the old station quarters, which did service and the old equipment which sufficed to extinguish fires have been supplanted by the most up-to-date quarters and equipment, so the men, in keeping with the progressive spirit are anxious to become even more proficient in their work.

Consequently, the series of training periods which Chief Houren has installed. Chief Houren also appreciates the fact, he says, that conditions in Winnetka are quite different from what they were a few years ago, and that, whereas, there formerly were no large apartment buildings to safeguard, there are now several of these structures and the tendency of the growing and expanding village is to acquire more and more of them.

### Prepared for Emergency

The fire department, he says, is mindful of the increased responsibilities which come to it as a result of this progress, and it is to be always prepared for any emergency, that the "school of instruction" has been opened.

Practice and instruction in handling ladders; the method of getting them in-

to position in the least possible time; operation of the large extension ladder in which from five to six men are required; all the latest tricks in scurrying up a ladder with a line or hose; the knack of anchoring it there if that is advisable; tying of the proper knots in hose hoisting rope, when that process becomes necessary; the hoisting of a short ladder to the roof or a window; making engine hose connections; the rescuing of persons from a burning building, and particularly those who have become unconscious and have to be carried down a ladder; the Schaefer method of resuscitation, and scores of other things which arise in the form of emergencies into which the fireman is often thrust without as much as a second to deliberate on the better method of procedure.

### To Be Regular Stunt

"It is a case," Chief Houren says, "in which the firemen must be prepared for any emergency, and now, with our equipment the best it is possible to obtain, we propose to do our full share in preparing to operate it in the best manner possible."

All the foregoing practice stunts explain the maneuvers of the firemen which pedestrians in the vicinity of the engine house have been witnessing the past week. Some were of the opinion there was a Turnverein meet in session and others surmised the pretty lawn surrounding the fire department headquarters had been converted into an athletic field.

Both guesses were essentially wrong. It was Chief Houren putting his men through their paces. The men are proving so efficient, and at the same time are enjoying the "school" so much, that it is to become a regular part of the curriculum.

Philip vonAmmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst C. vonAmmon of 568 Elm street, has returned from a boys' camp at Shelby, Mich.

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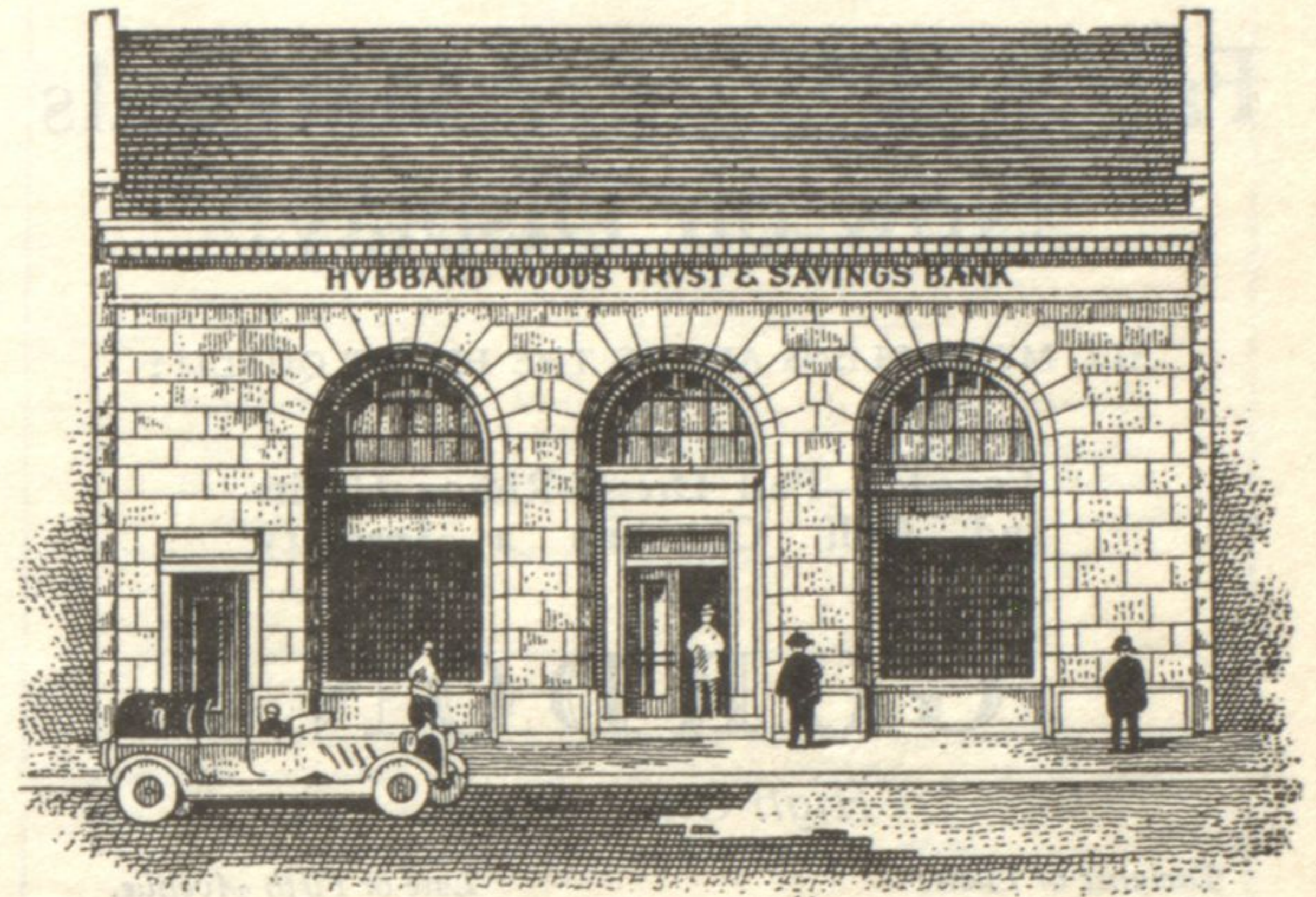
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