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CITY'S DEMURRER TO BE HEARD TUESDAY

Highland Park Seeking To Set Aside Deerfield Injunction

The hearing on the demurrer of the city of Highland Park to the injunction granted the village of Deerfield several months ago, to restrain Highland Park from shutting off the Deerfield water supply because the village owes more than \$20,000 in water bills, will be held in circuit court in the Lake county court house in Waukegan on next Tuesday. The hearing was supposed to have been held last Saturday, but was postponed at the request of the Deerfield legal counsel.

The Deerfield water bill now stands at \$20,456.91, and that village has not paid on it for several months, because of the stand the Deerfield officials are taking in regard to the price charged their village for water by Highland Park. Deerfield buys water from Highland Park, and agreed as late as April, 1932, to pay 15 cents per hundred cubic feet. This water is resold to Deerfield residents for from 35 cents to 40 cents per 100 cubic feet.

Highwood, which buys water from Highland Park at the same rate as Deerfield, is making money on the arrangement, and in June had a surplus in its treasury, with all water bills paid, of \$7,633.38. Highwood residents pay only 25 cents to 30 cents per hundred cubic feet.

Deerfield has bought water at 15 cents per hundred from Highland Park since April 1, 1930, and has paid some on its bills since that time. In spite of the fact that Deerfield officials have, on several occasions, affirmed the 15-cent rate which is necessary because of the ordinance which provided for the Highland Park filtration plant, they "stall" on the water payments, contending that the rate is too high, and that it will have to be lowered.

Highland Park officials cannot see why Deerfield can not make money buying water at 15 cents and selling it for from 133 per cent to 166 per cent profit. The Highland Park officials also contend that they cannot charge a rate lower than the 15-cent rate provided for in the ordinance mentioned above; and they also say that it should be the right of this city to sell water to customers at the stipulated rate, and refuse to sell water to any person or municipality which does not want to pay that rate.

Additional information on this subject will be found in another article on this page, which is based on facts unearthed by officials of Highland Park and presented with their permission.

City Hall Open Saturday

The Highland Park city hall, on South St. Johns avenue, will be open Saturday until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The offices at the city hall usually close Saturday afternoons, but because the building will not be open Monday, the day following New Year's, it will be kept open Saturday afternoon.

THE DEERFIELD CASE

A search of the public records in the Lake County Court House at Waukegan has revealed a startling condition of double or triple taxation which has been imposed upon the citizens of the Village of Deerfield, in their water situation.

At a recent meeting of village authorities with the city authorities of Highland Park, the president of the village of Deerfield contended that his municipality cannot pay but \$1000 a year upon its past-due water bill, because of the fact that the Deerfield water works system was being paid for from the revenues derived from the sale of water to the citizens of Deerfield.

It appears now, however, that either the Deerfield authorities are ignorant of the source of their revenues, or that funds have mysteriously vanished. Inasmuch as the Deerfield officials will not show their records, which by law are public records, it can not be said which is the case — "ignorance or disappearance."

The water works of the village of Deerfield were intended to be paid for from the proceeds of the sale of bonds in the amount of \$10,000 voted by the citizens of Deerfield in June, 1926. The payment of these bonds is secured by the full faith and credit of the Village of Deerfield. To discharge these bonds, therefore, it is the custom of the village authorities each year to provide for taxes to retire these bonds, and such taxes have been levied each and every year since the bond issue. The sum of \$9,000 has already been collected in taxes to retire these bonds and pay the interest, and the ordinance provides for a further amount of \$4,500 up to 1936.

The sale of water by the village of Deerfield nets the village a profit of 133 per cent to 166 per cent. Few businesses conducted by private individuals are operated to produce so great a rate of profit.

The village of Deerfield does not need to pay its bonds out of these huge profits, since the people are taxed to pay the mortgage, and yet the profit derived from the sale of water is insufficient to pay the mere cost of operation, so the Deerfield officials say.

A further circumstance is revealed from the fact that an additional tax is levied for water supply expenses. Does this mean that the cost of the distribution of the water to the citizens of Deerfield is also paid by general taxation, and that the 133 per cent or the 166 per cent is pure profit to the village?

If this monstrous profit is calculated over the period of years in which it has been derived, is viewed together with the \$20,000 deficit which exists, we must necessarily conclude that no matter what rate of profit would be exacted and ground from the citizens of Deerfield, that the officials in that village would still refuse and pretend to be unable to pay the cost of the raw material.

Perhaps these conditions explain why the Deerfield village authorities refuse to give Highland Park certified copies of the Deerfield records relating to the water system, or permit its public records to be seen.

—from The Highland Park Press

CITY STILL AWAITS AUDITOR'S REPORT

Condition of North Shore Trust Not Known This Week

The citizens of Highland Park are anxiously awaiting the decision of State Auditor Oscar Nelson in regard to the appointment of a receiver for the North Shore Trust Company, which closed its doors here more than three weeks ago.

A few days after the closing of the trust company, one of the city's two banking institutions, a committee of business and civic leaders requested the appointment of J. M. Appel as receiver and Ernest S. Gail as legal counsel, both to serve without pay.

These appointments were earnestly desired by not only the depositors of the closed institution, but by the citizens of the community as well, who consider that the ability and integrity of the two local residents, Mr. Appel and Mr. Gail, coupled with their willingness to serve the community in this regard without remuneration, make them the desired ones to take over the job of liquidating the bank's assets.

As we go to press this week, Mr. Nelson has not issued a report on the audit of the North Shore Trust. For this reason he has deferred appointment of a receiver for the bank.

The safe deposit vaults of the bank are now open daily from 9 to 12 in the morning and from 1 to 3 in the afternoon, and on Saturday they are open from 9 until noon.

Eastern Star To Hold Installation Jan. 4

Campbell Chapter No. 712, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold their annual installation of officers next Wednesday evening, Jan. 4, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple. An invitation is extended the public to attend.

The officers to be installed will be Helen Abercromby, worthy matron; Arthur G. Hollands, worthy patron; Agnes Nelson, associate matron; Edward Strenger, associate patron; Catherine Levin, secretary; Hugo Schneider, treasurer; Ellen Bleimehl, conductress; Gertrude Goosman, associate conductress; Anna Carlson, chaplain; Amy Wilson, marshal; Caroline Winter, organist; Dorothy Thomson, Adah; Ella McArthur, Ruth; Jean Sinclair, Esther; Lois Kent, Martha; Lillian Swanson, Electa; Ella Marsh, warder; James Thomson, sentinel; Bessie Okey, soloist; and Pauline White as instructress.

The officers will be installed by Pauline J. White, grand lecturer as installing officer; Catherine Levin, past worthy matron, installing marshal; Gussie Miller, grand lecturer, installing chaplain; Gertrude Thomas, past worthy matron, installing organist.

Andrew Yowell, Carl Miller, Arthur Swanson and past worthy matrons will serve as escorts.

Helen Jean Abercromby will be color bearer and Bernice Jane Abercromby will give the ode to the flag.

David R. Clark Is Speaker at Rotary

David R. Clark, of Highland Park, attorney and general counsel for the Illinois Manufacturers' association, was speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Highland Park Rotary club Tuesday noon at the Moraine hotel. Mr. Clark spoke on taxes.

The Rotary club will meet on next Tuesday noon at the Moraine, instead of on Monday, as is the usual procedure of the organization throughout the year.

POLICE SAY "THANKS"

The members of the Highland Park police department wish to thank the citizens of this city for their expressions of good cheer and appreciation received by the department just before and on Christmas day.

Gifts and messages of good wishes and cheer were received by all the members of the local force, and they in turn have asked for their expressions of appreciation to be conveyed to the public by The Highland Park Press.

Annual Candle Light Service to Be Held

The annual candle light service sponsored by the members of the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor of the First United Evangelical church will be given next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The service will be in charge of Nestor Daggit, president of the league. The program will consist of special numbers, vocal and instrumental, and a talk by Kenneth Gieser. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Mrs. Mary Roscher Passes on Tuesday

Mrs. Mary Roscher, aged seventy-nine, of 1025 Deerfield avenue, passed away Tuesday night at 11 o'clock, at her home. She had suffered several strokes, which were the cause of her death.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her residence. Interment will be in Mooney's cemetery.

Mrs. Roscher who has been a resident of this city for about thirty years, leaves one son, Fred Roscher and three grandchildren of this city to survive.