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THE ICE QUESTION

In a few months the price of ice has increased fifty per cent. In the spring the retail price of ice was \$10.00 a ton; on the first of July it rose to \$15.00 a ton. As a manufactured product, considering the raw material which is water, the cost of production was not greater in July than in April. The manufacturer's price—that is to say, the wholesale price—was \$3.50 in April and \$8.00 in July. To these prices the retailer has added, and continues to add with unrelenting regularity, \$7.00 per ton.

Highland Park's local manufacturer, the Purity Ice Company, produces twenty-nine tons a day. Highland Park consumes, during warm weather, approximately twenty-five tons per day. On the face of things it would seem that Highland Park should be able to have ice at the rate of \$8.00 per ton. But at this point, and, by the back door as it were, enters another element. Ice is not a utility. It is regarded as a commercial product and as such is subject to all the fluctuations of supply and demand.

Only a small portion of the general supply of ice is manufactured. The real source of ice comes from the ice-houses located on the Wisconsin lakes. These ice-houses are controlled by the Consumers Company of Chicago. There is a shortage of ice, due to the mild winter just past, and there being no state control of this product, as there is in the case of gas and electricity, the Consumers Company are getting their chance at profiteering by raising the wholesale price from \$3.50 per ton to \$8.00 per ton; and this is the reason and the whole reason why Highland Park pays \$15.00 a ton for a product that can be manufactured at a profit at \$3.50 per ton, and delivered at a profit at \$4.00 per ton.

The owners of the Purity Ice Company take the position that they have a right to sell their product at the market price, regardless of what that price may be. If the Consumers Company chose to make the wholesale price of ice \$15.00 per ton, the cost of ice to the citizens of Highland Park would be \$22.00 per ton, and so on.

Again, the owners of the Purity Ice Company maintain that they owe a duty to the people of Highland Park; that they are selling a product at its commercial value—that is to say, supply and demand. We do not think this is the correct view. Ice in hot weather is an absolute necessity. Favorable conditions would not justify any institution dealing with a public necessity to make an unwarranted profit.

The owners of the Purity Ice Company should take notice that the water, of which they use an enormous quantity, is supplied to them through a public institution—the Waterworks of Highland Park; that the City of Highland Park is under no obligation to furnish water for the purpose of making ice to be shipped out of Highland Park. It is probably well within the powers of the City of Highland Park to make a special rate for water to be furnished to ice companies, or to refuse to furnish water if the manufactured ice made from this water is to be used as a basis of profiteering or shipped out of Highland Park.

It is suggested that the Mayor and Commissioners have the power to compel the Purity Ice Company to sell ice to the local jobbers—Gallagher and Sjogstrom—at the price of \$3.50 per ton. The City owns the main supply—namely, the water, and there is no reason why the City should continue to supply water, and the citizens who own the plant be made the victims of a profiteering scheme in such an unwarranted manner. If the Purity Ice Company could make money by manufacturing and selling ice at \$3.50 per ton, and with no additional cost due to the increase in raw material, and if the Purity Ice Company raised the wholesale price \$4.50 on every ton in two months' time, this tremendous inflation is profiting no one but the Purity Ice Co. themselves. In the face of these facts, it is high time that the officers of our city government take matters in their own hands, and put a curb on this particular case of profiteering by exercising their control of the water supply.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Frank Knight of East Park Ave. entertained a few of his college friends at dinner last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Edna Heaton of Indianapolis, Ind., returned Monday having spent a few weeks as the guest of Mrs. E. P. Sedgwick.

Mrs. F. C. Noerenberg and Mrs. T. H. Decker are spending this week in Barrington.

Mr. Harry Maroney is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Erickson had as their guests on Tuesday their niece, Mrs. Ambrose Gibbons and small son, Ambrose Jr. of Everett.

Miss Lucille Cramer will return home from Milwaukee this week after a few days spent there.

Robert Rhinehart is spending two weeks at Paw Paw Lake.

Miss Margaret Arnsward spent a few days last week visiting relatives in Chicago.

Arthur Vetter left Tuesday for Menominee Falls, Wis., where he will spend a week as the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. F. Loomis.

Miss E. H. Frink of Chicago is visiting relatives in this city for a few weeks.

Miss Margaret Gibbs and nephew, Edward, left Tuesday for Nunitca, Mich., to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cooper.

Sgt. Herman Promelt arrived home last Monday after serving 18 months in France with the 415th Railroad Telegraph Battalion. Sgt. Promelt was president of the Highwood Arie F. O. E. and his lodge associates are planning a banquet in his honor for next week.

Mrs. Arthur Tillman and children left on Monday for the Barrington Park camping trip.

Mrs. E. C. Hopkins, of McGovern street, has returned from Argyle, Wis., where she spent the past two weeks.

Mrs. Kinolt, who underwent a rather serious operation last Thursday at the Fort Sheridan hospital, is reported as doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Short of Milwaukee, Wis., were the week end guests of Mrs. Fred Zahle on Onwentsia Ave.

Mrs. Warren Harrison and Mrs. A. Rhinehart left on Monday for Harrisonburg, Virginia, where they will visit relatives.

Miss Mollie McCaffrey and Stanley Crum left Tuesday for Newark, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crum.

Miss Rose Glass of Seattle, Wash., will spend a few days as the guest of the Misses Sedgwick.

Mrs. L. F. Harris has as her guest for a few days her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Columbus, Ky.

Mrs. William Kopp had as her Sunday guests Mr. Guy Clark of Detroit, Miss Louise Kopp of Chicago, and Mr. Frank J. Kopp of Detroit, and Mr. Frank Kopp of Detroit.

Miss Ruth Schwab will leave today for Naperville where she will remain for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lanlus are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Sunday, August 17.

Herbert Bowen writes from California that the Pacific Fleet is receiving a royal welcome from the people at Long Beach and Los Angeles, who are giving banquets and dances for them while they are there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheahan and son Gregory, spent a few days last week in Loretto, Ky., visiting Miss Mildred Sheahan.

Mrs. H. M. Bowen of Washkash, Minn., is spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fletcher.

Any who desire to donate vegetables to the poor of Chicago can do so by sending them to Bowden's Market on Mondays. Mrs. A. J. Metzler, tel. 977, will be glad to give further information to any who desire to contribute.

Mrs. William Brotherton, Jr., and two small daughters, who have spent the summer at McMillen, Mich., arrived last Sunday to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Abbie Bastin.

Mr. John Page of the 83rd company, 6th Marines, returned last Friday from the Army of Occupation, Germany, and will spend a few weeks with his uncle, Mr. Joseph Leaming.

Miss Mildred Mihills, who has been overseas for the past year with Unit 14, returned to her home a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Francis X. Barr and son, Lawrence, left Wednesday for Ocean City, N. J., where they will remain for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Eftown returned last Wednesday from an extended auto trip through Michigan and parts of Canada.

Miss Ethel Hill will spend a week in Chicago visiting friends.

Miss Caroline Freeman of East Chicago, Indiana, is the guest for a few weeks of Mrs. L. H. Rutledge.

Mrs. J. R. Morrison of Ravine Drive is spending a few weeks at Mission, Michigan. Her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, will visit in Baltimore, Md., for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Koon and children left last week for Crystal Lake where they will remain for two weeks.

Miss Camille Henry of Chicago was the week end guest of Miss Margaret Jones.

Miss Marie Weisenburg and Miss Irma Kramer of St. Louis, who have spent the past few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Denzel, left last week for Milwaukee where they will visit friends before returning to their homes.

Miss Virginia de Anguerra, returned last week from Steamboat Springs, Colo., where she has spent the past six weeks.

Mr. Fred Mantey and daughter, Edith, of Grand Junction, Colo., spent the past week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leaming.

Mrs. James Everett Allen of Montclair, N. J., who has spent the past week with her sister, Miss Helen Coale, will return to her home this week.

Mrs. Abbie Bastin, who has spent several weeks at the Columbia University, N. Y., returned home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark G. Wright and the Misses Margaret and Helen Vial, have just returned from a six weeks' trip in New York and will visit for a few weeks at La Grange.

Mrs. John Bell and daughter, Helen are the guests of Mrs. Ernest E. Forrest of Rockford, this week.

Miss Marion Gowdy and Miss Irene Hullehan of Chicago are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. William Ralph.

Miss Verna Swanson of Chicago was the guest of Miss Ethel Hill for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ritter are the happy parents of a baby girl, born Wednesday, August 13.

Mr. Emmett Maroney, who has been with the 6th Marines, 83rd company, for the past year, returned to this city last Friday having received his honorable discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Denzel and family left Sunday for a ten day auto trip to Detroit and Buffalo.

Mrs. Frank R. Chandler of Rush st., Chicago, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hobart Paul Young.

Mr. and Mrs. George Manniere, who have spent the summer months in this suburb, will return to their town residence on Bellevue Place on September 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mueller and daughter, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Levin, left last Wednesday for Atlanta, Ga., where they will make their home in the future.

Mrs. Ossel Shear returned Thursday from Elberta, Ala., where she spent a few days with her mother.

The Misses Margaret and Cornelia Bock of Milwaukee and Miss Agnes Mooney spent the week end at Des Plaines visiting friends.

Miss Vera Purdy of Fox Lake was the guest last week of Miss Elizabeth Flinn of East Park Ave.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Flitt left on Monday for Green Lake, Wis., for a month's trip.

Miss Myra Roberts of Wheaton is spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Roberts.

Miss Agnes Mooney left Monday for Milwaukee to spend a week with Miss Cornelia Bock.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Reesman and family are spending a few weeks at Centerville, Mich.

Miss Irene Needham of Chicago and the Misses Bessie and Grace Carolan of Everett were the guests of Mrs. J. E. McCaffrey Monday.

The Goelitz Confectionery Co. has opened a branch at Rochester, N. Y., and will be managed by Messrs. Arthur and Walter Goelitz. Mr. Arthur Goelitz will make his future home in Rochester with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duffy had as their Sunday guests, Miss Margaret Clark of Wheaton, Mr. Guy Clark of Detroit, and Miss Theresa Clark of Chicago. Mr. Guy Clark will remain a week.

Miss Catherine Sullivan and Miss Elizabeth Brown of Chicago are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sullivan.

Miss Dorothy Depew of Chicago is spending the week with her cousin, Miss Virginia de Anguerra, on Sheridan road.

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Wm. Wm. Hints of No. Sec... was operated on at the Chien... hospital. Tuesday morning operation proved a success... speedy recovery is hoped for.
The Highland Park News C... which has been located at 35... 1st Avenue moved their... this week to Albert Larson's... store, three doors east of... 1st Ave., where they will be... in the future.