Village Manager's Annual Report

Editor's note: Following is the third installment of Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser's annual report made to the Village council recently. The report is a comprehensive survey of every phase of municipal administration of the village during the past fiscal year and should be of vital interest to every taxpayer and voter in Winnetka. It affords an insight into the great responsibility which lies with our municipal servants, a responsibility far greater than the casual observer can ever comprehend. Other installments of the report will follow from week to week until the entire survey is in the hands of the readers of WINNETKA TALK.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Details of the work of the Public Works department are set forth in the accompanying report of Mr. Harold Bohnen, Superintendent of Streets.

It is interesting to note that the expense of operation of the Public Works department for the past fiscal year, namely \$111,005 is within .3% of the budget estimate of \$111,330, being \$325 less than the budget.

The work of the Public Works department covered a wide variety of public service, comprising building and electrical inspection, maintenance of pavements, street cleaning, snow removal, traffic signs and pavement marking, sewer cleaning, mowing of parkways in front of vacant property, collection and disposal of garbage, ashes and rubbish, and street lighting, both regular and ornamental.

In connection with building inspection, the building inspector, Mr. A. B Krieg, has been appointed secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals, keeping records of cases heard by the Board of Appeals, and having direct charge of the enforcement of zoning regulations. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing a word of appreciation for the self-sacrificing public service being rendered by the members of the of the owner.

\$23,348 was spent from the General ment and the cost to other property ments, including \$11,218 on asphaltic ingly increased. brick and concrete pavements, \$5,766 on macadam resurfacing and \$6,300 on patrol of macadam streets.

In the case of asphaltic streets, mended for the present season, and the

which comprise principally the streets in the west and northwest part of the village, which were paved about years ago with a light concrete base and an asphaltic top, which is now entirely inadequate for present traffic conditions, experimental work was done on Birch street, between Spruce and Pine, and on Chestnut street, between Oak and Ash, with a view of determining the best method of resurfacing these streets.

This work has shown that by the removal of the asphaltic top, repairing the concrete base and then adding a new three inch top of crushed stone, penetrated and seal coated with tarvia a total revenue for this service of apand gravel, these streets can be placed in fairly good condition at an approximate cost of \$1.20 per square yard, which is far below the cost of new pavements.

It has been suggested to the council that a plan be presented to property owners on these streets for consideration, involving their reconstruction by the foregoing method and also cutting back the corners to facilitate the movement of traffic, which work can be done at a total cost of approximately \$2.50 per front foot. With 25% of this cost borne by the Village from the vehicle tax fund, the net cost to property owners would be about \$1.90 per front foot with corners cut back, or \$1.45 per front foot with corners unchanged. By doing this work under special tax proceedings, levied in one installment, the work could be handled by the Village organization at a considerable saving to property owners and the village, as was done in the case of macadam resurfacing last

Resurfacing Plan Succeeds

The plan of resurfacing macadam Zoning Board of Appeals, who are de- streets by special tax proceedings, voting a very considerable amount of adopted for the first time last year, time to this work, not only in their worked out very successfully, a total capacity as an appeal board on zoning of 157,300 square yards being resurproblems, but also as a special board faced, at a net cost to property owners to regulate the architecture of build- of about 10 cents per front foot, the ings in the business and industrial Village bearing 40% of the total cost zones of the village. In a number of from the vehicle tax fund. The procases during the past year, suggestions ceedings for this work were confirmed have been made to owners of proposed in court without objection by any buildings, which have served not only property owner, although a very large to improve the general appearance and number of properties was involved, character of our business districts, but and under this plan, vacant property also to enhance the value and desir- owned by non-residents bore its proper ability of buildings from the standpoint share of the cost, whereas under the former voluntary subscription plan, During the year, the amount of much of this property escaped pay-Fund on maintenance of street pave- owners and to the village was accord-

> An additional amount of work of this nature, both on macadam streets and on the brick pavements of Tower road, Pine street and Willow road has been recom-

ordinance for the work has been passed by the Council.

A considerable improvement in street cleaning was effected by the adoption of machine sweeping, making possible the district every other day and residential streets on an average of once every two hand sweeping costs, with much superior were collected and disposed of:

Employ Machine Sweeper

results. It has been found best to operate the motor sweeper at night, after 12 o'clock, in order to avoid parked cars at the curb, and only a few complaints have been received because of noise of operation during these hours

The collection of garbage, ashes and rubbish was handled during the year at a total direct cost of \$36,390, as compared with the budget estimate of \$36,-200. The income from charges for the collection of garbage and ashes and for the collection of combustible rubbish from business establishments was \$33,-550 To this income should be added tax revenue of approximately \$8,000, making proximately \$41,500. Taking into account fixed charges on equipment used for this service and overhead expense,

neither of which is included in the operating costs stated above, it appears that the service is being rendered at a cost very close to the revenue drived from rates charged to our residents.

Because of the installation of oil cleaning of the streets in the business burners and also garbage incinerators in the Village, the quantities of garbage and ashes collected are not increasing as weeks, at a total cost of \$4,939, which rapidly as population. During the past is only slightly greater than previous year, the following quantities of waste

> 8,405 cubic yards Ashes 7,180 Garbage Hsehl'd Rub. 2,866 Rubbish from 6,596 Stores Animals

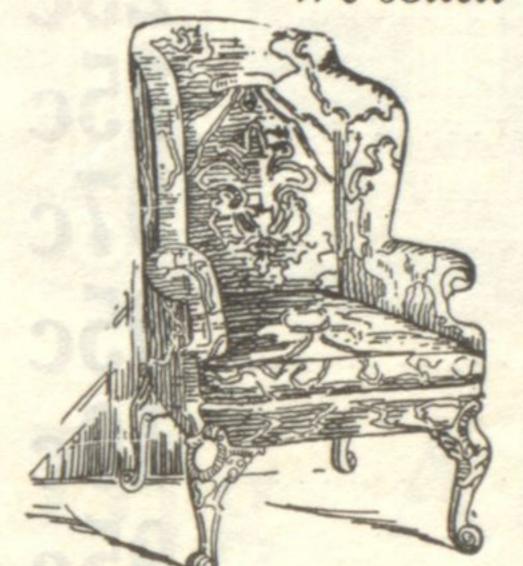
Retain Garbage Contract

We are still handling the collection of garbage under contract, because of the fact that this is the only method whereby the Village can be assured of a means of disposal, the contractor being a Glenview farmer who uses the garbage for fertilizer and hog feeding. By authority of the Council, this contract has been renewed for another year, pending the development of a definite plan for

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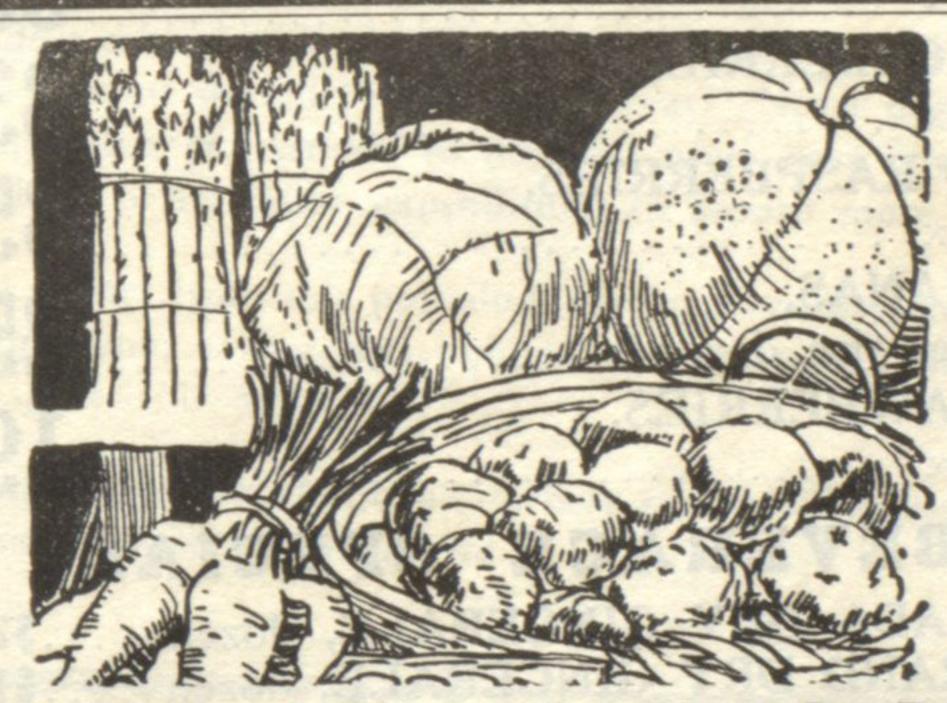
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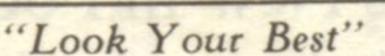
Meats, Fowl, Vegetables Must Be Best

The Hubbard Woods hostess is particular, and we know it. . But with Cherries coming into season, and with Sweet Corn, Calavos (Alligator Pears); to say nothing of the Spring Lamb, Broilers, Long Island Ducks, and Squabs for the meat course, there is no reason why she shouldn't be pleased.

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