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Tribute And Thank Offering

Oak Park is in the midst of raising a fund of six thousand dollars with which to endow a bed in the American hospital at Rheims, as a "tribute to the memory of our dead and a thank offering for those returned to us."

The hospital is an institution for the relief of women and children and the women of Oak Park are taking the initiative in the endeavor to secure the money necessary to endow a bed in it. All the woman's organizations are enlisted in the effort and the prospects are good for a successful issue to the campaign for funds.

This is a suitable expression of the honor in which a community holds its soldier dead and a proper thank offering for those who came home safe out of the terrible experiences of war. It is a constructive work for people who very much need that sort of service, and it is in accordance with the sentiment of the men to whom tribute is to be paid and of those who came safe home.

Woman's Club

The third regular meeting of the Winnetka Woman's club was held Thursday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Porter, presided and made the following announcements:

The Federation of clubs of the Tenth District of Illinois will meet with the Welles Park Woman's club Tuesday, November 4. All those who wish to attend the luncheon please send their names to Mrs. Porter before November 1.

Mrs. Marc Newman has been made chairman of the Thrift committee. Those wishing pledge cards may obtain them through her.

Miss Gemmell, chairman of Civic committee, announced that the Community Kitchen will be opened at the Tea Room, Winnetka, on November 5. On week days from 10 to 12 cooked food can be purchased. From 4 to 6 on week days, and noon on Sundays the regular Tea Room dinner can be bought and taken home using your own containers of any sort. The containers can be found in Field's basement at \$35 a set. These dinners offer a choice of three meats, two vegetables and potatoes, and a desert for 75c, and 10c extra charge if delivered.

M. Couet is offering a class to beginners in French, which will meet Monday at 2:15. If interested call Mrs. Fletcher.

Mrs. Lieber announced a Bridge party to be given at Community House on Tuesday, November 4, the proceeds of which will go towards the dinners which have been given the wounded soldiers at Fort Sheridan. Tickets to be \$1 each. If more than \$100 is received the remainder will go toward Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Mrs. Lieber also said that if any one wished to open their homes to soldiers for Thanksgiving to please call Mrs. Frederick Thomas.

The afternoon kindergarten class at the Parish house has not it's necessary 25 children. Those wishing to avail themselves of the opportunity of having their small children taken care of and taught for a few hours in the afternoon, will call Mrs. Fulton or Mr. Washburne.

Mrs. Porter than turned the meeting over to Mrs. Fentress, chairman of Education committee, who introduced Mr. Washburne, Superintendent of the Winnetka schools. Mr. Washburne gave a most interesting and stimulating talk on the problems of the schools in general, and of Winnetka's own problems in particular, the most pressing need of the latter being more room.

Village Affairs

MANAGER REPORTS FINANCES

At the last meeting of the Village Council, the Manager presented a brief report showing the financial condition of the Village after the expiration of the first six months of the fiscal year. The detailed financial statement for September, printed elsewhere in this issue was also explained.

The total expenditure from the General Fund for the past six months have been \$60,854.43, which is sixty-one per cent of the estimated expenditures for twelve months, as shown by the budget adopted at the beginning of the year. Because of increased costs for all items of labor and material, it is expected that the General Fund will show a considerable deficit at the end of the present fiscal year, inasmuch as the increase in tax income authorized by the last Legislature will not be received until after the end of the current fiscal year, March 31, 1920.

The gross revenue of the Electric department for the month of September showed an increase of thirty-three per cent over the corresponding month in 1918; operating expenses increased thirty-nine per cent. The unit cost of production increased from 4.8 cents to 5.4 cents per kilowatt hour sold.

In the Water department, the consumption of water in Winnetka during the past three months increased 44.5 per cent over the corresponding period last year, as compared with an increase in water sold Glencoe of 56.5 per cent. The total water pumped increased only 33 per cent, due to a large decrease in water lost in distribution, resulting from the continuous survey to locate leaks in mains and services. The cost per thousand gallons sold decreased from 7.6 cents last year to 6 cents this year, a reduction of 1.6 cents per thousand gallons.

The cost of fuel delivered at the plant including shrinkage and re-handling from temporary storage, is \$5.50 per ton, as compared to \$4.53 last year. The cost of fuel used at the plant for the month of September increased 25.6 per cent over last year, as compared to an increase in electrical output of 17 per cent and in water pumpage of 33 per cent.

CITY MANAGERS' CONVENTION

The Village of Winnetka was represented at the City Managers' Convention in Indianapolis during the past week by Manager H. L. Woolhiser. John S. Miller, Jr., President of the Village, also attended the sessions of the convention on Tuesday, October 28.

NEW FIRE TRUCK

The American La France fire truck recently purchased to provide adequate fire protection to the Village will be delivered some time next week. This apparatus, which is of the most modern type, will be on display at the Village Hall, where G. M. Houren, Fire Chief, will be glad to explain its operation to any citizen interested. A demonstration of the equipment under actual fire fighting conditions will be staged for the benefit of the public in the near future, with the members of the Fire department in charge.

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

An active campaign to put the sidewalks of the Village in good condition, under the direction of the Public Works Department, has resulted in a very large number of sidewalk improvements during the past month. Mr. W. A. Gibbon, Superintendent of Public Works, reports a fine spirit of co-operation on the part of property owners in complying with the request of the Village that they attend to necessary sidewalk repairs.

EXTENSION OF VILLAGE LIMITS

A committee of the Council has under consideration the annexation of the territory lying south of Winnetka avenue between the Chicago and Northwestern railway and Ridge road. A letter has been received from William H. Maclean, County Commissioner, requesting that the Council give careful consideration to the annexation of this district.

TRACK DEPRESSION

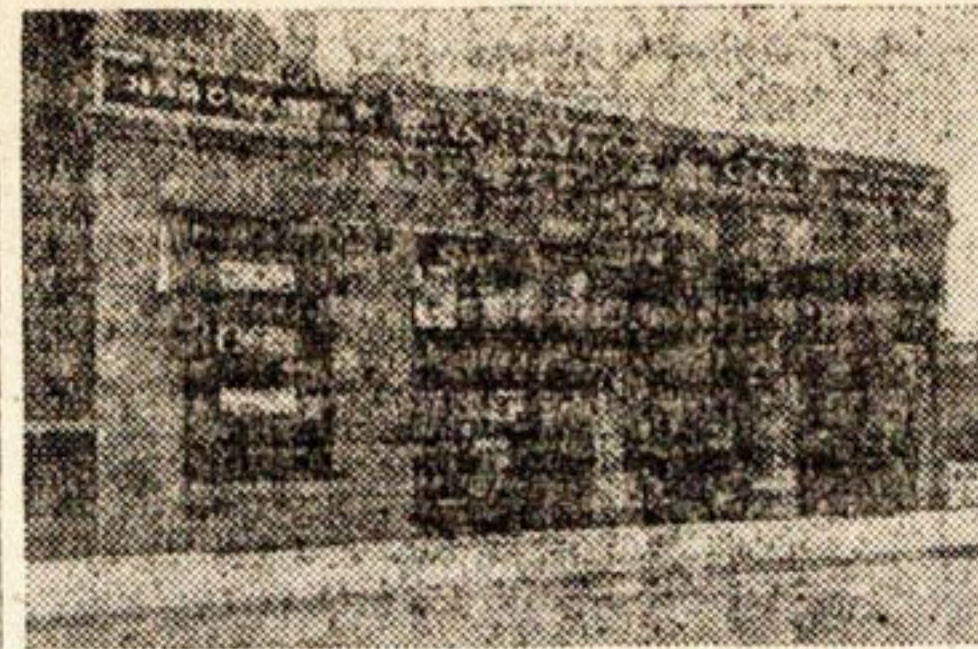
The preliminary work to provide for depression of railway tracks through the Village is progressing satisfactorily, the engineering being handled by Mr. H. C. Lothholz, who has had charge of similar work in several large cities. H. K. Tenney has been retained by the Village Council as counsel to take charge of the legal features of this work.

COAL SUPPLY

Residents of Winnetka need not worry about interruption of electric or water service during the impending coal strike, unless the strike lasts for a longer period than two months. Over 1200 tons of coal for plant operation have been stored at the plant and on the Village property at North avenue and Linden street, in anticipation of a shortage during the strike.

NEW VILLAGE MAPS

A supply of small maps of the Village showing the house numbering system and containing other information of interest to residents, has been received at the Village Hall. These maps can be obtained by anyone desiring them at a price of three cents each.



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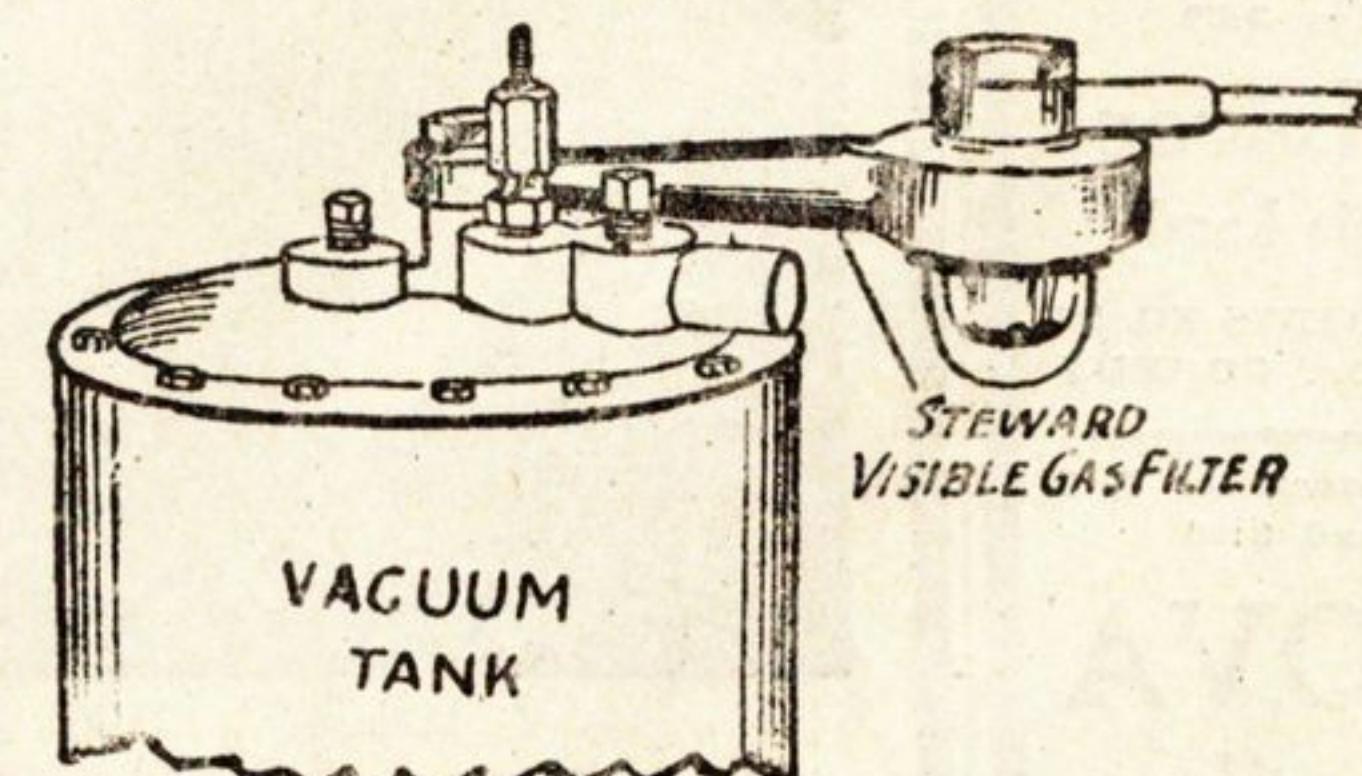
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