

## Municipal Column

Edited by the Village Manager

### CHANGE IN VILLAGE RATES

At the meeting of the Village Council on Tuesday, August 15, an ordinance was introduced changing the rate for electricity for cooking from 4 cents to 5 cents per Kilowatt hour. The lower rate was placed in effect three years ago as an experiment to determine whether cooking service could be furnished by the Electric department at a price low enough to compete with gas. Costs based on this experience now show that with a small generating plant, using high priced coal rather than water power, a rate less than 5 cents per Kilowatt hour cannot be offered without selling cooking current at less than cost.

At the same meeting an ordinance was introduced amending the water rate ordinance to provide a higher rate for water service to consumers living outside the village limits of Winnetka. Outside consumers have heretofore been paying the same rate as Winnetka residents, namely \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet. However, Winnetka property owners are paying general taxes on bonds issued to pay a part of the cost of the filtration plant which tax is not levied on property owners outside the village. In addition, the water mains extending from the pumping station to the village limits, through which outside consumers are supplied, have been laid by special assessments against Winnetka property and at no expense to property beyond the limits. Based on a careful study of the cost of service, the Finance committee of the Council has recommended that the rate for all consumers outside the village limits, excepting municipal corporations, should be \$2.25 per thousand cubic feet, and the new ordinance makes provision for such a rate to become effective at the beginning of the next quarterly billing period.

### LOCUST STREET PAVING POSTPONED

At the last meeting of the Board of Local Improvements, the proceeding for the paving of Locust street from Pine street to Fig street was held up, pending the action of the abutting property owners in carrying out a previous agreement to provide a cinder roadway in lieu of special assessment proceeding for a concrete paving.

### SHRUBBERY ORDINANCE REVISED

At the last Council meeting, an ordinance was passed to final reading providing that owners of property at street intersections must keep shrubbery on their property trimmed back so that the view of motorists will not be obscured when approaching the corner. It is requested that all owners affected by this ordinance take steps to comply without further notice.

### FIRE LIMITS CHANGED

The ordinance prescribing fire limits for the Village of Winnetka, in which no frame building may be erected or altered, has been amended to make the fire limits agree with the "C" Commercial and "D" Industrial zones as provided by the Zoning ordinance adopted in January.

### KENILWORTH APPLIES FOR WATER SUPPLY

At the last Council meeting, Mr. E. E. Jackson, attorney, and James C. Murray, president of the village of Kenilworth, presented a request from the Kenilworth Council that Winnetka arrange to furnish water service to Kenilworth as is now done for the Village of Glencoe. It was stated that Kenilworth is planning to purchase the distribution system of the Kenilworth Water company, owned by the Sears estate, shut down the local pumping station and, if possible, secure its water supply from Winnetka. The matter was referred to the Water and Light committee for investigation and report.

### NEW MANURE ORDINANCE PROPOSED

The Village Attorney has been re-

quested to prepare an ordinance requiring owners of horses kept in the Village to place all manure in tight covered cans and have all accumulations removed at least once a week. This action is proposed as the result of a recommendation in the annual report of the Health officer, Dr. C. O. Schneider, who states that it is practically impossible to effectively enforce the present ordinance, requiring manure to be kept in fly-tight manure boxes.

### REMOVE POISON IVY

Trustee Langworthy has called the attention of the Council to the prevalence of poison ivy in all parts of the village, particularly in vacant lots, with the suggestion that the cooperation of property owners be sought in having the vines removed from their property. Numerous cases of ivy poisoning among both children and adults have occurred and it is hoped that property owners will take the initiative in removing all poison ivy, particularly where located near sidewalks and footpaths.

### RETURNS FOR FUNERAL

Rev. J. W. F. Davies, associate pastor of the Winnetka Congregational church, returned to the village Wednesday of this week to officiate at the services for Miss Adelaide Leone Clipper, who passed away on Sunday. Mr. Davies returned to his vacation place at Lake Hamlin, Ludington, Mich., later in the week.

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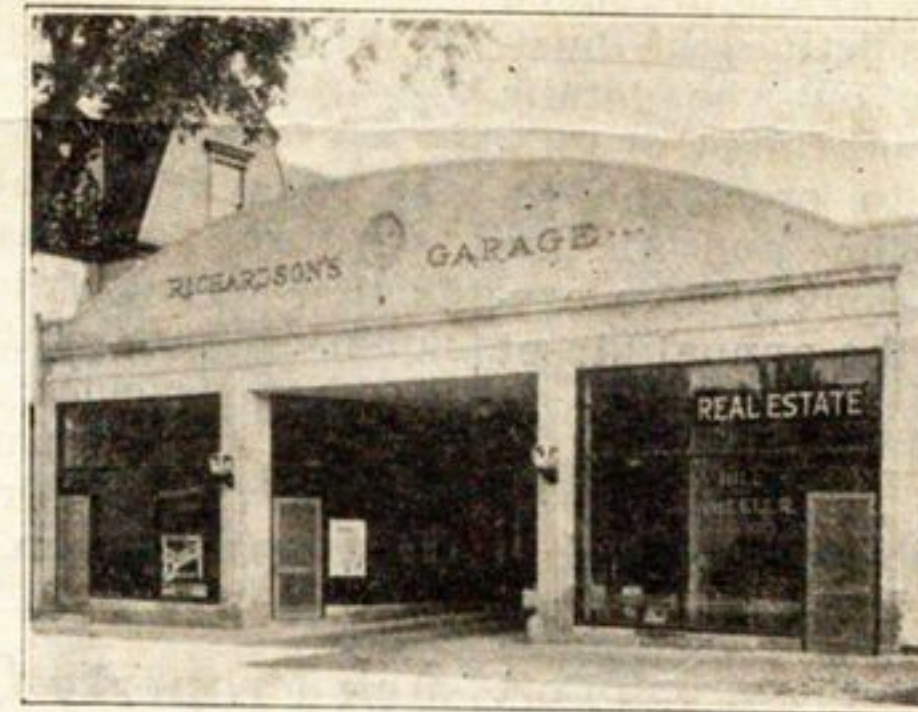
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