

tage regulation and accuracy of consumers' meters, keeping well within the standards established by the Illinois Commerce Commission for electric utilities.

In order to insure uninterrupted service, the department has purchased and stored approximately 2,000 tons of coal at Wau Bun station, to be used as a reserve in case of interruption of coal supply resulting from the present coal strike in the bituminous field.

The investigation of machine billing was completed during the year and the installation put into effect on about October 1st. By this system, all bills for regular Village service, including electric, water and garbage and ash removal service are billed out in single statements, more convenient for the customer, and adding greatly to the efficiency and accuracy of office accounting. By the installation of this system, the office organization has been reduced by one employee, and considerable reserve capacity is provided for future growth without additional office expense.

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

The outstanding facts pertaining to the water department are as follows:

1. Consumption of water, including Glencoe, was 555,713,000 gallons, a decrease of 7% from the previous year. However, this is only an apparent decrease in consumption, as the change from quarterly to monthly billing, under the new billing system, transferred a considerable amount of consumption in March this year to the following fiscal period. It is believed that the total consumption would otherwise show a slight increase over the previous year.

2. The total pumpage was practically the same as for the previous year, namely 681,093,000 gallons. Weather conditions account for the foregoing figures, inasmuch as the summer of 1925 was unusually dry, whereas 1926 has been a wet year, except during short periods in the summer. This pumpage amounts to 116 gallons per day per capita, as compared with about 350 gallons per day consumed in Chicago, where metering is not employed generally.

3. The gross revenue of the water department was \$96,949, an apparent decrease of 10% from the previous year, also caused by the change in quarterly billing.

4. Operating expenses were \$56,128, or \$680 less than the previous year.

5. Net income after deducting depreciation of \$10,536 was \$30,285. After adding general tax income of \$7,800 and deducting amount paid for filtration plant bonds and interest, namely \$7,650, and including hydrant rental refund of \$1,600, the operating surplus for the year was \$28,835.

6. During the year \$48,364 was spent for property improvements and replacements, including the following principal items:

New 30-inch intake and shore protection .....	\$17,588
Suction line for steam pump ..	1,009
Filter plant storage reservoir addition .....	21,661
Office equipment for machine billing system (portion) .....	2,525

**Gives Current Figures**

After deducting the foregoing expenditures, there remains in the Water Fund a deficit of \$59,099 and a surplus in the Water Depreciation Fund of \$58,945, subject to auditor's adjustments; making a net deficit in the water department of \$154. It will be recalled by the Council that this condition is due to the fact that in 1922 a deficit of about \$95,000 was incurred for the construction of the original filtration plant, which deficit has now practically been wiped out.

7. The unit cost per thousand gallons sold was 12c even, as compared with 11.16c last year, this being only an apparent increase because of accounting changes mentioned.

8. The number of water meters in service on April 1, 1927 was 2,368, an increase of 130 for the year or 6%.

9. The loss of water from distribution was 18.4% of the pumpage, as compared with 12.12% last year, and this also is only an apparent increase due to accounting changes affecting consumption billed out during the fiscal year.

Negotiations were had with Glencoe authorities with regard to the termination of their contract on September 1, 1927, but after a number of conferences it became apparent that we were unable to offer them a rate which appeared to them to be advantageous, and we have been notified that it is their expectation to construct their own plant during the present year, terminating their contract with us on September 1 next. It is probable that we may be called upon to continue to supply water to them after the termination of the contract until the completion of their plant, and we have indicated to them our willingness to do this to a date not later than April 1, 1928, subject to the condition that the needs of Winnetka shall take precedence over the needs of Glencoe, in case of any interruption in supply or excessive demand, after September 1.

**Postpone Additions**

Because of the discontinuance of Glencoe this year, additions to the filter plant have been postponed, as the ca-

capacity will be adequate for some time, without the Glencoe demand. However, during the present summer season, in case of unusually dry weather, the filter plant will be badly overloaded.

The 30-inch intake, the shore end of which was constructed last year, with an emergency opening outside the break-water, can be depended on during the coming summer season, in case of an unusual dry weather demand.

Our engineers, Pearse, Greeley and Hansen, are now studying the necessity of extending this intake after the present season. The increase in the level of Lake Michigan this year will undoubtedly serve to improve our previous shortage in intake capacity.

Very careful attention has been paid during the year to the bacteriological analysis of water at the filter plant laboratory, and monthly samples have also been submitted for check tests to the Department of Health at Springfield, with uniformly good results.

During the year, the water distribution system on the west side was reinforced by the extension of the ten inch feeder line south from Pine street to Willow road and from thence through the alleys and Daughaday subdivisions to Hill road, by special assessment. This improvement will serve to improve pressure conditions, in case of extremely dry weather and particularly in case of fire, in a very considerable area in the western portion of the village.

**Christian Science Churches**

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, June 19.

The Golden Text was from Isaiah 45:22, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

Among the citations which comprised the lesson-sermon was the following from the Bible: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned" (Rev. 11:15-17).

The lesson-sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Either there is no omnipotence, or omnipotence is the only power. God is the infinite, and infinity never began, will never end, and includes nothing unlike God" (p. 249).

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bulley of Kenilworth have gone East to Wellesley, Mass., for the graduation of Miss Berenice Bulley from Wellesley college.

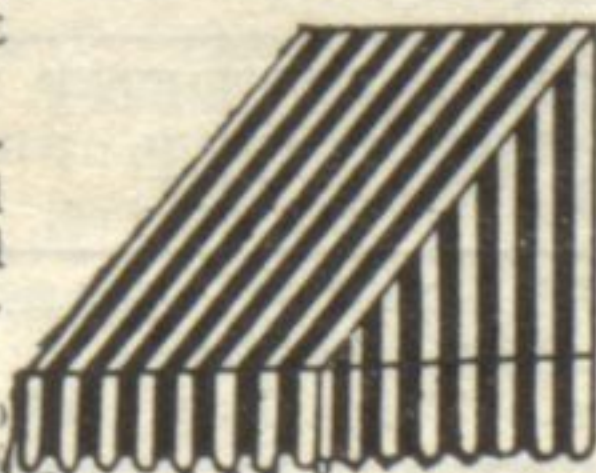
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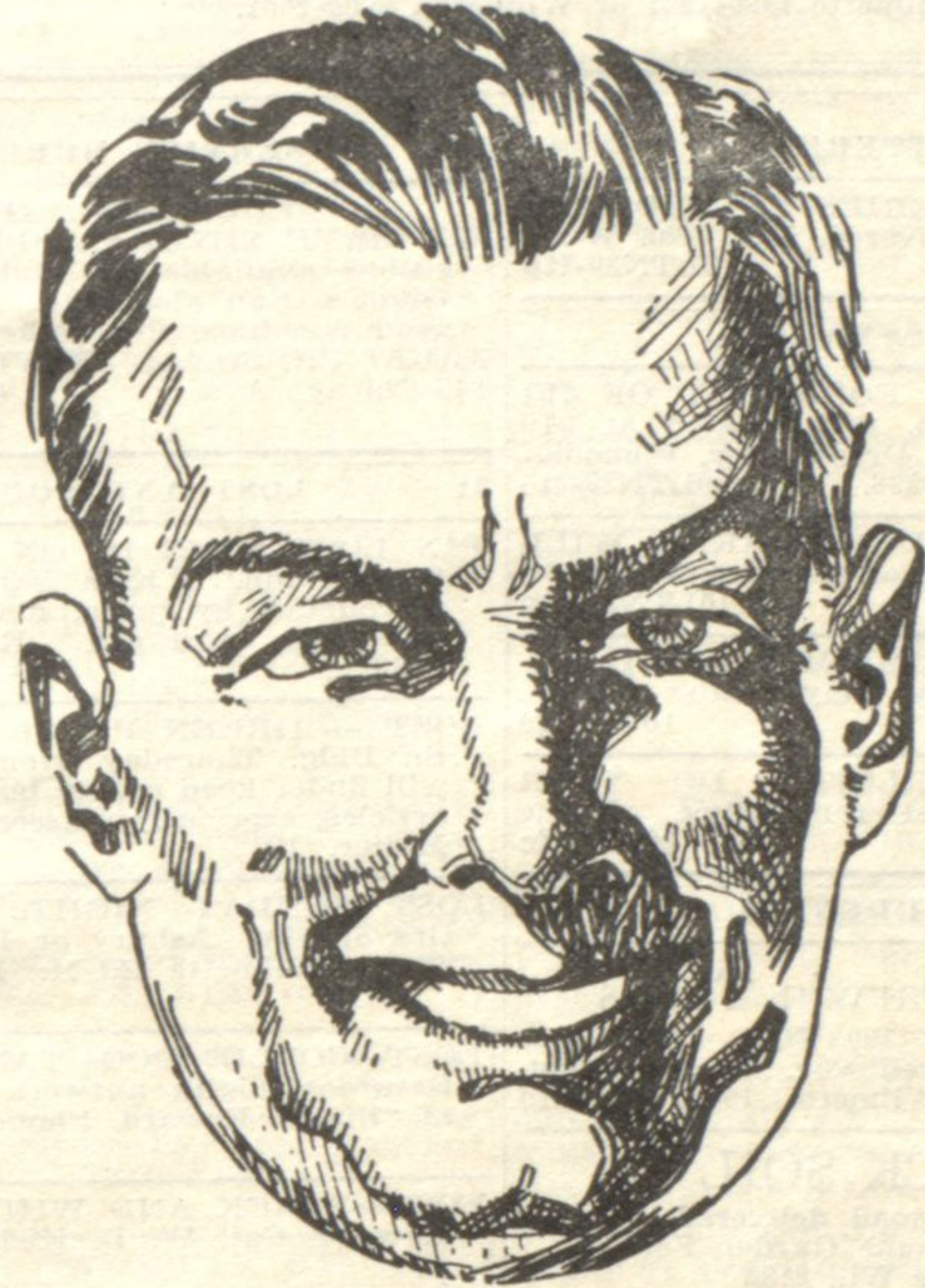
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