

MAKES ANNUAL REPORT TO WINNETKA COUNCIL

Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser
Presents Report and Recommendations

By H. L. Woolhiser

Editor's note: Appended is presented the sixth 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. The concluding installment of the report will be published in next week's issue of WINNETKA TALK.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The outstanding facts pertaining to the water department are as follows:

1. The book value of the pumping station, filtration plant and distribution system as of March 31, 1927 was \$648,245.

2. Consumption of water, including Glencoe, was 712,451,000 gallons, an increase of 27.9 percent over the previous year.

3. The total pumpage is 854,793,000 gallons, an increase of 25.6 percent over the previous year. This pumpage amounts to 146 gallons per capita per day, and was unusually high, due to the fact that the summer of 1927 was particularly dry and warm.

4. The gross revenue of the water department was \$125,306, an increase of 30 percent over the previous year.

5. Operating expense was \$65,115, an increase of approximately \$9,000 over the previous year, due to increased pumpage.

6. Net income after deducting depreciation of \$11,479 was \$48,712, an increase of \$18,000 over the previous year. After adding general tax income of \$7,600 and deducting amount paid for filtration plant bonds and interest, namely \$7,450, the operating surplus for the year was \$48,862.

7. During the year \$25,746 of the foregoing surplus was used for property improvements, including the following items:

Emergency inlet on 20-inch intake	\$4,126.00
Material for extension of breakwater	8,799.00
Insulation of tank in water tower	1,676.00
Replacement of tower brick work	4,816.00
Meters	3,570.00

8. After deducting the foregoing capital expenditures there remains in the Water Fund a deficit of \$33,574 with a surplus in the Water Depreciation Fund of \$68,015 making a net surplus in the water department of \$34,441. It gives me great pleasure to report that the water department now shows a surplus in its funds for the first time since 1922, when a deficit of \$95,000 was incurred for the construction of the original filtration plant, which cost approximately \$205,000 and for which only \$76,000 in bonds were issued.

9. The unit cost per thousand gallons sold was \$10.75 as compared with \$11.98 last year, a decrease of 10.2 percent.

10. The number of water meters in service on April 1, 1928 was 2,426, an increase of 81 meters for the year, or 3.5 percent.

11. The loss of water in distribution was 16.7 percent of the pumpage, as compared with 18.3 percent last year.

The termination of the Glencoe contract for water service this month will relieve the Village of the necessity of immediately spending from \$150,000 to \$200,000 for the enlargement of the filter plant, and this investment can be probably postponed for about five years with a saving in interest and depreciation charges of around \$20,000 per year. The disconnection of Glencoe will reduce the net revenue of the electric department for current supplied for pumping by about \$3,600 per year and will reduce the net revenue of the

A North Shore Mecca for Garden Devotees



—Photo by Lehle

Among the many beautiful and unique gardens in New Trier township is Mrs. Percy Armstrong's rock garden, 861 Bluff road, Glencoe.

The general effect is that of a rocky hillside, in which a great variety of Alpine plants are growing luxuriantly. Here, also, may be found many rare primulas and other plants, difficult to obtain in America. These have mostly been raised from seed procured from different foreign sources.

Practically all the native American plants which thrive in this locality are also plentiful in the borders and through the shrubbery.

It is difficult, in a picture, to give an idea of the real beauty of some of these miniature plants, which cover the rocks with sheets of blossom.

water department by about \$19,000 per year, making a total reduction in net revenue of around \$22,000 per year, as compared with a saving in fixed charges for the next five years of \$20,000 per year. To offset the foregoing net reduction in revenue of \$2,000 per year, may be cited the fact that the Village is thereby saved from the necessity of tying up \$200,000 in bonding power at this time, and probably at the end of five years, a large part of this capital can be supplied by surplus earnings of the water department.

It is possible also that the Village may be asked to furnish water to Northfield, and, provided they are willing to pay an adequate rate, which was not the case with the Village of Glencoe, this may be of advantage to us as well as to Northfield.

During the winter season we did not have as much trouble from anchor ice at the intake as was experienced the previous year, but this possibility is always present. The installation of an emergency inlet on the 20-inch intake, completed this year, will serve to give us an alternate source of supply in case of anchor ice trouble at the main intake and will also serve to increase the capacity of the intake, during periods of dry weather demand.

In connection with the construction of the first unit of the harbor plan as discussed in a previous section of this report, the contract also provides for the extension of the 30-inch intake to the face of the outer bulkhead. This also will provide additional intake capacity, in case of emergency.

Very careful attention has been paid during the year to the bacteriological analysis of water at the filter plant laboratory, and monthly samples have also been submitted for check tests to the Department of Health at Springfield, with uniformly good results. The Winnetka water supply, along with that of Evanston, as rated by the Sanitary District, and state authorities, is the best in the vicinity of Lake Michigan.

ON VACATION

Patrolman Ralph Rayburn, of the Winnetka Police department, is enjoying his annual 15-day leave from duty, his vacation starting last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen P. Houston, Jr., 366 Winnetka avenue, are in Indianapolis this week-end attending the wedding of Mrs. Houston's niece, Miss Jane Wells. Miss Wells' wedding, with over a thousand guests, will be one of the big social events of the season at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Frank R. Fuller has returned to her home at 98 Church road after an absence of about ten months during which time she has traveled extensively in Europe. She has spent the last few months at Sorbonne in Paris.

Mrs. N. L. Hurd and her daughter, Miss Natalie Hurd, motored last Saturday to Detroit where they will spend about two weeks visiting Mrs. Hurd's sister.

Winnetka Pastor Lectures at Young People's Parley

The Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin of the Winnetka Congregational church is at Tower Hill, Sawyer, Mich., this week lecturing at the Congregational Young People's conference. The dates for the conference are June 20-27. Mr. Goodwin's vacation has been interrupted by the week of teaching. His vacation address is Marine route, Waupaca, Wis.

North Shore Women to Go to Convention

Of the number of north shore women attending sorority conventions this summer, Mrs. Frank McCord will be a delegate from the Alliance chapter of Delta Delta Delta to the convention July 4 to 16 at Breezy Point, Minn. Other delegates to the same convention will be Miss Irene Baehr of Glencoe, Miss Helen Reed of Winnetka, and Mrs. Robert Reed.

Delegates to the Kappa Kappa Gamma convention at Breezy Point are Miss Virginia Bixbee, Miss Ruth Bower of Wilmette, and Miss Lucille Tatham of Winnetka.

Mrs. D. Bligh Grasset, Mrs. E. L. Mitten, and Mrs. H. Herbert Bartling of Winnetka are delegates to the Kappa Alpha Theta convention at Breezy Point. Miss Alice King of Wilmette will also attend.