

## Village Manager's Annual Report

Editor's note: Following is the fourth 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 reports will follow from week to week until the entire survey is in the hands of the readers of WINNETKA TALK.

### Police Department

The report of W. M. Peterson, chief of police, has been transmitted by him to the president of the village, inasmuch as this department is not under the supervision of the village manager. The report covers adequately the activities of the police department during the year, as well as the future needs thereof.

It will be interesting to note the following comparative statement of cost of police service and the amount of service rendered in Winnetka over the past five year period:

	1921-22	1926-27	% Inc.
Annual Exp. (Net)	\$22,997	\$41,869	83
No. of Arrests	263	451	72
Burglaries (Dec.)	17	6	65
Accidents	24	145	500
Misc. cases Handled	1,638	2,026	23
Justice Fines	\$1,348	\$2,954	120
Auto Lic. Issued	1,122	2,790	148
Population	7,800	10,500	35
Cost per Capita	\$2.95	\$3.98	35
Average for U. S. Cities, 1924			3.63

The problem of regulating motor traffic, which falls principally to the police department, is becoming more and more difficult each year, with the rapid increase in the number of motor vehicles on our streets, as shown by the foregoing figures. Inasmuch as the work of the manager touches this problem rather closely, it is suggested that the council give consideration to the following recommendations:

1. Revise the present regulations with reference to parking in the business districts, making a limitation of ninety minutes, the same as Evanston, instead of three hours, giving information as to parking regulations to the motorist by means of legible but inconspicuous signs, placed on the face of the curb.

### Would Stop "Stop" Signs

2. Discontinue the use of "Stop" signs of the Chicago Motor club, which cannot be legally enforced and which are commonly violated, until such time as the population of the village is fixed by census, thereby giving authority to establish legal through traffic streets; limit the designation of such through traffic streets to a minimum of streets actually carrying more than the average amount of through traffic, and designate such streets by conspicuous official "Stop" signs and see that they are observed.

3. Check up closely the operation of motor trucks, violating weight limitations imposed by state law, for the purpose of preventing damage to street pavements not designed for such heavy traffic.

### Fire Department

The report of G. M. Houren, fire marshal, is 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:

	1921-22	1926-27	% Inc.
Annual Expense	\$12,750	\$27,302	114
No. of Fires	116	148	27
Property Loss	\$17,731	\$20,315	15
Loss per Cap. (Dec.)	2.27	1.93	15
Loss per Fire (Dec.)	\$152.85	\$137.26	10
Fire Prev. Insp.	153	197	29
Population	7,800	10,500	35
Cost per Capita	\$1.10	\$2.60	136
Average for U. S. Cities in 1924			2.93

The loss per capita from fire last year, namely \$1.93, shows an increase over the year before when a low record of \$1.36

was made. The loss per fire, namely, \$137.26, is practically the same as last year when it was \$133.70, and this figure compares very favorably with that of Evanston for 1926, which was \$278 per fire, or \$2.74 per capita.

### Inspection Is Vital

It is believed that an important factor in holding our fire at a low point is the fire prevention inspection work being carried on by the marshal who has made regular inspections of business property throughout the year, as well as residential property on request. Fire prevention literature and other information has been given to the public from time to time by the department, in an effort to emphasize the importance of care in preventing unnecessary fire losses.

The department is now adequately equipped with apparatus, since the purchase of the combination hook and ladder truck with 750 gallons per minute pumper and chemical equipment and hose body, which was delivered in November. This equipment not only furnished a reserve unit, but is particularly useful in providing adequate ladder apparatus for handling fires in the many buildings in the business and residential districts, which are over two stories in height.

The Dodge roadster which was purchased for the use of the fire marshal during the year has proven most useful, enabling the chief to carry on his inspection work more efficiently, and to respond to fire calls, particularly at night, with greater facility.

The department now has six full time firemen in addition to the chief, one disabled fireman on pension and ten call men. The chief's recommendation that two additional full time firemen be provided on October first, is considered to be reasonable, but in view of the necessity of holding municipal expenditures at a minimum, without sacrificing reasonable safety, it is believed that this action should be deferred for at least another year, and therefore has not been provided for in the budget.

The completion of the new fire station by remodeling the old Village hall has furnished the department with commodious and comfortable quarters, which are second to none in this locality, and which will serve the Village for many years to come. The provision of this building, with its equipment and facilities for recreation, has had a fine effect on the spirit and efficiency of the several members of the department, all of whom greatly appreciate the splendid quarters provided.

### Health Department

The report of Dr. Howard A. Orvis, health officer, is presented herewith and covers the work of the department during the past year.

During the year, the council gave a very considerable amount of time to the consideration of the policy of the employment of a full time health officer to supervise health conditions in the village, the need for this action being made more apparent by the recent rapid increase in population, bringing with it many problems such as supervision of milk and water supply, prevention of contagion, supervision of sanitation, special service in connection with the diagnosis of communicable disease and health education. After consultation with a number of agencies in Winnetka, interested in public health, including the school authorities and the local physicians, it was decided that the time had arrived for the appointment of a full time health officer, specially trained in public health work, and because of the inability of Dr. C. O. Schneider, former part time health officer, to assume full time duties, the qualifications of a large number of persons with public health training and experience were considered and Dr. Howard A. Orvis was appointed and assumed the duties of the office of health officer on January 1, 1927.

The offices provided for the health department in the new Village hall have been fitted up for the needs of the department, and constitute the headquarters of the health officer and of the public health nurse, Miss Cora Queen.

### Amend Milk Ordinance

During the year, the milk ordinance was amended to provide for the delivery of milk in Winnetka, free from any possibility of bovine tuberculosis infection. In line with the action of the Chicago Health department, and the work of enforcing these regulations constitutes an important part of the work of the health officer.

The Health Code was revised and amended during the year, providing for a board of health authorized to adopt detailed rules and regulations on health matters, establishing a definitely organized health department as a part of the Village organization and providing general health requirements in line with the best modern health practice.

The cost of operating the department

for the year was \$4,038, as compared with the budget estimate of \$3,945. As will be noted from the budget, the amount provided for the department for the coming year is \$8,340, or 76c per capita, which is not considered an excessive amount in comparison with other progressive municipalities. Against the budget figure of \$8,340 will be credited the amount paid by the Village of Kenilworth, namely \$720 per year, because of the fact that Dr. Orvis is also acting as health officer for that community.

Aside from the financial benefit to both communities resulting from this plan, unified supervision of health in Winnetka and Kenilworth has many practical advantages, because of their contiguous location and close social contact, particularly in the public schools and in the high school.

One of the important results already achieved by Dr. Orvis is a closer co-operation between the health work in the public schools and that of the Village, making available to the board of education the services of the health officer as the needs may require.

## Local Electrical Station Member of Service Chain

The U. C. Abel Winnetka Exide Battery Service, 552-554 Lincoln avenue, Winnetka, is the only authorized Electrical Service station between Howard avenue, Evanston and Waukegan.

The United Motors Service, Inc., made this announcement recently in a letter issued to all garage owners and dealers in electrical equipment throughout this area explaining that this appointment completes "another link in our constantly growing chain of official factory service representation on Delco, Klaxon and Remy equipment."

All dealers throughout the territory above mentioned are now supplied with parts from the Winnetka Exide Battery service, and Mr. Abel says this service is also available for individual car owners in Winnetka, without their having to go to Chicago for this work. He suggests that anyone purchasing a new car have the electrical system thereof registered at the Winnetka Exide Battery Service, thereby availing themselves of the ninety days free service on this equipment.

The recent letter sent to all dealers relative to Mr. Abel's appointment to render this service says:

"This appointment has been made only after a careful investigation on our part and it is believed that we can recommend this organization to you with full assurance that an exceptionally high grade of service will be maintained.

"Their equipment and service facilities have passed our inspection, (which is necessarily somewhat rigid) and they have purchased a stock of parts, based as accurately as possible upon local car population which will be further increased as a demand becomes apparent.

"On our part, we have supplied and will maintain for them complete technical records to enable them to competently diagnose and correct troubles peculiar to the electrical equipment, eliminating the usual element of guess work.

"We believe you will find it distinctly to your advantage to make use of the factory service facilities thus provided and know that we can bespeak the hearty co-operation of our new service station in taking care of your requirements and those of your customers, in a prompt and courteous manner."

Mrs. Donald H. Jeffris of 811 Bryant avenue and Mrs. Benjamin Pfeiffer of 1500 Tower road are motoring east for Mrs. Pfeiffer's class reunion at Smith. Mrs. Pfeiffer will visit friends while Mrs. Pfeiffer is at Smith, and later they will go on to New York. Before returning home, they will attend the commencement exercises at Vassar, of which Mrs. Jeffris is an alumna.

## SEARS SCHOOL GIVES DIPLOMAS ON JUNE 17

### Thirty-nine Eighth Grade Pupils to Graduate at Ceremonies Next Friday

Graduation exercises at the Joseph Sears school, Kenilworth, will be held in the auditorium of the school at 2:30 Friday afternoon, June 17, at which time thirty-nine pupils will receive their diplomas in recognition of eight years of work accomplished.

The impressive afternoon program will be prefaced by an invocation by Rev. Leland H. Danforth of the Church of the Holy Comforter, following which, the seventh and eighth grade chorus will sing a group of two songs: "By the Shores of Gitchie Gume," and "Then the Little Hiawatha," selected from the operetta "Hiawatha's Childhood," by Bessie M. Whiteley. The chorus is under the direction of Miss M. Louise Robinson, and will be accompanied by the New Trier string trio, composed of Miss Estelle Swigart, Miss Frances Anderson and George Swigart.

The presentation of the class gift to the school, following a custom of several years' standing, will be made by Miss Oakley Jenks, president of the graduating class. A speech of acceptance on behalf of the rest of the school will be made by George F. Gillett as representative of the class of 1928.

### Nygaard Is Speaker

E. L. Nygaard, superintendent of the Kenilworth school, will then address the graduating class, the assembled students and parents upon a subject appropriate to the occasion and in presentation of the class of 1927. This address will be followed by another selection by the chorus, "Toward the Shores of Palestrina," from "Tales of Hoffman," by Jacques Offenbach.

The program will be concluded by the presentation of the diplomas to the graduating pupils by J. A. Peterson, vice-president of the Board of Education and the benediction by Mr. Danforth.

### Graduates of the class of 1927 are:

Elizabeth C. Backus, Kathryn Ann Benson, Elizabeth A. Bruen, Richard D. Buck, Robert M. Byrne, Joel W. Dickinson, Helen J. Eggert, Paul T. Gilbert, William F. Healy, E. John Hicks, John W. Howe, Robert L. Hutchings, Oakley Jenks, Julia M. Kane, Harriet Keith, Betty Jane Ketcham, John R. Montonara, Raymond Murray, Charles William Nelson, Dorrance C. Nygaard, Herbert H. Otten, Herbert M. Osgood, Benjamin J. Phillips, Kathryn Y. Redman, Cynthia Richards, Margaret Richards, Harry Richards, Caroline Roberts, Thomas E. Sexton, George R. Scott, Jayne G. Scott, Betty Jane Seery, Marjorie A. Smythe, Jane V. Sowers, Pauline Spiegel, Rosemary Swanson, Amila Jane Watson, Harriette E. Webster, William J. Williams.

## Coin Swallowing Goose Popular With Villagers

Those Golden Egg goose savings banks which the Hubbard Woods Trust & Savings bank is placing with those who open an account in its savings department of two dollars or more, are proving to be in great demand. The little banks comprise a golden egg on which is perched a goose with his neck and open beak extended upward. When a coin is deposited in his mouth, the money rattles down through the mechanical fowl which causes the beak to close, and the wings and tail to flop. The kiddies are not the only ones who are attracted by the clever invention to induce the saving of coins. Of course, when the bank is filled, the Hubbard Woods Trust & Savings bank has a place for the deposit of the money and pays interest on it, too.