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**PLANS IMPROVEMENTS**

MUCH BUILDING IN 1923

New Line From Waukegan to Church St., Evanston, Chief Feature; Maywood & Joliet Line

Review of the proposed improvements to be effected by the Public Service company during 1923 indicates that this will be a year unequalled in building and extension work in the territory covered by this corporation.

The part of the year's improvement plan which is, of course, of overshadowing importance deals with the construction of the great Waukegan electric generating station and the 30,000 kw. unit addition to be made to Station No. 9 at Joliet.

Both of these works are progressing as rapidly as possible. Both have been fully described.

The Waukegan plant is expected to be performing service by fall, by which time the added unit at station nine will be in operation.

In the year's construction program a prominent feature is a line 28 miles in length extending from the new generating station located at Waukegan to Church street in Evanston, that is to a new up-to-date sub-station to be built at that point.

The line will occupy a private right of way secured by the company paralleling the C. & N. W. R. R. It will be sustained on steel towers having a height of approximately 85 feet with bases from 18 to 21 feet.

Apart from the attention its thoroughly modern character will attract to it, great interest will attach to the operating condition which will be created for the line. Energy will be transmitted at 132,000 volts and thus it will be the "highest" "high line" in this section of the country at least. At the Church street sub-station before mentioned this pressure will be stepped down to 12,000-v, 33,000-v and 4,000-v according to requirements of the circuits feeding out of the sub-station to supply the varied demands of the region penetrated by wires leading from it—a region growing in population rapidly.

**Thirty Miles Long**

A line approximately 30 miles long will be built extending from station nine, Joliet, to Maywood. It will be a 33,000 volt class "A" line on wooden poles with probably several towers at railroad crossings. Its termination as said will be at Maywood but it will enter a sub-station at Bellwood where such of the energy as is required for distribution in nearby smaller towns will be reduced. Onward to Maywood the line current under 33,000 volts will be carried underground—the first high voltage line in the system thus disposed of. The chief purpose of the line which will be in operation about the time the new generating unit is installed in station nine will be to meet the great and growing demand for energy in the western industrial district served by the company.

The plan of placing 33,000 volt transforming apparatus outdoors at sub-stations, examples of which have been described in the Press is to be followed at Kankakee, Wilmington and Maywood.

Plans are being drawn up for the construction of a new dam and hydraulic station at Aroma Park, Ill., on the Kankakee River, about four miles from Kankakee.

**WRITERS SELECTING FAVORITE 10 BOOKS**

SIMILARITY OF TASTES  
 Great Authors Frequently Pick Same Works, Says Reviewer Discussing Recent Experiment

Lately at the request of the North American Newspaper Alliance and for its use in a series of articles, George H. Doran company asked a number of authors to submit each a list of ten books that, on the whole, had afforded him the greatest enjoyment. Aldous Huxley, Frank Swinnerton, Rebecca West, V. Sackville-West, Hugh Walpole, Margaret Culkin Banning, Sophie Kerr, Amanda Hall, Irvin S. Cobb, Albert Payson Terhune, Anne Parrish, Robert Cortes, Holliday and Stewart Edward White were ones who responded very promptly. Some, like Mr. Walpole and Mr. Cobb, merely gave ten titles, others, like Rebecca West and Mrs. Banning and Amanda Hall, furnished brief comments on the books chosen and the one or two which couldn't be crowded in the "first ten." Some numbered the books, in the order of their enjoyability, others attempted no such nice discrimination.

**Similarities of Taste**

The answers, in their complete form, are being presented to the millions of readers of certain American newspapers. It is to a few similarities or novelties of taste displayed that I would invite your attention says Grant Overton, himself an author of note, in discussing the replies. Arnold Bennett did not furnish a list of ten, but remarked in a letter of reply that the author that he re-reads oftener is Stendhal. Frank Swinnerton, whose list differed from others in giving his literary pleasures chronologically, beginning with "Little Women", topped

off with Stendhal. Both Huxley and Holliday included Rabelais. Dostoevsky was a marked favorite, generally with "The Brothers Karamazov." Rebecca West was one of several to specify Walter de la Mare's "Memoirs of a Midget," and, defending the Dore illustrations for "Don Quixote", the author of "The Judge" remarks: "I know painters say they're bad art, but they're thundering good literature."

Conrad included Readers of "Challenge" will not be surprised to find Conrad's "Nostromo" in Miss Sackville-West's list, though they may be astonished (without cause, I am convinced) to learn that Huxley gets keen enjoyment from Charles Dickens. Sophie Kerr and Amanda Hall agree upon "A Shropshire Lad." Swinnerton, Cobb and Miss Hall all name "Huckleberry Finn" (Cobb puts first the Book of Job); Anne Parrish, author of "A Pocketful of Poses," Mr. Walpole, Margaret Culkin Banning and Miss Sackville-West named either "Puthering Heights" or "Jane Eyre." Stewart Edward White likes "Moby Dick." It remained for Albert Payson Terhune to spring the Great (to me) Unknown. He set down the title, "Guy Livingstone." In my stupidity I asked if he didn't mean "Guy Mannering." Well—he did not. Mr. Terhune explained that "Guy Livingstone" was written in the 1850's by George Lawrence, an Englishman. He quoted Brander Matthews: "Livingstone was the legitimate sire of every Ouida hero"—which removed a lingering and doubtful doubt in my mind about those Ouida heroes. "The book is old-fashioned," said Mr. Terhune, "but it has a mighty kick and it has some gorgeous philosophy, too." Almost I am persuaded.

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