

Municipal Column

Edited by the Village Manager

Traffic Regulation Code

The attention of our citizens is directed to the comprehensive traffic regulation code passed at the last meeting of the Village Council and published in substance in the last issue of the Winnetka Weekly Talk. The regulations provide for a reasonable control of the operation of all vehicles, particularly automobiles, and are based on provisions which have become well standardized in Chicago and vicinity as well as elsewhere.

The Police department has been instructed to enforce these regulations strictly, and all vehicle drivers should familiarize themselves with the provisions in order to avoid unwitting violations.

Please Trim Your Shrubbery

Numerous cases exist throughout the village where shrubbery has grown rapidly and is overhanging the sidewalk to such an extent as to seriously interfere with the passage of pedestrians. Property owners are requested to co-operate in trimming back such shrubbery, as well as any trees whose branches overhang the sidewalk and interfere with head room.

Gas Rates

The Village Attorney has just received notice from the Public Utilities Commission of Illinois that the North Shore Gas company has applied for another temporary increase in gas rates in addition to the ten cent increase recently granted by the commission. The Gas company alleges that this increase is necessary in order to maintain their credit because of sharp increases in cost of coal, oil and other items entering into the cost of gas manufacture, since the previous application.

Mr. William A. Baehr of Glencoe, vice president and general manager of the North Shore Gas company, addressed a meeting of the Association of North Shore Municipalities at Highland Park on Monday evening, July 19, explaining the reason for the necessity for increased gas rates.

At the Council meeting on Tuesday evening, July 20, the Council decided to oppose the proposed increase before the commission, retaining Mr. Edward Bemis as an expert to assist the Village Attorney in the matter.

Zoning

Harland Bartholomew of St. Louis, zoning engineer, has been engaged by the Council to serve the Winnetka Zoning Commission in the preparation of a comprehensive zoning ordinance for the village. Mr. Bartholomew is considered to be one of the foremost experts on zoning work, having prepared the zoning plans for St. Louis, Mo., Washington, D. C., and other cities, and at present is employed by the City of Evanston.

It is estimated by the Zoning Commission that a period of six months will be required to complete the zoning ordinance and to hold the necessary public hearing required by state statute before the ordinance becomes effective.

Fire Department

The June report of G. M. Houren, Chief of the Fire department, shows that six calls were responded to during the month, with three actual fires which caused a total damage of \$1000. A total valuation of \$55,000 was involved.

An important part of the work of the Fire department consists of routine inspections to locate and remedy hazardous conditions which may cause fires. During the month of June, the report shows that fourteen such inspections were made and that in practically all cases the cheerful co-operation of the property owners was received.

The village is this year taking advantage of the state statute which provides for a 2 per cent tax on all fire insurance premiums written on Winnetka property, to be paid by the insurance companies, and notices have been served on all companies doing business in the village that such taxes must be paid this year. It is estimated that several hundred dollars will be received for the benefit of the Fire department from this source.

Police Department

The June report of W. M. Peter-

son, Chief of Police, shows that 44 arrests were made during the month, 42 of which were for violations of traffic regulations.

During the month there were three accidents, one of which resulted in death on the right of way of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. One stolen car was recovered, nine business buildings were found open at night, four lost children were restored, thirty-seven streets lights were reported out, and one hundred and forty-one miscellaneous cases were handled by the department.

It has been found necessary to increase the rate charged to residents receiving special night watchman service, to a minimum of \$10 per month, because of increased costs for wagons and equipment. The Police department maintains several private routes, which service is for the particular benefit of persons desiring further property protection than can be supplied at general expense, and the cost of this special service cannot be charged to the general fund.

Sewers Being Cleaned

The Public Works Department is now engaged in a systematic and thorough cleaning of all of the sanitary sewers of the village, starting in the west section of Hubbard Woods. The new sewer cleaning machine which was purchased for this purpose is working satisfactorily and good progress is being made. Many of the sewers of the village have not been cleaned since their installation, fifteen or twenty years ago.

Appoints Village Manager

The Village of Kenilworth has decided that the manager plan has justified itself in Glencoe, Winnetka and Wilmette, and has just appointed F. L. Streed as village manager to assume duties on September 1.

Mr. Streed has acted as the manager's assistant at Winnetka since January 1 and is a graduate of the College of Engineering, University of Illinois. His successor has not been appointed.

ONE CAN'T KID THE OLD TIMERS IN THIS HAMLET

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dethloff and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Vollmann returned Tuesday from a week-end automobile tour to Fort Atkinson, Wis., by way of Lake Kosgonong.

The party reported a big catch of fish in the Wisconsin lake but friends declared the tourists very evidently saw fit to bring back nothing but the stories.

SAVES KENILWORTH BOY FROM DROWNING

Harry Grausnick, Northwestern University Football Star, On the Job At Beach

Harry Grausnick, the sturdy freshman football player at Northwestern university, is winning the admiration of the citizens of Kenilworth by his quick and effective rescues on the bathing beach at Kenilworth, where he is the life guard for the summer.

Thomas I. Lovedale, president of the Kenilworth club, relates the story of a rescue made by Grausnick last Friday afternoon, and says that he cannot be given too much credit for the kind of work he is doing.

Hears Commotion

"I went home early Friday in order to spend the rest of the hot afternoon in the lake. I had just left my house, which is only a short distance from the beach, when I heard people yelling down on the beach. I hurried to the scene.

"The occasion of the yelling was the rescue which I was just in time to see. Grausnick was just starting back to shore with a lad who had gone down for the third time and was about gone for good. The boy, Charles Kline, and his partner, whose name was not learned, had gone out on a raft. When they were some distance out, Kline was seen to be off the raft and struggling and trying to signal for help some distance from it.

Gets There in Time

"Grausnick and two other fellows who were on the beach started for him. Grausnick got to him just as he had gone down for the third time and brought him back to shore. After considerable effort he was resuscitated. The other boy and the raft were brought in by the other two men who responded to the distress of the two boys."

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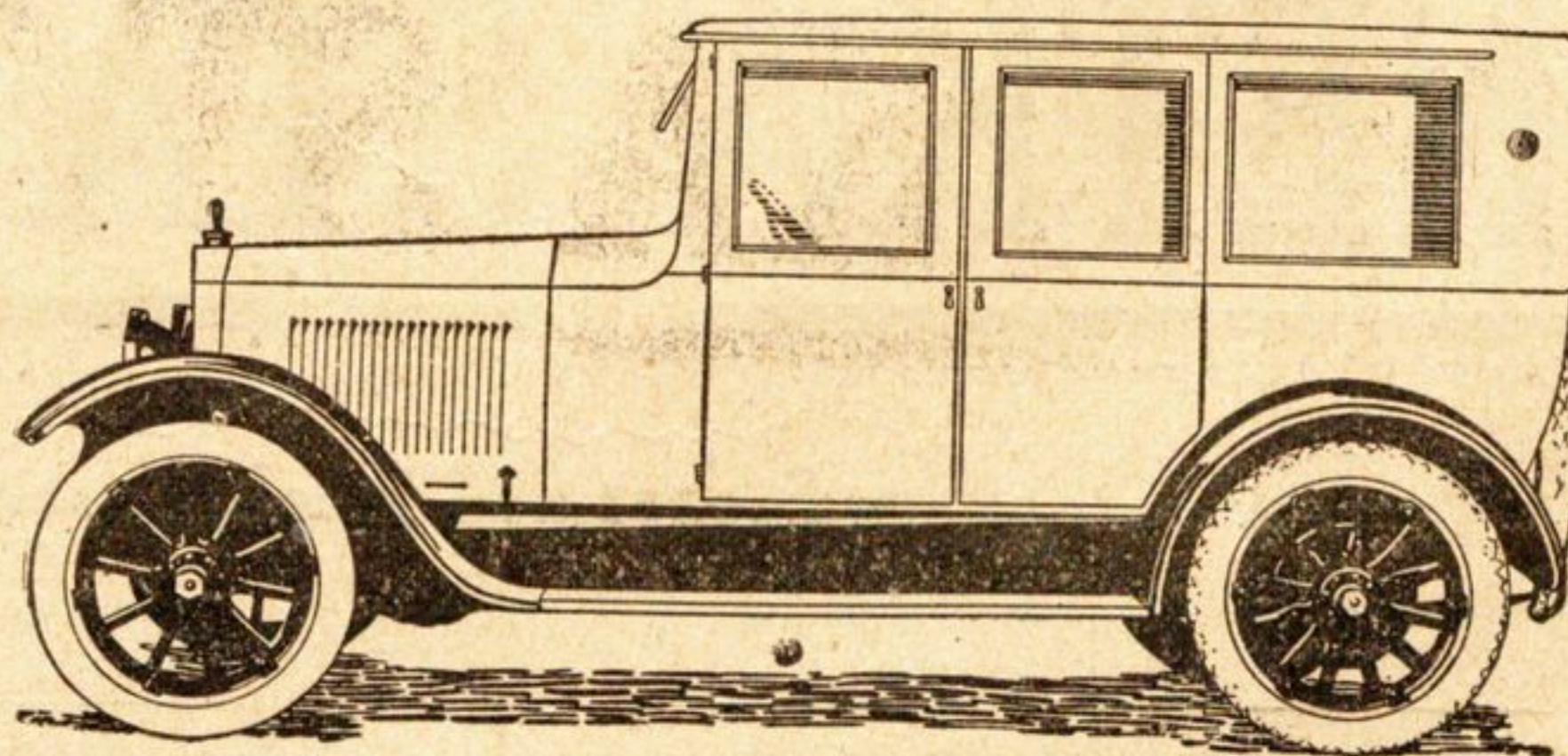
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