

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANTS ARE BUYING**

**PATRONIZE BIG CONCERNS**

**Expert Declares That While They Are Still in Existence, In Many Instances Are Dependent**

Professor Herbert B. Dorau, a member of the staff of Northwestern university's institute for research in land economics and public utilities today addressed the state convention of the Illinois Utilities association in annual convention at Springfield, and stated that while municipally-owned electric light and gas plants are not going out of existence, they are rapidly changing from power-producing units to power buying plants.

The old electric light plant that used to produce its own electricity and distribute it about the town or city, is now in many cases standing but is buying its energy from one of the larger companies whose transmission lines can be conveniently connected up. It seems that the large transmitting company is thus superseding the small electric-producing unit, although the plants themselves still stand and distribute energy.

**Traces Development**  
Professor Dorau traced the development of municipal ownership in the electric light and power industry showing that it has always been an aspect of the organization of this utility and that, although as early as 1900 and at frequent intervals since, its decline and disappearance has been predicted the number of municipally-owned plants has increased steadily and rapidly down to the present time. In more recent years, however, a transformation and change in both the character and extent of municipal ownership in this industry seems to be taking place. The municipally owned plants are rapidly changing from a condition of self-sufficiency in which they themselves produced the current which they distribute to a condition of dependency in which they either purchase all or part of the electricity which they sell.

**To Private Ownership**  
"These changes in the character of the municipally owned plant," he said, "are also being accompanied by an increasing number of changes from municipal ownership to private ownership. These changes in both the character and extent of municipal ownership in the electric light and power industry I attribute not to any general change of beliefs in either the principle of public or private ownership, but to the irresistible force of a changing technology in the electrical industry. These technological changes are principally two in character: The economies in electrical production in the large central plant and the increasing range of economical long-distance transmission. It would seem that the municipal establishments will have to readjust themselves to this change in technology or rather generally pass out of existence.

**Cites Instances**  
The fact that municipal establishments have already readjusted themselves to these changed conditions, Professor Dorau illustrated by the results of his studies of the history of municipal ownership in the states of Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

For Wisconsin he showed that out of the 115 municipal electric light and power establishments which existed in that state some time or other between 1891 and 1926, 26 have changed from municipal to private ownership, leaving 89 municipal establishments in 1926; out of this 89, 14 continue to generate enough current to satisfy their entire demand, 12 generate only part of the current which they distribute and 63 purchase from private power companies the entire amount of their distribution.

He illustrated these changes further by reference to the history of municipally owned plants in Massachusetts, where, although the number of publicly owned plants has not decreased this gradual evolution from self-sufficing plants to plants purchasing part of their output to plants purchasing all of their requirements has gone much further, so far indeed that in 1926 no municipally owned plant was self-sufficing while only 11 generated part of their current and 31 out of 42 purchased all their requirements from other generating stations.

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**Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in Appreciation of Rev. G. S. Keller**

The Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church, Highland Park, desire to place on record their high appreciation of the Christian character of their late rector, the Reverend George Sherman Keller, and their sense of the great loss which they, and all the parish, have sustained in his sudden and untimely death which occurred on February 17, 1927.

The Reverend George Sherman Keller became rector of Trinity Church, and entered upon his duties here upon the first Sunday after Easter, April 11, 1926.

From the very first he impressed us with his evident sincerity, his devout Christian character, his cheerful friendliness and his quiet confidence and efficiency.

As priest, pastor and preacher, he made an instant appeal to us all and as time went on he so thoroughly approved himself to our congregation and to the whole community as a man of deep personal piety, of intense conviction and of untiring industry in the Master's work, that we gave him our fullest confidence and support and our affectionate allegiance.

He was loyal to the established customs and traditions of the parish as he found them and he built wisely upon the foundations already laid and so cemented the loyalty of the older members of the congregation and made many new friends by his fine and consecrated enthusiasm.

Not only in the parish but in the larger circle of the diocese he won recognition by the fine qualities of his heart and mind, and it was at Rockford on February 17, 1927, as he was about to begin his journey home again, after three days of most successful and inspiring preaching and personal work for the Bishop's Crusade, that he suddenly fell, like a soldier stricken in the moment of victory, while leading a gallant charge.

As priest, pastor and friend, we pay him our tribute of affection and we pray that the Master, whom he

served so faithfully in this life, may reward him with life eternal and bliss unending in the life beyond the grave upon which he has entered.

**TEACHERS KNOWN HERE ARE ON COMMITTEES**

**Highwood, Libertyville, Waukegan Represented; Simpson Is Chairman**

Several Lake county teachers were appointed on committees at the annual meeting of the Lake Shore division of the Illinois Teachers' association, which came to a close last evening at the Evanston high school.

T. Arthur Simpson, county superintendent of schools, was reappointed chairman of the executive committee, and John S. Clark, Waukegan school superintendent, was reappointed as chairman of the resolutions committee.

The new committee members are: Rose Thorson of Wadsworth, chairman of the rural school committee; T. A. Hudson of Libertyville and W. A. Thomas of Highwood.

Nearly 500 Lake county teachers attended the affair this year and over 3000 met during the sessions.

Speakers from all over the country gave addresses on the different phases of work found in school.

**SPRING RECITAL OF GLADYS HIGHT SCHOOL**

The Gladys High school of dancing is having its spring recital two nights at the Eighth Street Theatre, Wabash avenue at Eight street, May 18 and 19, Wednesday and Thursday.

This will be eighth year of Gladys Hight's ballet which she calls "Ballet Unique of 1927." The program will include a children's ball called "Hollywood" and an adult ballet of a hundred people. This will be a *Bachonale* and will present an adagio group of twenty men and women students.

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