

## MAKES ANNUAL REPORT TO WINNETKA COUNCIL

Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser  
Presents Report and Recommendations

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Editor's note: Appended is presented the fifth installment of the annual report on all branches of municipal administrative government made recently to the Winnetka Village Council by Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser. Other installments of the report will be published in subsequent issues of WINNETKA TALK.

### ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

It is believed that the needs of the council will be served best by a few concise statements summarizing the outstanding facts relative to the operation of our municipally owned electric utility.

1. The book value of property of the electric department, including generating station and distribution system as of the beginning of the fiscal year, was \$534,142.

It is estimated that the cost of reproduction of the property is at least \$800,000.

2. Consumption of electric current for all purposes increased 18.7% over the previous year. Consumption for lighting increased 13.6% and for power 54%.

3. The gross revenue was \$336,374, an increase of 15.9% over the previous year.

4. Operating expenses were \$115,838, an increase of 9.1% over the previous year, with a total output of 5,186,652 kilowatt hours, an increase of 17.7%.

5. Operating surplus for the year, after deducting depreciation of \$21,761 and the 8% dividend to the General Fund of \$42,731 was \$156,044, an increase of 20% over the previous year.

6. During the year, \$77,944 of the foregoing surplus was spent for improvements to plant and distribution system, covering the following principal items:

Completion of fan house for new boiler	\$ 1,226
Installation of new 500 H. P. boiler	59,394
New lathe for shop	1,094
Meters	3,501
Distribution System	11,100

7. The present surplus in the Electric Fund, subject to auditor's adjustments, is \$128,608, and in the Electric Depreciation fund \$69,306, making a total surplus in the electric department of \$197,914, as compared with \$98,054 a year ago.

8. The average coal consumption per kilowatt hour for the year was 3.42 pounds, as compared with 3.58 pounds last year, a decrease of 4.4%, largely resulting from increasing the steam pressure to 225 pounds and the installation of more efficient equipment.

9. The coal consumption for the year was 8,839 tons, an increase of 11.6% over the previous year, with an increase in plant generation of 17.7%.

10. The average price of coal per ton for the year was \$5.10, as compared with \$4.66 the previous year. This increase was principally due to the coal strike and the resulting necessity of storing a reserve supply at Northfield, with extra cost for rehandling and storage space.

11. The average cost per kilowatt hour sold, including depreciation, was 2.91 cents, as compared with 3.13 cents the previous year, a decrease of 7%. The distribution loss was 11.5% of current distributed, which is considered to be a low figure in public utility operation.

12. The total number of electric meters in service on April 1, 1928 was 3,385, an increase of 308 meters for the year, or 10%.

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## WILL FETE CHILDREN

Winnetka Circles Plan Many Picnics for Tots at Chicago Commons and Onward Mission House

The Circles of the Winnetka Congregational church are again planning their annual picnics for the children from Chicago Commons and Onward Neighborhood House. The following have been definitely scheduled:

June 19—The Pine and Cherry street Circles will have a picnic for the Kindergarten children from the Commons. Mrs. Theodore Coyne and Mrs. Richard Webster will be in charge.

June 26—The Willow road Circle will entertain fifty children from the Commons. Mrs. Ira Wilson is chairman.

June 28—The Lincoln avenue Circle under Mrs. D. S. Lasier, chairman, will entertain thirty children from the Commons.

June 29—The Walden road Circle will have a picnic for fifty children from Onward Neighborhood House. Mrs. R. N. Butow and Mrs. Albert Martin will be in charge.

July 11—The West Elm street Circle will have a picnic for thirty-five, from Chicago Commons. Mrs. Burton H. Atwood, Jr., is chairman.

July 10—The Foxdale avenue Circle will have a group of thirty, from the Commons. Mrs. Ralph Morphett will be in charge.

July 17—The staff of Community House will entertain fifty children from the Commons. Miss Kathryn Flinn is chairman.

The Rosewood avenue Circle, under the direction of Mrs. R. F. Feagans, the Skokie Circle, under Mrs. John Desmond and the Oak street Circle, Mrs. Charles S. Jewell chairman, are planning picnics, the dates of which have not as yet been confirmed.

Arrangements have been made with the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad to have a special car to bring out the groups for these picnics.

## Lauds Winnetka Program for "Better Homes Week"

The following letter was received by Dr. J. W. F. Davies from Mr. James Ford, executive director, Better Homes in America, and will be of interest to those who helped to make Better Homes Week in Winnetka a success:

"Your excellent report on the observance of Better Homes Week in Winnetka has just been received. We were much pleased to note the many admirable features of your program and feel certain that it will have lasting educational influence. Your album was most interesting and attractive.

"Please extend to all members of your committee and to the co-operating agencies our deep appreciation of all that you have done.

"Sincerely yours,

"James Ford,  
Executive Director, Better Homes in America."

## Community Nursery School Closed With Field Events

The Community Nursery school had its formal and permanent closing Saturday, June 9, with a lawn party for parents and children at the home of Mrs. E. T. Kongsberg in Hubbard Woods. Field day events featured the program.

The school has been discontinued and is not to be taken over by any other persons. The children in the nursery have been placed in different groups in the community. Miss Corinne Fitzpatrick, the director, will take up her new work in Lake Forest.

## A Case in Point Proves Wisdom of Ban on Fireworks

The wisdom of the warning sounded by President Henry F. Tenney last week in calling attention to the provision of a Village ordinance prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks in Winnetka, came the following Monday, when Betty Brown, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Brown, of 419 Maple avenue, was injured by a torpedo.

The incident occurred shortly after noon, while the girl was on her way to school. Some boys, in a passing automobile, threw a torpedo which struck her on the shoulder, as it exploded.

She went on to school, but by evening, the wound had become so painful that it was necessary to call a physician.

The incident, the police feel, is more forceful than any words, in setting forth the danger in any of these noise making devices, and forcefully substantiates the wisdom of President Tenney and the police in their efforts to curb their use in the village.

## Beautiful Ritual Signalizes Close of Local Schools

The ritual of graduation for the class of 1928 of the Winnetka Public schools was solemnized with all the pomp and ceremony attendant upon such events at the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall in the Skokie school Wednesday night.

Four of the chief figures in the ritual ceremony were Miss Nell Myers, head of the English department at Skokie school, H. P. Clarke, director of physical education, Miss Sally Kriebel, and John P. Barden.

Mr. Clarke presented diplomas to 148 eighth grade graduates of the Winnetka schools. The names of the graduates were printed in a previous issue of WINNETKA TALK.

Immediately following the close of the regular school term the summer classes will start. Next Monday, June 18, is the date for the opening. The summer session will run for four weeks at the Horace Mann school under the direction of Miss LaReina Bubbett.

## All Dutchmen Will Please Form in Line at the Right

Two historically interesting books have just come to Winnetka, concerning one of the West Indies Islands, St. Eustatius, but, alas, they are printed in Dutch and H. A. deWindt, of 205 Chestnut street, who got them from Boston, can't read Dutch. Consequently, he's "In Dutch" and requests that if there are any readers of WINNETKA TALK who can help him out, to get in touch with him at their earliest convenience.

### PLAN SUMMER ABROAD

Mrs. Ernest S. Ballard of 811 Auburn avenue, and her children will leave Winnetka shortly to go east, where they sail on the Carmania on June 22, to spend three months abroad. Mr. Ballard will meet his family in Europe about August 1. Mrs. Ballard and the children will sail directly to Paris, where they will spend about four weeks. From there they will go to southwest France, near the border. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard and the older children then hope to take a walking trip in French Switzerland and Switzerland. The younger children will be left behind with a nurse. They will return on the DeGrasse, which sails on September 15.

## PLAN TRAINING CLASS FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

Winnetka Congregational Church  
to Co-operate With University  
of Chicago

The Winnetka Congregational church is planning to conduct in the fall a training class for volunteers who desire to be of real service in the social work field. The University of Chicago and the social agencies are co-operating with the church to make this course practical.

The course is intended to give the volunteer social worker (1) an understanding of the methods, resources and principles of social service as practiced today and (2) a concept of the role of the volunteer social worker in the field of social work.

The suggested topics and discussion leaders are given below although both are subject to change.

### Outline Program

- I. Forms of Social Work—W. W. Burke, University of Chicago.
- II. History of the Philanthropic Movement—W. W. Burke, University of Chicago.
- III. Social Legislation and Social Work—Joel D. Hunter, United Charities.
- IV. Family Service Agency—Amelia Sears, United Charities.
- V. Psychiatric Social Work—Helen Mvrick, Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene.
- VI. Social Service in Hospitals and Dispensaries—Helen Beckley, American Association Hospital Social Workers.
- VII. Children's Agencies—Institutional—Bertha Hosford, Joint Service Bureau.
- VIII. Children's Agencies—Non-Institutional—Jacob Kenec, Jewish Home Finding society.
- IX. Corrective Agencies—Harry Hill, Juvenile Court.
- X. Settlements—Lea D. Taylor, Chicago Commons association.
- XI. Recreational Agencies—W. J. Blackburn, University of Chicago.
- XII. Co-ordination in Social Work—Wilfred S. Reynolds, Chicago Council of Social Agencies.

### Include Field Work

Field work, institutional visiting and bibliography will be included.

This class is open to anyone in the village and a fee of \$3 will be charged for the entire course to defray car-fares and incidental expenses as the lecturers are giving their time.

The class will be limited to 25 and will not start with less than 10. It is therefore important for any interested to communicate either with the church office or with Mrs. Charles T. Moon, 838 Lincoln avenue, so that definite arrangements may be made with the lecturers.

## Reschke Gets Contract for Wilmette Projects

Contracts for various Wilmette alley paving projects were awarded to Paul Reschke of Winnetka by the Wilmette Village board this week. These, with the contract figures noted, include: first alley north of Washington avenue between 16th and 17th streets, \$2,715; first alley north of Central avenue between 15th and 16th streets, \$2,857.50; first alley north of Linden avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets, \$2,751; first alley north of Lake avenue between 15th and 16th streets, \$3,186; first alley north of Forest avenue between Main and 15th streets, \$2,580.50; the "H" alley in the block bounded by Gregory avenue, Broadway, Isabella and Sixth streets, \$7,341.80.