

Charles V. Sommer of Provident avenue is convalescing at the Highland Park hospital following an operation performed Thursday morning.

Mrs. Joseph Johnson of 478 Drexel avenue, Glencoe, has been elected treasurer of the National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812.

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## Reviews Municipal Progress

By the Village Manager

Editor's Note: Accompanying is the third installment of Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser's annual report made before the President and Board of Trustees recently. The report covers the work of the Village departments for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1926. The purpose of the report was to review briefly the work of the past year and to outline a program of activity for the year ahead. It should be of interest to every citizen of the village, since it is, in effect, a statement of the condition of the corporation of which they are all stockholders. Another installment will appear in next week's issue of WINNETKA TALK.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

The report of W. M. Peterson, chief of police, is transmitted herewith and covers adequately the activities of the police department during the past year, and the present needs of the department and recommendations concerning them have been covered by special communication of the chief of police, which has been transmitted to the village president.

It will be interesting to note the increase in the cost of police protection and in the amount of police work in Winnetka, during the past five years, as shown by the following comparative statement:

	1920-21	1925-26	Pct. In-crease
Annual Expense (Net) .....	\$19,636.00	\$37,501.00	91
Justice Fines ..	2,071.00	9,546.00	361
Auto License Income .....	5,716.00	15,768.00	176
Cost per capita ..	2.80	3.70	32
Average for U. S. Cities, 1923 .....	—	3.47	—

  

	1920-21	1925-26	Pct. In-crease
No. of Arrests .....	317	971	206
Burglaries .....	10	19	90
Accidents .....	24	92	283
Misc. Cases Handled ..	1,477	2,231	51
Population .....	7,000	10,132	45

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

The report of George M. Houren, fire marshal, is also presented herewith, and furnishes a detailed statement of the work of the fire department during the past year. The changes in the past five years are also presented for comparison:

	1920-21	1925-26	Pct. In-crease
Annual Expense .....	\$11,149.00	\$16,813.00	51
Property Loss .....	14,140.00	13,771.00	3 Dec.
Loss per Capita .....	2.02	1.36	33 "
Loss per Fire .....	153.70	133.70	13 "
Cost per Capita .....	1.58	1.66	5
Average for U. S. Cities in 1923 ..	—	2.84	—

  

	1920-21	1925-26	Pct. In-crease
No. of Fires .....	96	103	7
Fire Prevention Insp. ..	122	177	45
Population .....	7,000	10,132	45

The attention of the council is directed to the fact that the fire loss per capita for the past year, namely \$1.36 shows a marked reduction from that five years ago, when it was \$2.02 per capita. It is also significant that the average loss per fire, namely \$133.70, shows a similar reduction. For purposes of comparison, the loss per fire for several years past is given herewith:

1918-19 .....	\$806.00
1919-20 .....	683.00
1920-21 .....	153.70
1921-22 .....	152.85
1922-23 .....	283.45
1923-24 .....	217.93
1924-25 .....	170.00
1925-26 .....	133.70

### Fire Loss Reduced

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