

Glencoe Department.

DAMAGED BY FIRE.

Glencoe's new \$20,000 schoolhouse has received a baptism of fire and water. About ten o'clock Friday evening, a passerby discovered fire in the southeast room. The Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department responded promptly, but when they arrived the room was a mass of flame; a tall column of fire was pouring out of the ventilating stack above the roof, and it seemed impossible to save the building from being completely gutted, but the fire department covered itself with glory for, with its meager equipment it worked so effectively that within a half hour it had the fire completely under control and nearly extinguished.

A critical examination of the building shows that the fire probably started in or under the closet in Mrs. Laughray's room. Her room is a complete wreck and its entire woodwork, furniture and contents were destroyed. Considerable damage was done by fire both below and above this room and the intense heat blistered woodwork all the way to the attic floor. The fire walls in the building undoubtedly helped largely in making it possible to save the building.

There was the usual damage by water and smoke throughout the building, making the loss probably \$3500 to \$5000, fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is most mysterious as the only fire used in the building is under the boiler over fifty feet from Mrs. Laughray's room. Apparently it was due to spontaneous combustion, although the building was thoroughly cleaned within two weeks.

The splendid work of the Volunteer Fire Department deserves high praise and this organization should be at once thoroughly equipped and heartily supported. It especially needs ladders, pole hooks and axes.

Coffee and sandwiches for the firemen were served by Mesdames Swain, Barnett, Johnson and Cook. While two of the boys were sent on a wild

tandem ride to Winnetka to have the water pressure maintained, the other male citizens carried out books, pictures and the piano "with neatness and dispatch." School will be resumed in the old building next week.

Mrs. Laughray's personal loss amounts to about five hundred dollars.

Apparently no blame can be attached to the janitor, as the fire under the boiler was found to be all right, and no pressure was shown on the steam gauge.

GLENCOE COUNCIL.

The regular March meeting was held on the 7th, all present.

The Street and Alley Committee were empowered to restore crossings on Vernon street south of Park avenue. The Glencoe Brass Band was granted reduced rate for use of hall April 13. A letter from Village Collector suggesting remission of interest on final installment of Sheridan Road assessment was referred to Finance and Judiciary Committee and attorney. Culver and Hall reported completion of schedules for rebate on Special 129 (water-pipe assessment) and it was ordered that as soon as the schedules have been bound and are in readiness the Clerk post notice that rebates will be paid to holders of tax receipts. The rebate amounts to \$1,367.43, being 2½ per cent on the four installments collected, as finally adjusted. A letter from the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway Co. asked that specifications for paving Green Bay Road, as required by their franchise, be prepared and approved. It was agreed an adjourned meeting be held on the 10th and that the Village engineer and a representative of the Electric Railway be invited to be present.

Payment of bills was ordered, aggregating \$413.26.

The Subway Committee reported they had held a conference with the Northwestern officers and had reached an agreement for the building of a subway at Hazel avenue, at the joint expense of the Village and railroad company. They expected to receive a formal proposition in writing from the railway company in time for the meeting on the 10th.

The adjourned meeting was held on the 10th, at which Engineer Windes for the village and Engineer Garrity, Supt. Ives and Treasurer Mauck of the Electric Railway Company, were present. The evening was spent in an informal consideration of specifications for paving Green Bay Road, prepared by Mr. Windes; and substantial agreement having been reached, it was agreed an ordinance should be prepared for presentation at a meeting to be held the evening of the 15th.

In the formal Council meeting the President presented a written proposition from the Chicago & Northwestern, submitted by General Manager Whitman, for a subway at Hazel avenue. The railway company proposed to bear the expense of the masonry, superstructure and false work, which they estimated as costing \$8,750. The balance, including excavation for approaches, sidewalks, paving, drainage (including catch-basins) to be borne by the Village of Glencoe, estimated cost \$5,240.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Calhoun accepting the proposition and directing the Clerk to notify General Manager Whitman of such acceptance. The resolution was adopted, all the members present voting for it. Mr. Beck was the only member absent.

Adjourned to the 15th.

PARAGRAPHS.

The Women's Guild will meet in the church parlors Tuesday at one o'clock.

Mildred and Helen Winslow and Hazel Newhall are at home with the measles.

Mr. Joseph Plummer is confined to the house with a severe cold and tonsillitis.

Mrs. Becker of Chicago, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Schnur, the first of the week.

Do not fail to attend the Old Folk's concert, as the net proceeds are to be divided between the churches.

Mr. J. R. Calhoun has leased his home to Col. Jacobs for three years. Mr. Calhoun expects to build at once.

The Guild held its social tea Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5, with Mesdames J. Schnur, T. Keiss and L. H. Lloyd as hostesses.

The piano pupils of Mr. Larson will give what promises to be a most interesting recital this afternoon (Saturday) at the home of Mrs. J. P. Plummer.