

VILLAGE COUNCIL SAYS GAS IS HIGH AND POOR QUALITY

An Explanation to the Public in Reference to Complaints about the Quality of Gas and the Price Charged for it.

Downers Grove, Ill., Jan. 16, 1922

Western United Gas & Electric Co., Aurora, Illinois.

Gentlemen:— Herewith an open letter to the Gas company.

The Village Council of Downers Grove are of the opinion that the Western United Gas & Electric Co. should lower the rate charged for Gas and furnish a better quality of gas to its consumers.

In the first place the Council are of the opinion that pleasant and satisfactory relations between a Public Service Company and the public can only exist when the Company recognizes its duties and obligations based on contractual moral responsibilities.

Since the granting of that franchise the Public Utilities Commission has been created by the Legislature and through its power, Public Service Companies have availed themselves of a legal way of breaking their original agreements.

The W. U. G. & E. Co. availed itself of this law and obtained an increase of 25 per cent. When its evidence was presented to the Commission at the time an increase was being sought, Congressman Copley who is the principal figure in the Gas Co. and also represents us in Congress, stated that his Company was using the best known methods for manufacturing gas.

Since that time, however, there has been a big decrease in cost of all these items, labor and oil especially, oil costing but little more than a third of what it did when application for increase was made.

When two or more individuals make a contract for the renting of a farm, the building of a house or any other thing, the law grants no relief, except for fraud to any of the contracting parties.

Many complaints warrant the statement that the gas is of low grade. Housewives complain of the long time required to cook with the gas.

The Council believes they are warranted in assuming the Company will correct the evils complained of and then "pleasant relations" will be the result.

This communication is not made because the Public Utilities Commission has reduced the price of gas in Chicago. The subject has been discussed before and this letter would have appeared two weeks ago but was withheld for minor changes in its phraseology.

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Mayor and Commissioners of the Village of Downers Grove, A. B. Snow, Village Attorney.

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MRS. NELSON GETS 202 TUESDAY IN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Downers Grove Reporters Go Wild and Break League Records.—In Second Place.

Mrs. A. P. Nelson smashed the high mark for local women bowlers and gave them all something to shoot at when she hit the wood in a match game Tuesday afternoon for a 202 count.

In the same game Mrs. Downes counted 144 making a total for the team of 620, which is also a league record.

A five pound box of chocolates will be given to the winning team in the Women's League by Mrs. R. C. Briggs. This is for the closing of the schedule February 7, as originally planned.

In the Business Men's League last week the Downers Grove Reporter five went wild. They broke all the league records and hoisted themselves into second place by taking three from the Buschmann Movers.

C. H. Staats broke the individual game record and also the hearts of several of his opponents, when he counted 255 in the middle game. In this game the team shot 855 for a league record, and came back in the next with 844.

Local bowlers lost the last three games of a six-game match to Lyons at Wm. Rusch's alleys in Cicero, last Sunday by 287 pins. The Lyons five were just too good in the aggregate for the locals, Nash, Albrecht, Mrkwicka, Bunning and Stump.

rolled Kase and Smith, losing the first three games by a very narrow margin but came back in the next three and swamped their opponents, Bunning giving Nash a little ride. Nash took on Jack, one of the stars of the Lyons outfit, and handed him a trimming in a three game set-to before the large crowd of rooters from Lyons, Downers and Cicero.

Following are standings of the local leagues:

Table with columns for Team, W, and L. Lists Business Men's League and Women's League members and their records.

LEGION FIVE IN TWO HARD LUCK GAMES IN WEEK

Lost to Brookline Presbyterians and Naperville in Overtime Contests.

Playing in hard luck twice within a week is the record made by the local Legion basketball five. They lost to the Brookline Presbyterians, of Chicago, 41 to 34, last Saturday night in the local gym and to Naperville 22 to 18, Wednesday night at Naperville.

Both of the games were tied at the

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end of the second half and the locals lost in the extra time played to decide the game.

In Saturday's contest it was 32 all at the finish after Brookline had led at the half, 20 to 18. Five minutes extra playing and the score was 33 all, each team getting one free throw. Another five minutes and Brookline had won by the apparently one-sided score of 41 to 31.

Wednesday evening at Naperville the locals had the game all sewed up and down as a win at the end of the first half when they led the strong Napervilleans by a 16 to 10 score. The second half was different, each of the home men eating a basket and at the close of the second half it was 18 all, Downers scoring only two free throws in this spasm.

The final score, 22 to 18 almost broke the hearts of the rooters who accompanied the team, they claiming that the referee not seeing one of the plays was responsible for the final out-

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