

LIGHT PETITION LAW CREATES CITY PROBLEM

Engineer's Office Can Not
Handle Work Without
Additional Staff.

Indianapolis city officials are confronted with a perplexing problem by the 1920 electric lighting law which has aroused protests at Hammond, Ind., that may become statewide.

The statute permits 60 per cent of the property owners in any city block to file with the board of works a petition for "extra illumination." The legal procedure set out includes legal advertising, public hearings, remonstrance and assessments, requiring the setting up of a new department in the office of City Engineer A. H. Moore.

Recommendation Ignored

Moore pointed out the requirement in a letter to city council, asking \$5,000 to employ a draftsman, and to operate the department. Council ignored the recommendation and cut the engineer's budget.

Clarence G. Baker, civic leader, filed the first petitions under the new law, requesting ornamental lighting on thirteen west side streets. The petitions were filed in July and no action has been taken.

Moore said it would be impossible to do any work under the new law with the present engineering staff before this winter, when work is slack. The board may decide to make no installations under the new law, since the plan would be unfair to persons already living on streets with ornamental lighting which was paid for by the city.

Installations Improbable

Gustave G. Schmidt, former city councilman and plan commission president under the Duvall administration, urged passage of the law by the legislature to permit Butler-Fairview residents to obtain more lights. The board of works likely will make no new installations in 1930, because of the limited appropriation.

A. E. Oltz, General Engineering and Sales Company of Hammond, Ind., who is leading a fight on the new statute, declared the law is "probably the most bold and arrogant piece of public utility legislation ever put over on any legislature," in a letter to A. B. Walton, manager of the Association of Certified Finciticians, Washington.

BALLOON, AIRPLANE AND HORSE PROVIDE THRILLS

Three Events at Once Result in
Tangle at Crawfordsville.

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 2.—Patrons of the Montgomery county fair on the closing day were given a series of thrills.

A balloon ascension, a horse race and an airplane flight was in progress concurrently. When the balloonist cut loose the gas bag dropped back to the fairground and was headed directly for a large group of persons. A blast of air from the propeller of the plane, however, deflected the balloon enough to cause it to light in the center of the race track.

The fall of the balloon frightened one of the horses in the race and he ran into a fence, throwing Driver William Adams to the ground and slightly injuring him.

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Crosses Atlantic on So Many
Occasions He's All Crossed Up.

By United Press
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 2.—Crossing the Atlantic is getting to be as prosaic for John Theodore Bischoff, 4, as going down the block on an errand.

John crossed the ocean with his parents when he was 2. During his stay with relatives in Germany he forgot how to talk English. Soon after he came back his mother died and John was sent back to Germany again to live with his grandparents and had to learn German.

Now he is back in the United States and struggling hard with the English language for the third time. When he crossed the ocean the last time John came alone and was met at New York by his father.

MALES GET A 'BREAK'

Women Enter Smoking Cars at Own
Risk, Judge Rules.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2.—Man, in his last stand against militant feminism, has received reinforcements her. Municipal Judge F. F. Gualano ruling that the smoking section of a street car is man's sanctum and that women enter at their own risk.

Judge Gualano rejected the claim of Mrs. Doris Zimann that John McVeity owed her \$50 for damages inflicted when cigarette ashes fell on her clothing.

BEES CAUSE OF FIRE

Efforts to Smoke Out Swarm
Destroys Home.

By United Press
VILLA GROVE, Ill., Sept. 2.—The W. F. Gulton farm home north of here was destroyed by fire in a peculiar manner.

A swarm of bees took quarters between the weather boarding of the structure and when occupants of the place attempted to smoke them out, the house caught fire. It was a total loss.

Murder Case to Be Tried

By Times Special
BEDFORD, Ind., Sept. 2.—One murder case is on the docket of Lawrence circuit court, which will convene here this week for the September term. It is that of James Brannon, 33, Cincinnati, charged with slaying his stepson, Edward Lucas, near here in May.

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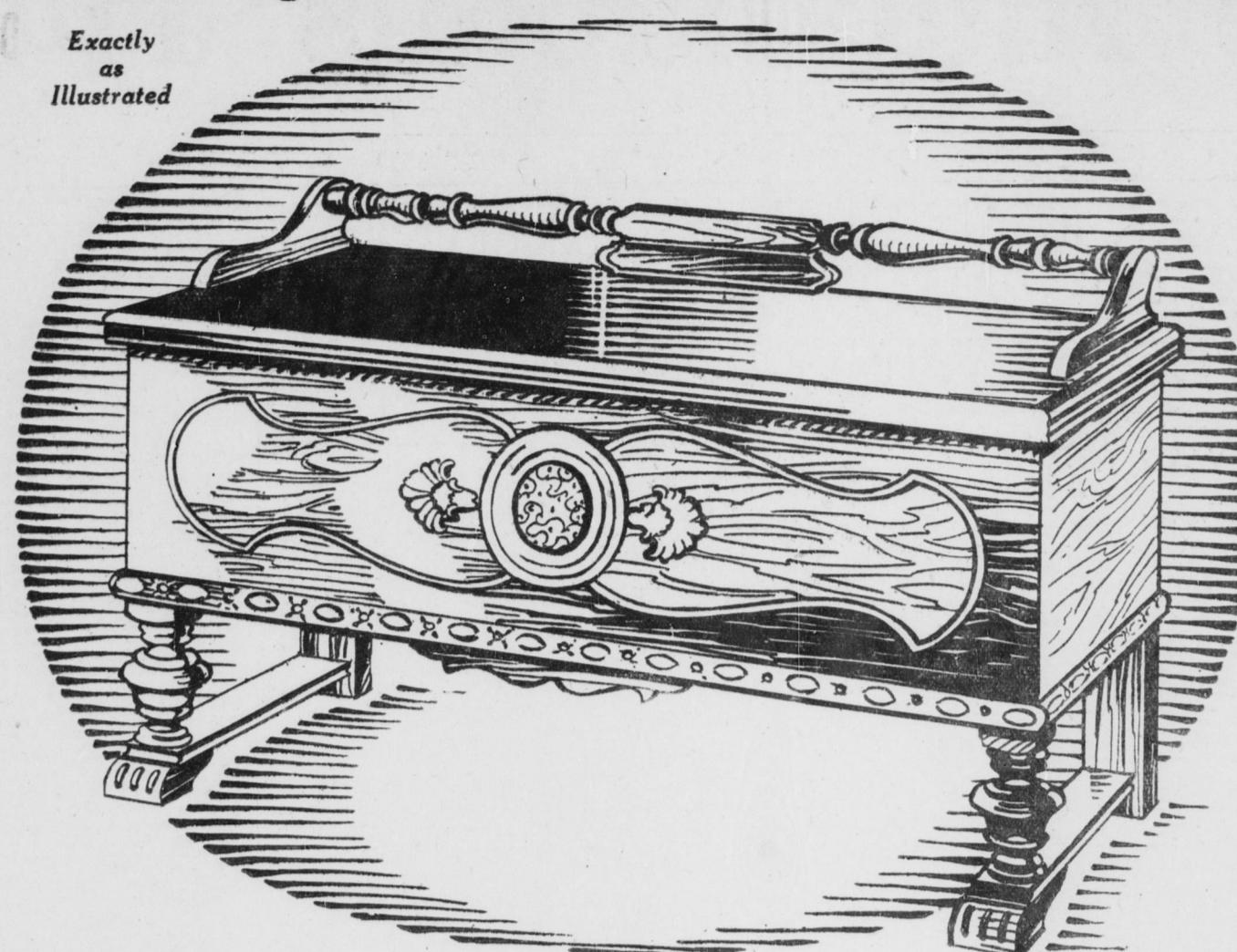
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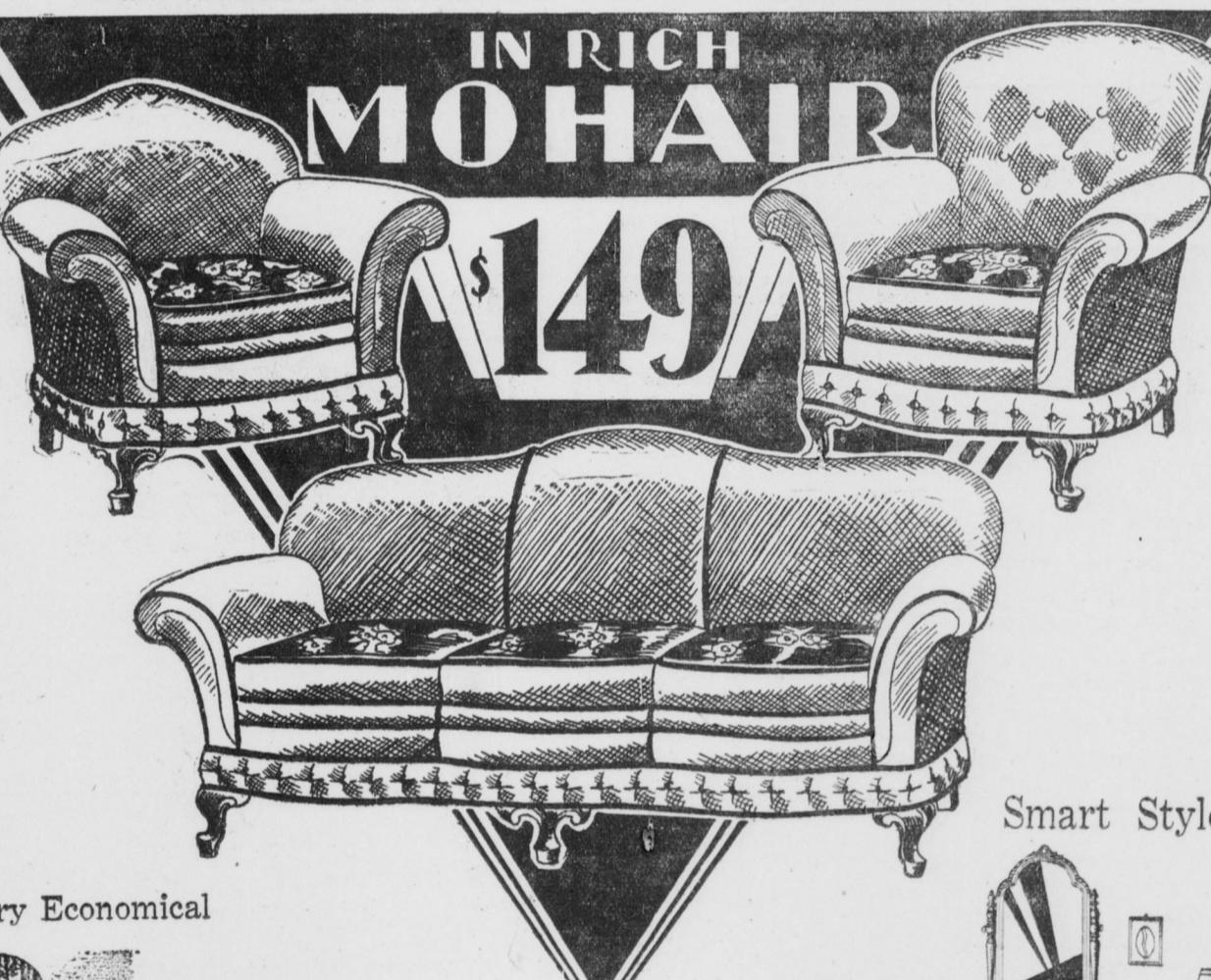
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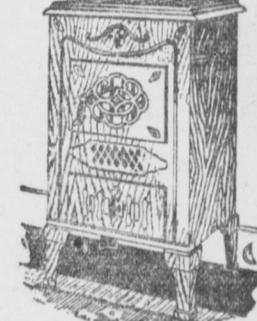
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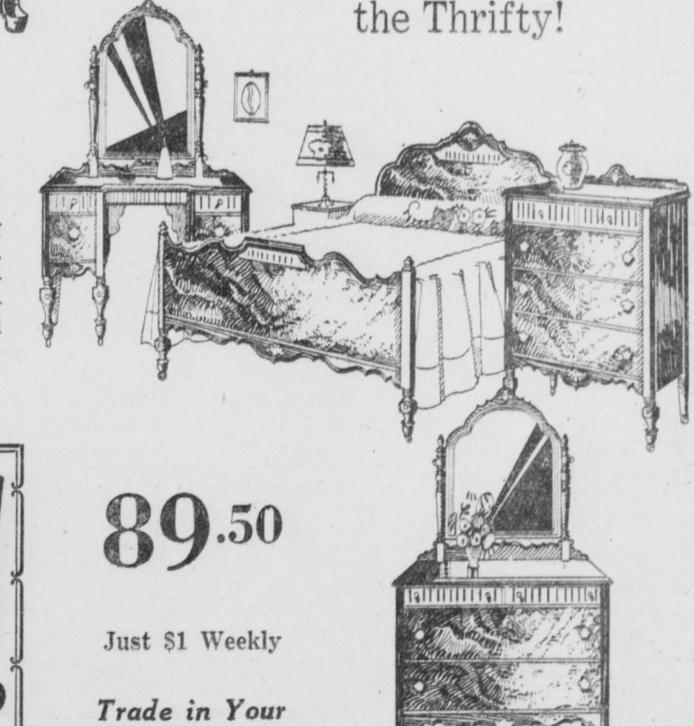
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