

## MAKES ANNUAL REPORT TO WINNETKA COUNCIL

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election, the issuance of these bonds was approved by a large majority of those voting. The Library Board has proceeded with the construction of an addition to the library building, and \$68,000 of the bonds have been issued and sold at public bidding. These bonds were issued on a 4% basis, and with the exception of \$5,000 were purchased by the First Trust and Savings Bank on the basis of an interest return of 4.05%. This price shows that the Village of Winnetka enjoys an enviable credit rating.

### Check Apartments

As mentioned under the list of ordinances passed during the year, this zoning ordinance was amended to provide greater restrictions on the erection of gasoline service stations and particularly on the construction of combined business and apartment buildings in the "C" commercial districts. This latter question was the subject of a number of public hearings, in which great interest was shown by the citizens of the village, both in favor and in opposition to the proposed restrictions. After very careful consideration, the council decided, on recommendation of the Zoning Commission, that it should take a position in line with that taken by several other suburban communities in the vicinity of Chicago, that intensive apartment house development, even in the business district, is not in harmony with the character of Winnetka, and results in undesirable congestion.

The renewal of the franchise of the Illinois Bell Telephone company, which expired in 1924, is still under consideration. An effort has been made by the Public Utilities committee to reach a basis of compromise with the Telephone company, without success up to the present time, the principal point of disagreement being that of the ownership of poles on the public streets, occupied jointly by the Village and the Telephone company.

The question of the dangerous situation at Hubbard street, east of the Hubbard Woods station, which street is occupied by the tracks of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad, has been studied by the Public Utilities committee of the council in co-operation with the Hubbard Woods Improvement association and a plan for relocating the electric tracks and for combining the station facilities of the two railroads has been submitted to the North Western authorities for approval.

### Population Now 10,691

During the year, the council authorized an official census of the Village and this census was taken in June, 1927, being based on the school census records of

the Winnetka Board of Education. The census showed that as of July 1, 1927, there were 10,691 persons residing in the Village of Winnetka.

The revision of the Municipal Code has been authorized by the council, under a plan whereby the detailed legal work is being handled by an attorney of the Illinois Municipal league, experienced in this sort of work. The league attorney has been furnished by the village manager with a draft of a new building code which has been in course of preparation in the Village office for a number of years, and also with numerous suggestions as to the provisions of other ordinances, necessary to amend the existing obsolete requirements of the present code. This work has occupied a very considerable portion of the manager's time during the past few weeks. The work on the new code has now been practically completed by the League attorney, and it is hoped that it may be studied by the village attorney and by the Village council at an early date, so that it may be enacted and printed for use.

### Assist Park Board

The Village continued to co-operate with the Winnetka Park district in the maintenance of the Park system, exclusive of Skokie Playfield, the village manager acting as park superintendent, under whose direction the purchasing of park supplies and equipment was also handled. The Village kept in touch during the year with other municipalities of the state of Illinois, through its membership in the Illinois Municipal league.

In the belief that it is very essential that citizens of the village have an opportunity to receive full information and publicity regarding Village affairs, the village manager has made an effort to furnish the local papers with information concerning the work of the council and the service being rendered by the several Village departments, through weekly conferences with representatives of the press. In addition, detailed information has been furnished to the village president as a basis for a series of articles which have been recently published in WINNETKA TALK, covering the work of the police department, the fire department and the health department. It is believed that information of this sort, coming directly from elective officials of the village, is greatly appreciated by the citizens, and it is to be hoped that articles covering the other Village departments may be presented in the near future.

The activities of the year may be summarized in general by the statement that the council and the administrative organization have kept in mind constantly the present and future needs and interests of the village as a whole, and the importance of rendering to the residents of Winnetka as courteous, prompt and efficient public service as is possible

under the limitations imposed by available funds and facilities.

### Expresses Appreciation

On behalf of the administrative organization of the village, I wish to express appreciation for the encouraging support and kindly co-operation and advice of the president and board of trustees in the work of the past year.

I also wish to express appreciation for the valuable advice and assistance of the village attorney rendered in connection with numerous legal questions which have been referred during the year and also of the conscientious and able technical service rendered to the village by the village engineer and his organization.

I also wish to acknowledge the able assistance and co-operation rendered in the administrative work of the year by the heads of the several departments and by the rank and file of the members of the Village organization, without whose co-operation and faithful assistance, any measure of success in the work of the past year would not have been possible.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Rockwell and family, 277 Chestnut street, left today to spend July and August on the IXL ranch in Wyoming.

## Ho, Hum, Here's 'Nother for the Spruce Streeters

The Winnetka postoffice ball team took a 10 to 5 setback at the hands of the Spruce street team last Tuesday. The game was played at Skokie school and was by no means one-sided.

"Red" Dahl, who did the hurling for the postoffice, was master of the situation for the first four innings, but once the gangsters got hold of him, the scorekeeper became dizzy keeping track of the runners. Luchessi pitched his usual brand of ball, and only in the early innings did he experience any trouble.

The Spruce street team has games every Tuesday and Friday. All games are played at Skokie school at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Wallace D. Rumsey, 902 Oak street, left Tuesday for a summer in Menasha, Wis.

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