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GAS COMPANY ASKS FOR HIGHER RATES

MILLARD WRITES MAYORS

Official of the Company Claims They Must Have Relief at Once or Face Bankruptcy

Following is a letter from Everett L. Millard, president of the North Shore Gas Company to the mayors of the municipalities served by that company:

To the Honorable Mayors of the Municipalities in the Territory served with Gas by the North Shore Gas Company.

Dear Sirs:

The North Shore Gas Co. is in critical need of new construction work during the coming year, at an estimated cost of \$200,000. It has no cash, and no possibility of obtaining further credit, to allow it to install such new construction or any material part of it. In default of such installation the service of the Company, which has been inadequately maintained under the most trying conditions for the past three years, will soon face at least partial failure.

I enclose herewith a copy of a petition which this Company has filed with the State Public Utilities Commission, setting forth these facts, of which I earnestly request your most careful consideration, in view of the great importance to the public of the maintenance of adequate gas service.

The Company has operated at a net deficiency for the past three years, of \$75,000. It has provided the new construction absolutely necessary to maintenance of service, and continued its operation without receivership during this period, by borrowing on demand notes from the Continental and Commercial National Bank the total sum of \$325,000, upon the guarantee of certain of its stockholders. Such credit is now exhausted, owing to the failure of this Company to receive a prompt or adequate relief in rates. We have been doing business at a 100 per cent increase in cost, with a 16 per cent increase in the rate schedule over that in effect until January, 1917, something that no business can long endure. Our estimated profit, above operating expenses and interest, for the year 1920, is \$20,000, which is all the money in sight available for new construction.

Numerous other public utilities, well run, have recently come to the same position, and filed petitions in bankruptcy, with the result that no new consumers can be served, and the supply of gas to industries must shortly be discontinued, owing to the necessity of guarding and conserving gas for homes and public consumers, with the further danger of a breakdown in operation, which will effect every home. The people are

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YOUTH SEVERELY CUT WHEN HATCHET SLIPS

August Haak, the son of Leo Haak, South Second street, last Saturday sustained a badly cut leg, when he struck it with an ax while chopping some kindling. He was sitting down chopping wood, when the ax slipped and inflicted a deep gash on his leg. A surgeon dressed the wound. The boy will be unable to work for a few weeks.

TERMS OF LEASE PUT BAN ON ALL LIQUOR

"Sahara isn't in it with this country," bemoaned a Highland Park renter yesterday morning, when he signed a lease which stipulated specifically that he should not "manufacture, or store malt beverages or intoxicating liquors on the premises." Even private stock and "home brew" are denied in this case. The lease was drawn up before Judge Smith.

DANCE AT WINNETKA WOMAN'S CLUB THURS.

The Syncopators announce their second social hop to be given at the Winnetka Woman's Club on Thursday evening, Feb. 26th. Music will be furnished by the Huntinghouse Music. All are cordially invited to attend.

BUSINESS MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Garnetts Take Three Straight from Palace Cash; Now Only One Behind the Leading Team

Garnetts took three straight from Palace Cash and now are only one game behind the leaders.

H. P. Press took two of the three from Harders Hdw. and are leading the league by only one game.

Rasmussen's Shoes took two from Steffens Tires and are tied for third place with Rel. Laundry.

Rel. Laundry pushed the Majestics into sixth place when they took three straight.

Tony's Barbers climbed out of the "cellar" when they took two of the three from the Bowman Dairy team.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
H. P. Press	26	7	787 29-33
Garnetts	25	8	757 18-33
Steffens's Tires	18	15	545 15-33
Rel. Laundry	17	16	515 5-33
Ras. Shoes	17	16	515 5-33
Majestics	14	19	424 8-33
Harder's Hdw.	13	20	390 30-33
Pal. Cash	13	20	390 30-33
Tony's Barbers	12	21	363 7-11
Bow. Dairy	11	22	333 1-33

High team game, Garnett's, 873, High team series, Garnett's, 2583.

TUESDAY, CHARLES RAY IN "THE CLODHOOPER"

Friday and Saturday, Douglas Fairbanks in New Picture, "When the Clouds Roll By"

Pearl Theatre will present the following pictures next week:

Sunday, Lucy Cotton and Wyndham Standing in "The Miracle of Love," Mack Sennett comedy; Monday, Jack Holt and Seena Owen in "Victory," "The Trail of the Octopus," Supreme comedy; Tuesday, Charles Ray in "The Clodhopper," Pictograph and two reel Hallroom Boys comedy; Wednesday, Alice Brady in "The Fear Market," Paramount Magazine and "Christie" comedy; Thursday, Ethel Clayton in "More Deadly Than the Male," Paramount Post Nature and Celebrated comedy; Friday and Saturday, Douglas Fairbanks in his newest and best picture, "When the Clouds Roll By," Roscoe Arbuckle in his latest comedy, "The Garage," also Burton Holmes. Matinee at two thirty.

SECOND OF SERIES OF CONCERTS, THURSDAY

Miss Robinson, Pianist and Miss Burmeister, Soprano, to Give Fair Here Next Week

Miss Carol Robinson, pianist, and Miss Anna Burmeister, soprano, are giving the second of a series of concerts next Thursday night at 395 Hazel Ave., Miss Robinson's home. The program is open to the public. Both young artists are well known. The first concert in January was pronounced a very great success.

TIME FOR YOUNG FOLKS TO GO TO THEATRE

Chicago is once more enjoying a short run of Shakespeare, E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe having returned on three plays only: "Taming of the Shrew," "Twelfth Night," and "Hamlet." They will be at the Studebaker for the remainder of this week and next week.

This is the time for young girls and boys to go to the theatre. Students in the High School should not miss Shakespeare.

MRS. TILLA LEONARD PASSES AWAY TUES.

Mrs. Tilla Leonard, aged 65, died suddenly Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rosenbaum, on Laurel avenue, as the result of a complication of diseases.

She leaves to survive her three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Birt, of Chicago, Mrs. Blanche Rosenbaum, of this city, and Mrs. Grace Shanley, of Burlington, Vt., and one son, Judson Rice Leonard, of Chicago Heights.

The remains will be shipped to Rockford, Ill., where funeral services will be held and interment made tomorrow.

COMMUNITY CENTER DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

ASSURED FOR THIS YEAR

Most of the Money Came in Small Subscriptions. Memberships Still Obtainable

The drive for the new Community Center has not only proved itself a great success, but it has justified the preservation of the Army and Navy Center for community purposes, and removed any lingering doubts in the minds of unbelievers. Subscriptions have come in. They have rolled in; and, incidentally, in the course of the week's drive, many touching little stories of family life and the social needs of family life have come to light.

One little woman come in with a young baby, and paid her subscription and that of the baby. The wife of a former jackie at Gt. Lakes, she said she had always longed to enjoy the rights and privileges of the Center just as her husband had always done, but she had never felt she had the right to do so. When the community took over the Center, however, she was very glad and wasted no time in getting a membership for herself and her young baby. Altho the baby is not half a year old, he has learned to enjoy himself in his baby buggy while the young mother sews or reads in the big living room and the father plays an occasional game of pool with the "boys."

Another case is that of a woman who did several days' cleaning at the Center and refused to accept pay on the ground that she wanted to donate that much, which was her share, to this great and splendid community enterprise.

Subscriptions in Small Amounts

Most of the money which has come into the Center has come through small subscriptions rather than through large donations. The bulk of the money collected during the drive last week came in subscriptions, of one, two, and three dollars where people joined the Community Service and took out memberships for their families.

Although nominally, the drive ended last week, memberships are still needed in order to carry on the work successfully. These memberships

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"CHARLEY'S AUNT" AT HIGHLAND PARK CLUB

A Farical Comedy by Brandon Thomas Under Auspices of Ossoli Club Saturday Evening

Saturday evening at eight o'clock sharp, a farical comedy in three acts entitled "Charley's Aunt," by Brandon Thomas will be given under the auspices of the Ossoli Club at the Highland Park Club. Following is the cast of characters given in the order of their appearance:

Jack Chesney, Mr. Leslie Schauflier; Brassett, Mr. L. L. Winters; Charley Wykeham, Mr. Egbert Spencer; Lord Fancourt Babberley, Mr. D. L. Cobb; Kitty Verdun, Mrs. Roger S. Vail; Amy Spettigue, Miss Catherine Schumacher; Colonel Sir Francis Chesney, Mr. Winchester Carver; Stephen Spettigue, Mr. H. A. Parkin; Donna Lucia D'Alvordorex, Mrs. Daniel Cobb; Ella Delehey, Mrs. R. A. Bard.

TWO RESIDENCES DAMAGED BY FIRE

Basement of John Mentzer Home is Burned Sunday, Follansbee Residence Catches Fire Mon.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock fire of unknown origin broke out in the basement of the John Mentzer residence on North First street, damaging it to the amount of about two hundred dollars. Through the good work of the fire department the blaze was kept in the basement so that there was no damage to the other part of the building.

On Monday afternoon the roof of the Merrill M. Follansbee home on Laurel avenue caught fire, but very little damage was done. The blaze was caused by sparks from the chimney.

LEGION RECEPTION IS AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

AT HIGHLAND PARK CLUB

Five Short But Interesting Addresses Given. Four Flags Presented to the Local Post

Last Monday night the local post of the American Legion invited the people of the town in to meet them and get acquainted. Their invitation, published in the newspaper, extended beyond the families of the Legion and included every one in Highland Park, Highwood and Deerfield. The result was a fine representative assembly of people, drawn together from the four corners of Deerfield Township, to partake of the hospitality of the Legion men.

After social greetings had been exchanged, Mr. J. B. Card, Commandant of the Dumaresq Spencer Post, made a short address of welcome, and, as commanding officer, presided over a brief program of informal speeches. Mrs. Francis Everett was first to speak, telling something of the organization of the Legion, what it meant to the country at large, and to the home town.

Captain Morgan then gave a very interesting talk on the Civil War days, and pointed out the difference between the Great War and the Civil War. In those days, he said, the men, when not actually fighting, were inclined to fraternize with one another, the north with the south. On days when no firing was going on, men might be seen with little white flags of truce hoisted over them, going out to make chance encounters with the enemy, to talk things over, exchange legging, cigarettes, and newspapers, the north for the south.

After a short talk by Rev. Fitt, Mr. Samuel Holmes, on behalf of the Mayor and the people of Highland Park, presented the Legion with five large flags, the Stars and Stripes, and the flags of the Allies, which had previously been carried in by an escort of six Boy Scouts. These Scouts had taken their position on the platform at the beginning of the program, the flags making a very impressive background for the occasion. The flag bearers were: Wallace McIlvaine, Bob Rogers, Arnold Mason, Theodore Barr, Charlie Masterson, and Jack Norcross.

Mr. J. B. Card, after accepting, on behalf of the Legion, the flags presented by the Mayor and citizens of Highland Park, read the following telegram from the Major:

"It is with extreme regret that I have to advise you that important business in New York makes it impossible for me to be present at the

CHARLES GLASS BUYS BUSINESS BUILDING

Charles Glass has just closed a deal with Charles Preston of Portland, Ore., whereby he becomes the owner of the two-story frame building on Waukegan avenue, Highwood, in which he has conducted a dry goods, clothing and shoe store for the past five years.

The lot has a frontage of 75 feet on Waukegan avenue and is just opposite the Highwood depot.

STRIVE TO MAINTAIN WEDNESDAY CLOSING

Many of the local merchants are much agitated over the alleged violations of the Wednesday afternoon closing custom. Although there is no set rule or law which compels business houses to close at noon Wednesday, all followed the custom voluntarily until recently. Pressure is being brought to bear to secure the cooperation of all Highland Park business men, in maintaining the Wednesday holiday for store employees.

STEWART CANINE WINS FAME AT RECENT SHOW

A recent edition of a Chicago paper printed a picture of "Strathway Princess," the prize winning bull dog belonging to Alexander H. Stewart of Highland Park. The picture was taken at the forty-fourth annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel club, New York, where "Strathway Princess" took high honors.

BENEFIT BRIDGE PARTY SWELLS COLLEGE FUND

Affair Given at Highland Park Club by Smith College Women Nets Over \$350

Last Tuesday afternoon the Smith College women of Highland Park gave a bridge party at the Highland Park Club in honor of their Alma Mater that they might swell that four million dollar fund for her honor and glory.

This benefit, long planned by the committee in charge, proved to be a very successful expedient, and netted them something over three hundred and fifty dollars. Many donations were received in addition to the receipts from the tables, and Smith alumnae from various points on the north shore and Evanston were in attendance.

It was a very large party, the tables completely filling the large room at the Club. Springtime prevailed for the afternoon while the Smith colors of yellow and white dominated the scene, appearing in flowers and banners, and in the white and yellow sequins worn by the hostesses.

The committee in charge of the benefit were very much gratified by the manner in which the Highland Park women responded, and the consequent results which they obtained.

Y. W. C. A. SPECIALIST TO SPEAK SATURDAY

Miss Edna Buchanan From Headquarters to Talk on "The Psychology of Girlhood"

The Sunday school teachers of all the girls' classes of the community, the Girls Scout leaders and the Y. W. C. A. club leaders and all who are interested in the problems of the "teen age girl" are urged to attend a meeting at the Y. W. C. A. rooms on Saturday, February 21, at 2 p. m. Miss Edna Louise Buchanan, a specialist in girls' work from the National Y. W. C. A. board in New York will talk on "The Psychology of Girlhood."

Miss Buchanan has had a great deal of experience in work with girls and is sure to give a most interesting and helpful talk on the phases of the problems which concern all leaders of girls. After her talk there will be opportunities for an informal discussion.

ELIZABETH IRWIN WINS BEAUTIFUL BEADED BAG

One Hundred Chances Sold on Bag Made By Wounded Soldier at Fort Sheridan Hospital

Miss Elizabeth Irwin, 316 Maple avenue, held the lucky number which drew the beaded bag made by a wounded soldier at Fort Sheridan.

The bag was made by hand and represents weeks of patient, tedious work as well as large expenditure of money, the silver top alone being estimated at \$17.50.

Some of the women of Highland Park, appreciating the amount of labor which had gone into the making of the bag, undertook to raffle it off so that the bag would realize the greatest possible amount for the soldier. Accordingly one hundred chances were sold at one dollar each and last night at the Community Center the draw was made with the result that 28 proved to be the lucky number and Miss Elizabeth Irwin the lucky person to hold it.

MRS. FISKE SOON TO APPEAR AT POWERS

Mrs. Fiske will open for a limited engagement at the Powers Theatre, shortly in "Miss Nelly of N'Orleans," a new comedy of the Old South. It is a play of young love that finds its fulfillment at the fountain of eternal youth. The play is set against the fascinating background of New Orleans with its rich contrasts of the Creole quarter on one side, modern bustling New Orleans on the other, and a glimpse of picturesque negro life adding a final touch of vivid color to the picture. Mrs. Nelly brings into play Mrs. Fiske's unexcelled equipment for high quality.

JOHN GRENVILLE MOTT DIED TUESDAY MORNING

SUFFERED SHORT ILLNESS

Was One of Highland Park's First Citizens; Served in Union Army During Civil War

The announcement of the sudden death of John Grenville Mott Tuesday morning, February 17, was a shock to his friends, few of whom knew that he had been ill. On the previous Saturday he had been in Chicago and with other members of his family had gone to a play and had greatly enjoyed it. The following day he suffered an attack of angina pectoris from which however, he seemed to rally, so that on Monday he insisted upon coming down stairs to his meals.

On Tuesday morning, his son, Russell, before starting to the city, stopped in to see him and found him cheerful and apparently better, and yet before this son reached the station his father died, quietly and without pain. It was a beautiful way for him to go, with a long and happy life behind him, surrounded by those who loved him, and without suffering. There is only the sense of personal loss remaining with those of us who miss his dear and familiar presence.

Mr. Mott was born in Ohio in 1843. He served in the Union army during the Civil War. He married Miss Rue Winterbotham in 1874 and they lived in Michigan City, Ind., until 1910, when they came to Highland Park. Two children survive him, his son, Russell Mott, and his daughter, Genevieve, now Mrs. Frank Mulford.

In business he was vice president of J. H. Winterbotham & Sons, Chicago. He was a member of the Chicago Athletic, Exmoor, Highland Park and Adventurers Clubs, the Indiana Society and the Indiana Sons of the Revolution. In the last two organizations he had served as president.

Mr. Mott had a wide circle of friends and occupied a warm place in the affections of all who were privileged to know him. He was a gentleman in the best sense of the word, a man of delicate courtesy and fine feelings, and yet a man without a trace of affectation or sham. He was a man of ardent convictions and strong likes and dislikes, loyal and generous to his friends and fair and just in all his dealings.

He was first of all a man's man, an out doors man and a sportsman. He was a big game hunter and fisherman, a lover of nature and wise in her ways. Like most men of that type he was simple in his tastes and unaffected in his manners. He had travelled extensively and was an omnivorous reader, so that his well stored mind and his retentive memory made him a most interesting companion. He believed in and practiced the old fashioned virtues and proprieties and unless detained for some urgent reason was always to be seen in his accustomed place in Trinity Church on Sunday morning.

He belonged to a generation that is rapidly passing from us, a generation of old fashioned people, warm friends, devoted husbands and fathers. To those who loved him his memory will always be a benediction.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock on Sunday at the home. Burial will be in Graceland cemetery.

BENEFIT PLAYS AT HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY

Cumcock Players of Northwestern University Draw Large Attendance

The Cumcock players from the Northwestern University gave a very successful performance at the high school last Tuesday evening, consisting of three one-act plays by modern authors. The entertainment was given as a benefit under the auspices of the Woman's Club. Although the financial returns are not yet ready for publication, owing to the fact that many tickets are outstanding, there is every reason to believe that the evening's entertainment was a marked financial success.

The girls' gymnasium at the High School was crowded at an early hour, so much so that those who came in the last few minutes before the appointed time, were obliged to take seats in the back of the room.



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