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\$1.50 PER YEAR

LOCAL GAS PLANT INCLUDED IN BIG MERGER

Gas Firms Join in Big Merger of Properties in Six States for \$40,000,000 Corporation.

Announcement was made Monday of a \$40,000,000 merger of Federated Utilities, Inc., embracing fourteen gas plants in six states...

The merger is of particular interest to Plymouth citizens inasmuch as the local gas plant is one of the properties acquired.

During the past year these plants have made the most startling record of growth in the history of the industry.

The merger is due to the culmination of the efforts of Fred W. Seymour, president of Federated Utilities, Inc., in acquiring small gas properties.

We are glad to state that the merger will not effect the management or personnel of the local plant.

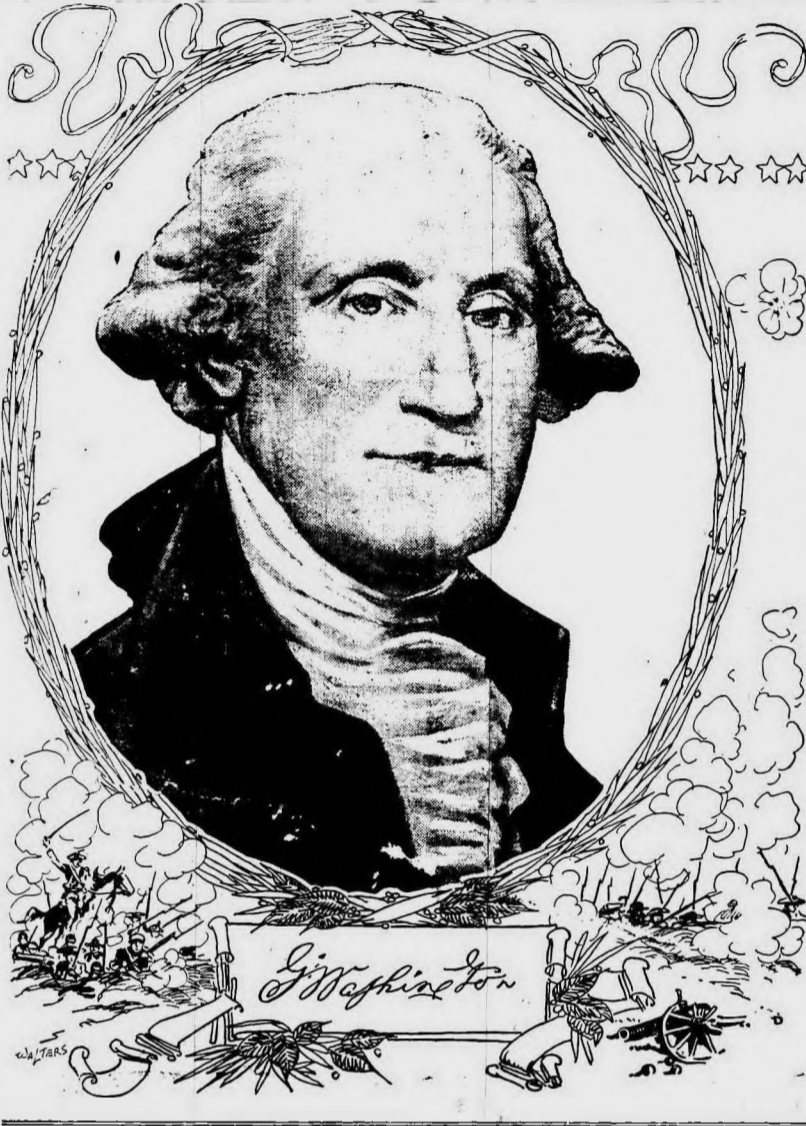
SAYS PLYMOUTH HAS GREAT FUTURE

L. J. VAN SCHOICK, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DETROIT CONVENTION AND TOURIST BUREAU, GIVES INTERESTING TALK ON "VALUE OF THE TOURIST TO THE COMMUNITY."

More than a million and a half visitors came to Detroit in 1926, induced largely by the world advertising that the city has received by virtue of being the center of the motor industry.

Addressing the Kiwanis club at their weekly meeting last Tuesday noon, L. J. Van Schoick, special representative of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, threw one bombshell of fact after another with such rapidity that he left his audience throbbing with enthusiasm for this "region of great opportunity."

Mr. Van Schoick took for the topic of his address "The Value of the Tourist to the Community," a subject this is especially timely in Plymouth because of the imminent construction of the community hotel.



WORK WILL SOON COMMENCE ON NEW MAYFLOWER HOTEL

Bids for Construction of the New Building Will Be Opened on March 7th at Chamber of Commerce Club Rooms.

Grenoble Hotels, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa., Will Operate New Hotel When Building is Completed.

OBSERVE FIRST ANNIVERSARY EVENT

MEMBERS FROM MANY NEIGHBORING CLUBS ENJOY SPLENDID BANQUET AND HEAR INTERESTING PROGRAM.

MRS. KATE E. ALLEN OF PLYMOUTH WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR OF ROTARY CLUB AND NORTHVILLE.

Representatives of thirty-seven different Rotary clubs and their ladies were guests of the Northville Rotary club last Monday evening on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Northville club.

Following the banquet, a program of more than ordinary interest was given. President E. C. Langfield of the Northville club introduced Mayor Hugh E. Van de Walker of Ypsilanti as toastmaster.

Brief addresses were made by Governor Sol Ramsey, of Bay City; Elmer Smith, president of Northville village, and Don Yerkes, president of the Exchange club of that place.

Northville took this opportunity to pay special honor to Mrs. Kate E. Allen, of Plymouth, builder of the Penniman Allen theatre in Northville, and she was the guest of honor of not only the Rotary Club, but all Northville on this most happy occasion.

One of the features of the evening was the presence of the Royal Oak band, which furnished many of the musical numbers.

At the conclusion of the program dancing rounded out a pleasant evening.

Many of the members of the Plymouth Rotary club and their ladies were present and were delighted with the entertainment that was accorded them.

MOVES HIS REAL ESTATE OFFICE

Edward Plachta has moved his real estate and insurance office from the Teft Radio Shoppe in the Gayde block to the building formerly occupied by the branch bank of the Plymouth United Savings Bank on Liberty street, in north village.

The new quarters will give Mr. Plachta much additional and needed room for the successful conduct of his growing business.

The building was erected a number of years ago by the bank and stood upon the corner where the present new bank building now stands, until it was moved about fifty feet to the east on Liberty street.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

Messrs Roy Jewell and Carl Blach have bought the interest of Thomas McCordie in the plumbing firm of Jewell, Blach & McCordie, and will continue the business in the future under the firm name of Jewell & Blach.

The preliminary work of getting ready to commence the construction of Plymouth's new Community Hotel, The Mayflower, is going steadily forward.

A meeting will be held on Monday, March 7th, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Chamber of Commerce club rooms, for the purpose of opening and considering the bids of contractors for the new building.

The directors have made a number of trips, especially the members of the building committee, Messrs F. D. Schrader, P. J. Wiedman and E. O. Hinton, looking over locally now under construction and already completed, getting ideas about lobbies, dining rooms, sleeping rooms, coffee shops and kitchens, together with their equipment.

It is proposed to construct the foundation of the new building in such a manner that it will carry two more floors when the time becomes necessary. This will then provide a total of 100 rooms.

A contract has been signed with the Grenoble Hotels, Inc., of Harrisburg, Pa., who will operate the hotel when it is completed. They are now operating a number of successful hotels, and to Mr. Jewell will be one of this chain of modern hostleries.

It is now expected that the new hotel will be open in time for the foot ball games at Ann Arbor next fall. A picture of the new building will soon appear in the Mail.

Many applications have already been received for the rental of the store rooms in the hotel building.

Local contractors who are desirous of submitting bids on the construction of the new building, should get in touch with the architects at once.

DEATH OF MRS. NELLIE KERSHAW

Nellie Decker was born March 13, 1867, at Ovid, Michigan. She was married to Charles Kershaw on Christmas day, 1892, since which time they have made their home in Grand Rapids, St. Joseph, Jackson, St. Johns and Plymouth.

Mr. Kershaw passed away on December 8th, 1925, since when she has not stopped at any one place for any length of time, but always called Plymouth home and spent considerable time visiting among her old friends.

She returned to Plymouth on Saturday, February 5th, going to the home of George Humphries. She was taken with a very severe heart attack just at noon on February 11th, passing away very quickly in spite of all that could be done for her.

During her married life she was always a faithful and loving wife, and on account of the very strong bond between them, she has been unable to overcome her grief over the loss sustained in the death of her husband. She was held in high esteem by all those who knew her.

There are no children, but she leaves a sister, now in Pollock, La.; a brother in San Antonio, Texas, and a brother in Lansing, Mich.; a sister in Fenton, Mich., as well as numerous other distant relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral services were held from the Schaefer Bros. Funeral Home, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. H. E. Bayles officiating. The interment was made in Perry, New York.

SENIOR PROM A GREAT SUCCESS

The Seniors may well be proud of their Senior Prom, which occurred Friday evening, February 11th. They were fortunate in securing, through the efforts of Mrs. F. D. Schrader, one of the Jean Goldtette orchestras, and so were able to give as fine a party as has been given in town this year.

Since the Prom came on Friday night, special permission was secured for the hours 9:00 to 1:00, and most of the dancers remained until the end. At the intermission, punch and wafers were served.

A PLEASANT EVENT

Mrs. Rosa Rbelner of Arthur avenue, pleasantly entertained the Jolly Sixteen Five Hundred Club at a party Monday evening. Valentine streamers, hearts and favors comprised the beautiful decorations.

READY FOR FATHER AND SON BANQUET

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED FOR THIS EVENT TO BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY, AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Plymouth's fathers and sons will gather next Tuesday, February 22, in the corridors of the High school, to be ready for the Second Community Father and Son Banquet, which is to be held in the school auditorium.

The meal is to be prepared by the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, and the following menu has been agreed upon by the ladies and the committee in charge:

- Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Pickles, Cabbage Salad, Butter Rolls, Coffee, Apple Pie a-la-Mode

Certain minor changes were requested by the committee, in the belief that the above menu will be one that will satisfy every boy and man who can be present.

The program also has been completed. Following the custom inaugurated at the banquet last year, the flag salute will be given by all before being seated. This will be under the direction of Scout Patrol Leader Stuart Rambo.

The toastmaster for the occasion is to be H. K. Wrench, local manager of the Michigan Federated Utilities. Harry is bound to provide everyone with plenty of enjoyment, chiefly, no doubt, at the expense of the speakers, who follow:

Edwin Schrader will give the toast to fathers. A better boy for the job could not easily be found than "Bud," president of the H-Y Club during the first semester, and a true representative of Plymouth's sons.

The program was arranged by Joseph Lorenz and Dr. Harold Brisbois and, was one of the most interesting of the year.—C. L.

PLYMOUTH WINS DEBATE UNANIMOUSLY

Plymouth's debaters defeated Dearborn, 3 to 0, at Dearborn, last Friday afternoon. Plymouth had the negative side of the question, Resolved, that the United States government should own the coal mines.

The Plymouth team consisted of Wilbur Murphy, Franklin Atkinson and Josephine Schmidt, with Leon Beyer as alternate. Our team did their best, and showed improvement over their past work.

This victory gives Plymouth thirteen points in the State High School Debating League series, which assures us of a trophy from the Detroit Free Press, and a place in the elimination debates. The next debate is March 4.

DEATH OF JOSEPH KOSS

One of Plymouth's well known pioneers, in the person of Joseph Koss, died Sunday morning, February 13, 1927, at his home on the Town Line road.

Mr. Koss was born in Germany, November 30, 1840, and came to America at the age of twenty-two, making his home in Detroit. Shortly after his arrival in Detroit, he married Mary Kuschel, who incidentally died just a year ago, February 7, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Koss later made their home in what was at that time the "hamlet" of Plymouth, and spent the remainder of their lives here.

Mr. Koss is survived by his eight children: Sister M. Lucia, a Sister of the Notre Dame Order at Quincy, Ill.; Anna Joseph, Jr., Frank, Paul, Mrs. Marie Sattler of Detroit, and Walter and Raymond. Mr. Koss was ill for six weeks before his death.

The funeral was held in Our Lady of Good Counsel church, Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. A solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. F. C. Lefevre as celebrant, and Rev. Foley of Wayne and Rev. Costway of Ann Arbor as Deacon and Sub Deacon. The Mass was sung by the newly organized adult choir. Burial in Mt. Elliot, Detroit.

LOCAL CREDIT BUREAU HAS NATIONAL CONNECTIONS

The local Credit Bureau has been operating now for a little over one year, and they are gradually adding new members and gaining more and more prestige.

They have at their command, not only reports from the local merchants, but are affiliated with over fifty bureaus in Michigan, and approximately 800 throughout the United States and Canada, which enables them to secure reports on over 60,000,000 persons. This information is contributed by over 100,000 merchants, and a membership in the bureau gives the merchant access to this vast amount of valuable information.

THE GRANGE PLAY

The High school auditorium was packed Tuesday evening, by an appreciative audience, to see the three-act comedy, "Always in Trouble," presented by the Plymouth Grange. Each one taking part did exceedingly well, and they are entitled to much credit for their efforts in portraying the several characters. The players and those who had the entertainment in charge are to be congratulated on its success in every way.