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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

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Serving the People.

Various departments of the United States government are conducted with the sole idea of serving the people in the best possible way, and such is the intent and purpose of the departmental heads at Washington. This laudable aim is, however, frequently defeated by the officiousness and petty acts of underlings and employees, who, by their one-sided interpretations of department rulings, bring down upon the Government criticism of an unfavorable character.

These interpretations are, of course, generally within the full measure of the law; but when such interpretations work a hardship upon a community as a whole the intent and purpose of the law is not being served—the reverse is the case.

Employees of the Government in any of the several public service departments are supposed to accommodate the people in every possible way; to expedite the transaction of business and to promote harmonious relations between the Government and the people. Only by a liberal interpretation of the law can this be done, and amicable understanding and pleasant intercourse maintained.

When an employee or appointee of the Government fails to exert effort to maintain the good will and esteem of the people in the community served, such an one should be removed. This is a government of the people, by the people, for the people; and what the people build the people can destroy.

The Germans in Our Midst.

Naturalized citizens who claim Germany as the mother country are and always have been loyal Americans in every crisis. They like the United States and its institutions, as is evidenced by the fact that they stay here.

Unlike some other foreigners we could mention, they do not remain long enough to accumulate sufficient money to return to the old world and be considered "rich." Our German citizens came to the United States to stay, and here they remain, a credit to the Nation. Their honesty, integrity and industry are frequently models for the home-born.

Throughout the European war—until their adopted country became entangled in its meshes—they have naturally sympathized with Germany. Why should they not? Have you ever heard of an Irishman not sympathizing with Ireland, English born with England, a Frenchman with France or an Italian with Italy? We have not.

Though our German friends in New Trier may think the United States has been more or less partial to the allies—and as American citizens they are fully entitled to their opinions—when it comes to the point where their adopted country is involved, they are as loyal as any of us.

Trouble with Germany is a bitter pill, but they are with Uncle Sam every inch of the way. Unqualified praise is due the restraint and patriotism of the German-born in New Trier township. They are indispensable citizens of this great and glorious republic and as truly a part of it as are the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers or the Scotch Covenanters.

Boy Scouts in War Time.

A program recently issued covers the work of the Boy Scouts in case of war. They are to render first aid, send messages by wireless or semaphore, help protect property, give alarm in case of danger, etc.

Of the 200,000 Scouts enrolled in the United States a large number are now practicing signal work and making

other preparations with the war possibility in view. The little fellows look quite serious and businesslike in their neat uniforms and no doubt already feel the weight of the Nation resting upon their shoulders.

In England, where every adult male is supposed to be assigned to more serious work, the Scouts are filling a pretty big niche; and they could do just as well, in this country, should the need arise.

Of course, if the enemy were not within thousands of miles, patrol duty would probably become a good deal of a lark, and be relieved by many diversions, for a boy is a boy, after all, and cannot be wholly a soldier save in grave emergency.

The Value of Service.

In considering the advantages of local business houses it is easy to overlook the service they perform in being always present to cater to the instant needs of the village and vicinity.

The Wilmette merchant who has a stock of goods on hand and clerks behind his counters has only begun his true function to the public, which is to be prepared at all minutes of the day to serve its interests.

There are many times a week, in every person's life, when a necessity is quickly required. It is at such times that the public service of the local storekeepers is emphasized.

The residents of Wilmette should not overlook this tremendous advantage of being able to secure, locally, goods for instant use, when needed.

An Appreciation.

The senior classes of New Trier High school, who have been contributing to a fund to be expended in redecorating and furnishing the literary room, have earned the appreciation which the members of the faculty and school board feel for their co-operation. Because of their endeavor, the entire student body will benefit and a pride that is born of possession will be the benefactors' as they view the beauty and comforts they have wrought.

Many debtors now draw a long breath, and rejoice that Pay-Up Week does not come again for another year.

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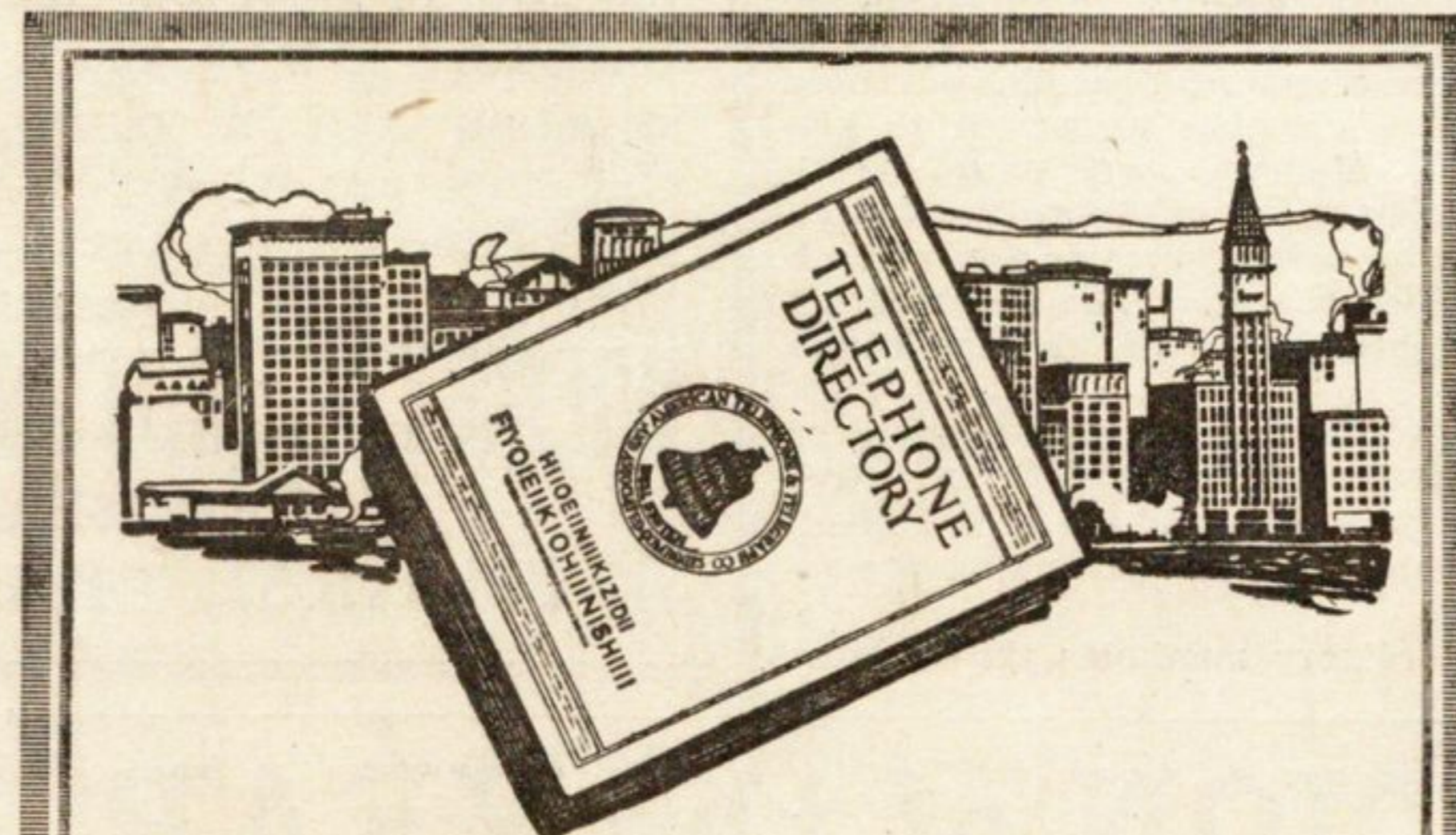
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MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS Feb. 28, 1917

ASSETS.		Current Year	Last Year
Cash—			
General	\$ 2,868.05	*\$ 1,696.53	
Electric	52,502.43	36,677.85	
Water	845.18	37.75	
Electric Depreciation	3,249.16	5,849.99	
Special Assessment	61,374.58	49,772.87	
Petty Cash Fund	1,200.00	1,000.00	
Total Cash	\$116,303.30	\$ 91,641.93	
Accounts Receivable—			
Taxes	5,678.94	*\$ 23,860.61	
Special Assessment Rolls	292,408.72	312,296.82	
Special Tax Certificates	5,115.23	5,012.98	
Special Tax Deeds			
Due from Electricity Consumers	7,530.10	6,038.51	
Due from Water Consumers	150.23	*64.04	
Due from Sundry Persons	1,554.48	1,509.58	
Total Accounts Receivable	\$312,437.70	\$300,933.24	
Inventory of Coal at Plant	2,401.79	493.93	
Bond Investment—Elec. Depr'n Fund	20,208.00	11,871.29	
Total Current Assets	\$451,350.79	\$404,940.39	
LIABILITIES.			
Special Assessment Time Warrants	7,398.53	\$ 18,566.45	
Special Assessment Bonds	351,500.00	352,000.00	
Accrued Int. on Water Time Warrants	117.80	898.46	
Special Deposits	1,256.28	1,356.28	
Current Surplus or Deficit—			
General Fund	3,109.09	*26,597.62	
Electric Fund	63,634.32	40,909.29	
Water Fund	4,939.95	*11,414.82	
Electric Depreciation Fund	23,457.16	17,721.28	
Sinking Fund—Water Department	*4,062.34	1,501.07	
Total Current Surplus	\$ 90,878.18	\$ 32,119.20	
Total Current Liabilities	\$451,350.79	\$404,940.39	
GENERAL FUND—MONTHLY OPERATION.			
Bal. in Fund at Beginning of Month	12,173.71	*25,118.69	
ADD Income for Month	1,141.67	1,219.70	
Total	\$ 13,315.38	*\$ 23,898.99	
DEDUCT EXPENDITURES—			
Public Affairs	2,846.30	1,073.31	
General Office Expense	209.50	202.99	
Health Department	526.90	487.22	
Public Works	455.79	688.17	
Police Department	855.77	675.45	
Fire Department	232.81	132.90	
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,127.07	\$ 3,260.04	
Balance in Fund at Close of Month	\$ 8,188.31	*\$ 27,159.03	
ELECTRIC FUND—MONTHLY OPERATION.			
Bal. in Fund at Beginning of Month	\$ 60,843.51	\$ 42,049.99	
ADD Income for Month	7,183.77	6,030.31	
Total	\$ 68,027.28	\$ 48,080.30	
DEDUCT EXPENDITURES—			
Steam Generation	1,953.04	1,394.37	
Electricity Generation	315.57	272.60	
Distribution	127.64	147.40	
Consumption	167.24	176.31	
Commercial	57.66	69.11	
General Expenses	542.69	468.71	
Total Operating	\$ 3,163.84	\$ 2,528.50	
Construction and Betterments	911.74	1,095.53	
Transfers to Other Funds			
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,075.58	\$ 3,624.03	
Balance in Fund at Close of Month	\$ 63,951.70	\$ 44,456.27	
ELECTRIC PRODUCTION AND COST.			
K. W. H. Furnished Consumers for			
Lighting	52,914	43,635	
K. W. H. Furnished Consumers for			
Power	5,404	5,137	
K. W. H. Furnished Water Department for Power	30,877	27,753	
K. W. H. Furnished Village for Street Lights	9,828	8,526	
K. W. H. Used at Station	2,310	2,083	
Total Consumption	101,333	87,134	
K. W. H. Lost in Distribution	11,067	12,021	
Total Generation	112,400	99,155	
Operating Expenditures per K. W. H.0281	.0252	
Depreciation per K. W. H.0047	.0048	
Loss in Distribution per K. W. H.002	.002	
Total Cost per K. W. H.0348	.0320	
WATER FUND—MONTHLY OPERATION.			
Bal. in Fund at Beginning of Month	\$ 6,286.91	*\$ 29,087.86	
ADD Income for Month	132.91	76.55	
Total	\$ 6,419.82	*\$ 29,011.31	
DEDUCT EXPENDITURES—			
Pumping Expense	\$ 705.65	\$ 695.33	
Distribution	192.59	129.66	
Commercial	1.03	1.19	
General Expenses	247.20	191.89	
Total Operating	1,146.47	1,018.07	
Transferred to Sinking Fund	199.66	199.66	
Interest on Time Warrants	25.00	99.83	
Total Operating and Fixed Charges	\$ 1,371.13	1,317.56	
Construction and Betterments	93.39	115.22	
Transfers to Other Funds			
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,464.52	\$ 1,432.78	
Balance in Fund at Close of Month	\$ 4,955.30	\$ 30,444.09	
WATER PUMPED AND COST.			
Winnetka Consumption (in 1000 gal.)	9,128	8,756	
Glencoe Consumption (in 1000 gal.)			
Operating Expenditures (per 1000 gal.)			
Depreciation (per 1000 gal.)			
Total Water Pumped	24,718	23,127	
FUEL CONSUMED.			
498 Tons of Coal at \$3.28 per ton	\$ 1,633.44	\$ 931.20	
388 Tons of Coal at \$2.40 per ton			

*These figures are "in the red."