

ISSUE PROCLAMATION ON FIRE PREVENTION

North Shore Communities to Have Special Programs During Week of Oct. 9-15

Under the proclamation of Governor Len Small all cities and towns in the state of Illinois are asked to observe the period of October 9 to 15 as Fire Prevention Week with the holding of appropriate programs impressing upon the residents of the communities that losses by fire are generally preventable. Villages in New Trier are preparing special programs for the occasion.

The proclamation calls attention to the fact that a clean, well kept house seldom burns, and that every citizen owes it to himself and loved ones to see that rubbish is cleared up, that furnaces and flues are cleaned out and put in good shape and that every precaution be taken to relieve fire hazards.

The Proclamation

The proclamation reads:

"Property worth \$560,548,624 was wiped out by fire last year in the United States. Fifteen thousand lives were sacrificed. Illinois suffered \$24,968,006 of the loss.

"This vast waste is wholly unnecessary. Carelessness is responsible for at least three-fourths of it. If every individual would exercise ordinary care, the fire loss would be very small.

"Illinois, which has been a leader in so many movements can also be a leader in the great campaign to reduce fire waste, if public officials and citizens will co-operate.

"Now, therefore, I, Len Small, governor of Illinois, do hereby appoint and proclaim the week from October 9 to October 15, 1927, to be observed in the State of Illinois as Fire Prevention Week.

"A clean, well-kept house seldom burns. Every citizen owes it to himself and his loved ones to see that rubbish is cleared up, that furnace and flues are cleaned out and in good shape, that electrical wiring and gas connections are safe, that gasoline and

oils are not used near fires and that precautions are taken in all things which involve danger of fire.

Word to Business Folk

"Every business man and manufacturer should see that his place is kept scrupulously free from unnecessary fire hazards, that inflammable products are properly stored and that hazardous processes are kept under strict control.

"School officials are responsible for the safety of the children and it is their duty to provide fire-safe buildings, ample exits and to have regular fire drills.

"A similar responsibility and duty rests upon those having charge of theaters, hospitals, churches, hotels, public halls and other places where fire would endanger lives.

"Public officials should enforce strict fire regulations by proper ordinances and systematic inspections.

Ask General Co-operation

"Mayors, fire chiefs, chambers of

commerce and civic organizations should co-operate to see that a practical observation of Fire Prevention Week is had in every community. Instructive talks and programs should be held in schools. It is suggested that civic organizations devote a meeting in October to fire prevention and that this meeting be during Fire Prevention Week, if possible. Co-operation of press and pulpit is also invited."

Miss Pauline Stregel, niece of Mrs. Oliver Barrett, Abbottsford road, Kenilworth, recently has returned to Kenilworth after a year's absence spent at her home in Austria. Mrs. Barrett has had as her guest during the past week her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Procter, of Seattle, Wash., and her two grandchildren, Sally and David Procter. Doctor Procter has just been elected to the National Board of Surgeons.

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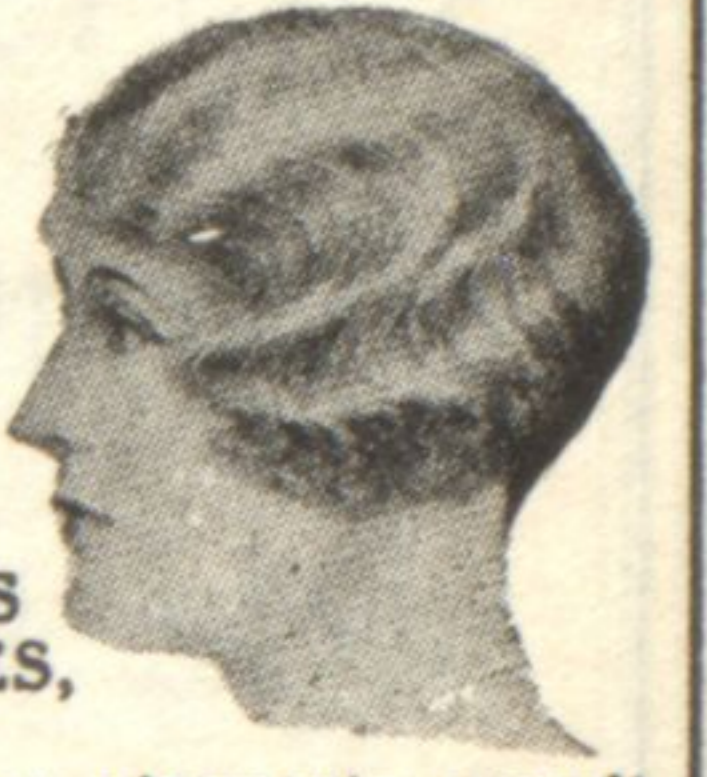
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