

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT DISCUSSED

Engineering Firm in Letter to City Club Head Offers Some Figures

The following letter regarding the financing and cost of a municipally-owned electric light plant in Highland Park has been received by President A. E. Smith of the City club, from C. M. Garland & Co., consulting and construction engineers, Chicago. It gives approximate figures on the cost of such a plant, points out how it might be financed and indicates approximately what the revenues might be.

The Letter

Chicago, June 7, 1932

Mr. A. E. Smith, President, City Club,

Highland Park, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with conversation of several days past I am outlining briefly the possibilities of a municipally operated electric light and power plant as a means for the reduction of taxes in the City of Highland Park. The figures I am giving below are only approximations as I have not as yet had the opportunity of obtaining actual figures on the distribution system in Highland Park from the Commission at Springfield.

We estimate that the total gross income of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois from the City of Highland Park approximates \$375,000 a year. We estimate that the annual operating expense for a municipally owned plant to supply this current would be approximately \$15,000 a year, and the net income at approximately \$250,000 a year. This income would be available for setting aside depreciation, paying interest on the investment in the plant and retiring any securities (Continued on page 33)

Sunset Valley Tee Club Activities Are Noted; Coming Events

The matches and tournaments scheduled to be held Tuesday by the Tee Club of the Sunset Valley Golf club, were postponed because of the rain.

During the week the first rounds for the June tournament were played off. The winners were: first flight, Miss Tschirgi, Mrs. Charles Elwell, Mrs. Tim Lowry and Mrs. Irving Schur; second flight, Mrs. Frank Hill, Mrs. Victor Fabian, Mrs. Hostetter and Mrs. F. J. Shelton; third flight, Mrs. James Heed, Miss Marion Steever, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Bell.

Next week's event is to be an 18-hole scratch event followed by a luncheon in the club house. At two o'clock there will be an approaching and putting contest. Plan to come in the morning, stay for lunch, when the prizes for the morning's prizes will be presented and enter the afternoon's contests. If you are not a member and are eligible send your dues to Mrs. Robert Price, care of Dr. Hugo Fischer, Sycamore place, Highland Park, this week-end and join in next week's events.

Representatives of Women Voters at National Convention

Mrs. Frank P. Hixon, of Lake Forest, and Mrs. James W. Morrison, formerly president of the Illinois League of Women Voters, are members of the delegation of the National League of Women Voters attending the Republican National convention in the interests of their League proposals.

With other members of the committee from the League they heard Miss Belle Sherwin, national president, issue to the press the "platform for the times" which the League is proposing and which Miss Sherwin came to Chicago expressly to make public.

Miss Sherwin said: "This platform for the times aims to declare the unquenchable concern of women in issues they believe fundamental, and to summon women throughout the country to use now the power they have gained in twelve years as voters.

"That platform demands genuine reduction of costs of governments and points out means of reduction; but it insists that reductions must be made with an eye to efficient administration and to the health of the next generation.

"That platform demands relief from unemployment, direct relief of human want, and measures preventing unemployment, tested and adopted to supplement each other as mainstays in warding off the destruction, they now know, is another name for unemployment.

"Finally the platform meets the challenge of the world by demanding progress in this country in international co-operation, progress in understanding what it means, progress in acts of international agreement to reduce armaments, to make the Pact of Paris work, to adhere to the World Court."

Further, Miss Sherwin points a warning finger at "two deep-seated needs, the need for the consideration of the tariffs at home and abroad, the need for systems of taxation adequate to future budgets.

"The issues the women put forth are few. The task to which women in city and country are called is to spread far and near knowledge and understanding of the questions at stake. Hard facts and measures to match them, the attitude of candidates to both, must be turned persistently to grind out the decisions of voters.

"The League of Women Voters calls women to rise this summer, and work on this platform. It declares to all men and women that on this platform of fundamentals the people of this country will be tested and proved worthy, or otherwise, of the ideas and responsibilities they have inherited."

Dr. A. S. Pearl Opens Office in Highwood

Dr. Allan S. Pearl of Oak park is opening an office in the Laegeler building in Highwood. Dr. Pearl received his training in surgery at St. Luke's hospital, Chicago, and comes to Highland Park highly recommended.

Salvation Army to Conduct Annual Drive This Week

The Salvation Army's annual home service appeal will be launched this week in Highland Park to raise funds to help continue the work of the Army's state-wide institutions and social service departments according to Roy James Battis, educational director of the Army, who has been interviewing members of last year's appeal committee here.

Similar campaigns are in progress at this time in all of the cities and towns of Lake county in an effort to raise a quota of approximately ten cents per capita which would total about \$1,000 for Highland Park. This amount has been asked each year for the past two years and the committee hopes that the quota will be raised this year.

Funds are greatly needed because practically every institution and department has been taxed to capacity the past year and letters are being mailed this week to all in Highland Park soliciting their contribution.

Among the institutions and departments which have served the people of Lake County for which its citizens should feel greatly indebted are: the Woman's Home and Hospital, which cares for unmarried mothers and their babies; the Women's Emergency Lodge which provides temporary care for stranded women and children or others awaiting some permanent adjustment of their problems; the Missing Friends department which helps to locate persons disappearing from their homes; the prison department which carries messages of hope and cheer to those incarcerated in the jails and prisons, always with that hope for rehabilitation against the time that the unfortunate ones may return to their homes or former environment; the Men's Emergency Shelters, which in the last six months have given 1,619,306 lodgings and served 4,370,505 meals to homeless men, hundreds of whom have come to the Army from every county in the state.

Local Young People Graduate Monday

The following Highland Park young people were among the graduates at Northwestern university on Monday:

Wilton Aikin, 1726 Rice street Bachelor of Science in Commerce; Claire Coddington Balke, 40 Deer Park, Dr., S., Bachelor of Science; Rudolph George Buller, 721 Glencoe avenue, Bachelor of Science in Engineering; Lawrence M. Davis, 809 Green Bay road, Master of Business Administration; Alfred J. Gourlay, 712 Lincoln avenue, Bachelor of Science in Commerce; Betty Imig, 114 South Deere Park, Bachelor of Science in Speech; Roy Leighton Jacobus, 1835 Kincaid street, Bachelor of Science; Beatrice Adele Julin, 2512 Deere Park, Dr., Bachelor of Science; John Ruger Norcross, 304 Central avenue, Doctor of Medicine; Richard R. Parkin, 234 Laurel avenue, Juris Doctor; Frank J. Sorg, 2168 Lakeside place, Bachelor of Science in Commerce; Elise Weisenberger 1201 South Sheridan road, Bachelor of Science in Speech.

PLAN TO CUT COUNTY BUDGET NEXT YEAR

Chairman Vercoe of Board Has Reductions in View; May Reach \$100,000

Major slashes all down the line will be made in the county appropriation that comes up in December with the possibility that \$100,000 will be cut off the bill, according to a statement made Monday by Supervisor A. W. Vercoe of Highland Park, chairman of the finance committee of the board of supervisors.

The county last year appropriated \$650,375 for all purposes. From September 1 to June 1 there has been a disbursement of \$408,594.19 leaving a balance for the remaining three months of the fiscal year of \$251,450.98, according to a story in the Waukegan News-Sun Monday.

Only One Overdraft

In these items of governmental expense there is one overdraft, an amount of \$9,670.17, chargeable to the miscellaneous claims committee.

"They get everything shoved at them to pay," Vercoe said in explaining the overdraft.

The county appropriated \$80,000 a year to pay for pauper aid although this burden had been placed on the townships by the general assembly.

"This had to be done because there was a deficit in poor claims as far as the county was concerned. This year \$14,738.68 has been paid out to retire poor claims, leaving a balance of \$65,261.32. This last amount

will not have to be included in the new appropriation," Vercoe said.

Would Cut Hospital

He said that he hoped that the \$89,000 appropriation for the county hospital and the 30,000 for the county farm could be wiped from the county appropriation but he frankly admitted that he did not think such a step could be taken.

"Not one of the townships has paid for patients in the hospital or county farm and it may be another year before the townships can be squared away so that the burden that is theirs under the law can be shouldered by them," Vercoe said.

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Court Names Bidinger Member Board Review

Ernest P. Bidinger, of 20 North West street, Waukegan on Monday was named as the third member of the board of review by County Judge P. L. Persons.

The appointment is for two years. Bidinger is a Republican, and his appointment returns to the G. O. P. the majority membership of the board as Chairman Frank Stanton, of Ingleside, is a Republican. The other member, a holdover, is Mrs. David G. White, of Grayslake, a Democrat.

Bidinger is precinct committee-man in the 10th precinct, which encompasses the business district. For a number of years he was in the retail clothing business, but ten years ago he established a brokerage business.

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