

Municipal Column

Edited by the Village Manager

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report of the Police department shows that three arrests were made during the month, two of which were for discharge of firearms and one for violation of the sanitary code. One burglary was committed during the month at the residence of H. E. Stuart, 280 Sheridan road. Three stolen bicycles were recovered, five accidents occurred, one building was found open, two disturbances were suppressed, four dogs and two cats were killed, three lost children were restored and eighteen street lights were reported out. No automobiles were stolen or recovered in the village during the month. A check forger, guilty of passing forged checks in the village, was located and placed in charge of the Chicago Police department.

The Police department, by means of a postal card notice sent to everyone in the village, asks the co-operation of citizens in reporting promptly in cases of theft or presence of suspicious characters, and also offers to give residences special protection when occupants are away from home during the day or evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The report of the Fire department for the month of December shows that eleven fires occurred during the month involving a total valuation of \$187,000, the aggregate loss being \$7,033. The most serious fire during the month was at the residence of Mrs. Edward M. Kemp, 765 Sheridan road, building and contents being valued at \$95,000, with a loss of \$2,067.

During the month an inspection was made of all the oil burning furnaces in the village and suggestions were made to owners relative to the safety requirements of the Division of Fire Prevention of the State of Illinois. The Fire Marshal will be glad to confer with anyone interested in any matters pertaining to fire prevention.

At the Council meeting on Tuesday evening, January 4, authorization was granted for payment of expenses of one delegate to the convention of the Illinois Firemen's Association to be held at Jacksonville, Illinois, on January 15.

WATER RATES

At the Council meeting on Tuesday evening, December 21, an ordinance was passed providing for an increase of the rate for water supplied to domestic consumers from \$1.12 per thousand cubic feet to \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet. This action was taken after several weeks consideration of the financial requirements of the Water department, as set forth in a previous issue of the Winnetka Weekly Talk.

The new rate will be effective for consumption during the first quarter of 1921.

STREET LIGHTS

During the month two new street lights were installed on Ridge avenue at the new Oak street railroad crossing, one street light was installed at the corner of Maple avenue and Ash street and one street light on Elder lane between Essex road and Woodland avenue.

WATER AND LIGHT PLANT

The electric output of the village plant for the month of December broke all records, being 30 per cent higher than for December, 1919. The improvement in plant efficiency is shown by the fact that coal consumption per kilowatt hour was reduced to an average of 5.7 lbs. as compared with 7.6 lbs. in 1917. It is expected that the above records can be still further improved when the new turbine which is now being installed, is placed in operation.

The need for fuel economy is shown by the fact that coal now costs \$8.50 per ton delivered at the plant as compared with \$2.45 in 1916. Coal prices f. o. b. the mines have dropped somewhat during the past few weeks but no reduction in freight rates can be expected for some time.

The work on the roadway which is being built from Sheridan road down the bluff to the plant is progressing rapidly under the favorable weather conditions and it is to be hoped that it will soon be available for use. In this connection, attention is called to the fact that the village has a large quantity of cinders which soon can be

disposed of to any resident of the village at a nominal charge.

NEW VILLAGE HALL

A special committee of the Village Council with Dr. H. C. Ballenger as chairman, is now actively considering the question of providing a modern and adequate municipal building for the village. It is expected that this committee will be prepared to make a definite recommendation to the Village Council at an early date.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Attention of property owners is called to the fact that special assessments are now due and payable at the village office and all owners are requested to make payment in Winnetka rather than at the County building that the village may obtain the benefit of the legal fees which would otherwise accrue to the benefit of the county, and which are badly needed here to defray the expense of the collection work.

SPECIAL ELECTION

At the Council meeting on Tuesday evening, January 4, an ordinance was introduced providing for a special election to be held on February 8 to fill the vacancy in the office of Village Treasurer caused by the death of Mr. H. C. Seymour, referred to elsewhere in this issue of the Weekly Talk.

Woman's Club

A regular meeting of the Winnetka Womans' club was held on Thursday afternoon, December 30, at 2:30 o'clock. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. John R. Fletcher announced four grades of French classes, under the direction of M. Cauet. There will be a beginners' class, intermediate and advanced classes, and a course in French literature, which will meet on Monday afternoons at 4:30.

Miss Campbell, secretary of the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness, spoke on the work of the society in Illinois. During the year the sight of 165 babies has been saved and in thirty more cases half-sight has been preserved. Miss Campbell stated that one-third of the cases of blindness are unnecessary and are due to indifferent treatment at birth.

The program for the afternoon was in charge of the educational committee. Mrs. Cooley, accompanied by Mrs. Ewart, sang four delightful songs. Mrs. Maurice H. Lieber was the speaker for the afternoon and told of "Some Experiences of a Rural School Teacher." Before beginning her paper, Mrs. Lieber spoke of educational conditions in Illinois. Our state ranks second in wealth, fifth in wealth per capita, but only twenty-fourth in education in the United States. Mrs. Lieber spoke of the Smith-Towner bill, now pending in Congress, saying: "This bill establishes a department of education, with a secretary in the President's cabinet, and authorizes an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to encourage and assist the states in the promotion of education, with the express provision that the management of the pub-

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lic schools shall remain exclusively under state control."

Every member of the club is most earnestly urged to write to her representatives in Washington requesting their support of the Smith-Towner bill. Their names and addresses follow:

Hon. L. Y. Sherman,
Senate,
Washington, D. C.

and
Hon. Carl Chindblom,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

After Mrs. Lieber's paper Mrs. Cooley sang three songs. Tea was served by the following hostesses: Mrs. William J. Moir, Mrs. Edward A. Royce, Mrs. Eugene A. Rummier and Mrs. Herbert L. Woolhiser.

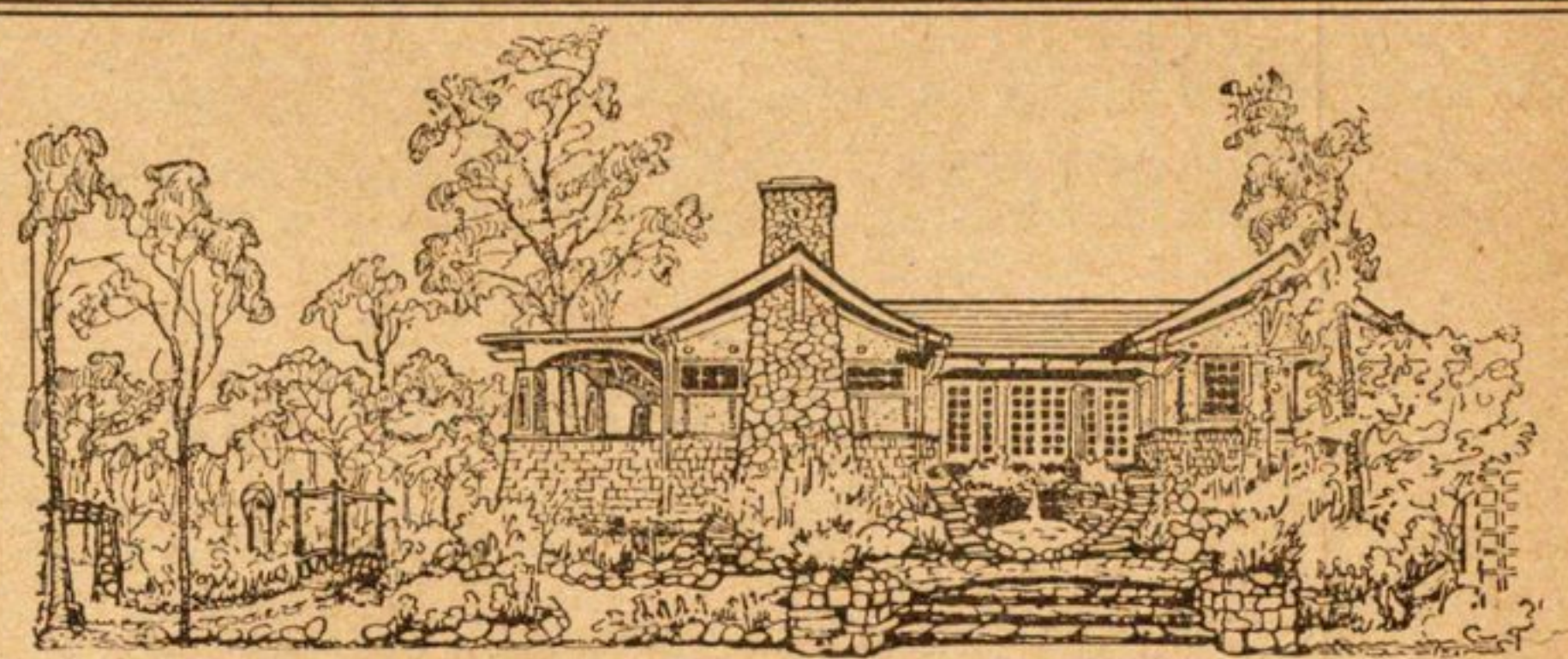
The next club meeting, on January

13, is in charge of the civics and philanthropy committee. They announce a lecture by Mr. Horace J. Bridges on "British Labor Parties."

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Sherman Taylor, of 314 Ridge avenue, announce the birth of a son, Stuart, on December 23.

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