WILL DISCUSS TAX QUESTION

Increasing Cost Of Government Topic At Building & Loan League Meeting

The taxation question, which, because of alleged unfair taxes on real estate, has become increasingly vexatious during the last few years, probably will be empanazied in the convention program of the United States Building and Loan league, which organization is to meet in Grand Rapids July 29, 30 and 31. The league is making a study of the question, and has already issued a preliminary report.

The report points out that the general property tax, while suitable in the days when farming was the principal occupation, is antiquated and places an unjust burden on the owners of real property. Upward of 70 per cent of the taxes are paid by owners of tangible property, while owners of intangibles, chiefly securities, escape by not listing their property, it is said.

The special assessment evil also strikes a blow at the property owner, it is pointed out, assessment by benefit pyramiding his number of distinct taxes up to five or six and improvements, on which he is taxed, at times being four or five miles from his property. These taxes often strike like lightning and disrupts carefully planned budgets, it declares.

The tax collection plan is also hit in the report, it being said that monthly collection on the same basis as is followed by private businesses is more modern and less burdensome to the property owner than semi-annual collections. Collections at Christmas time and during the vacation period, as at present, often causes hardship, it is pointed out.

In Detroit Theaters

DETROIT CIVIC THEATER

A. A. Milne, the Englishman who has given the stage some of its most delightful comedies, turns aside from his usual path in "The Perfect Alibi," which begins the second week of its presentation at the Detroit Civic Theater next Monday night, to spin a mystery play of a new sort.

A distinguishing feature is the fact that, whereas the actors are engaged up to just the final curtain in trying to discover the criminal, the audience has almost from the outset had knowledge of who committed the murder. This is a reversal of the usual order, but it is worked out so cleverly, and there are so many angles to the situation with unlooked for developments constantly cropping up, that knowing the guilty one merely heightens the excitement and interest.

Emily Ross and George Macready will have the leading roles, with Walter Sherwin, John Griggs, Kalman Matus and Donald Randolph looming large.

Following "The Perfect Alibi" there will come "The Middle Watch," a farce comedy new to Detroit. It is by Ian Hay and Stephen King-Hall.

Robert MacGlow of Chicago, who was born in Scotland, paid $208 in legal fees to recover 12 cents which a store had unlawfully charged him.

Mr. Legge is another illustration of the fact that a good business man is poor material out of which to make a politician.

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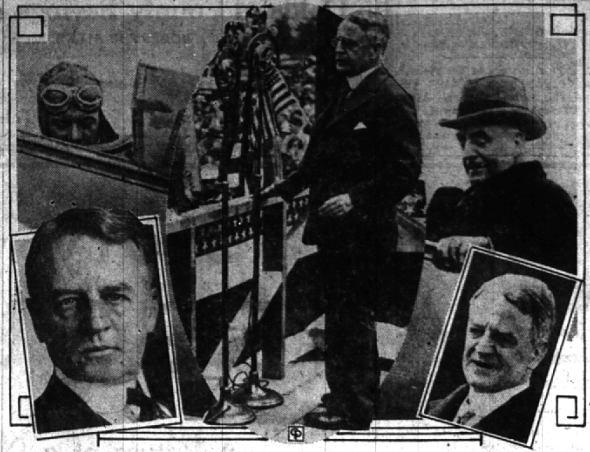

It's generally conceded that Dwight Morrow, ambassador to Mexico, has the edge on the other senatorial aspirants in New Jersey when it comes to getting transportation to and from his meetings, since the plane of his son-in-law, Colonel Lindbergh, is at his disposal. Photos show Morrow and Lindbergh ready to take off to fulfill a speaking engagement and characteristic poses of Ambassador Morrow.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday, June 9th, 1930 at 8 p. m.

Present: President Allen, Commissioners Lewis, Allen, Tucker, Connelly, Hulbert and Lowman.

Absent: None.

250—A petition was received from B. A. and E. E. Hopper for permission to build on forty foot lot within four feet of the property line.

251—Moved by Commissioner Hulbert that the petition signed by B. A. and E. E. Hopper be denied.

Yeas: Hulbert, Allen, Lewis, R. Allen, Tucker, Connelly, Hulbert.

Nays: Lowman.

252—Moved by Commissioner Hulbert that the following bills be paid:

American LaFrance & Foamite Ind. $1.30; Birmingham Studio, $1.72; L. Bailey, $20.30; The Barrett Co., $45.09; Becker & Becker, $13.97; Bell Bros. Garage, $68.80; Bingham & Bingham, $8.85; Bird Electrical Co., $4.00; Birmingham Battery Service, $20.35; Birmingham Cab & Taxi Service, $76.60; Birmingham Eccentric, $247.60; Birmingham Hardware, $27.14; Birmingham Lawn and Golf Supply, $26.87; Birmingham Sheet Metal Works, $14.00; Birmingham Sign Co., $23.25; Birmingham Wallpaper Co., $4.75; David C. Bressatin, $30.80; Boice Bros., $7.80; Boughner Bros. Sales and Service, $3.60; Floyd M. Buck, $14.50; Chicago Steel Tape Co., $3.93; F. G. Clayton Co., $31.10; Thos. H. Cobb, Insurance Agency, $13.00.

Condemnation Jury, $48.00; Consumers Power Co. $5.25; F. Craig, $30.18; Crane Co., $408.72; Crouse-Hinds Co., $16.87; H. D. Cowsert & Co., $4.84; Harold T. Elderby, $75.00; Erity & Nixon, 144.00; Fire Equipment Co., $4.67; Wm. Ford & Son, Inc., $67.49; Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co., $26.00; Hallock Clock Co., $2.58; Mike Harabedian, $876.44; Hawthorne Electrical Co., $210.99; Huston Hdwe. Co., $11.15; Thomas H. Jackson, $85.11; Edna Jahnke, $19.38; Leonard Electrical Co., $1.00; E. M. Maltaffy, $15.00; Metropolitan Uniform Tailors, $22.00; Michigan Bell Telephone Co., $15.23; Midway Road Maintenance Co., $32.71; W. H. Miller, $27.12; Joseph MacGregor, $9.30; McKee Bros., $15.41; Modern Laundry Co., $1.45; E. C. Moulthrop Lumber Co., $76.92; F. T. Mulholland Co., $18.1; Oak Cleaners, $11.45; Oakland County Abstract Office, $108.75; R. W. Osborne, $58.84; Otis Elevator Co., $17.07; Overhead Door Co., $17.09; Pontiac Piston Service, $2.27; Petty Cash Expense, $19.37; Shaw Bros., Inc., $1.50; Snyders Tire & Battery Service, $5.00; F. S. Stetzal, $56.78; Wm. J. Thornton, Garage, $159.84; L. Lee Truax, 4.30; Ray E. Walker Co., $99.00; A. E. Werner, $5.25.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

253—A communication was received from H. M. Davock, Chairman of the Village Planning Commission asking that Mr. Wendorph be sent to Ann Arbor to attend the City Planning Conference.

254—Moved by President Allen that the Manager be authorized to provide transportation to Mr. Wendorph for the City Planning Conference to be held in Ann Arbor on the 17th of June.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

255—A communication was received from Manager Parry relative to an ordinance governing the moving of heavy equipment on Village streets.

256—Moved by President Allen that the communication from Mr. Parry be referred to the Village Attorney and Mr. Parry to prepare a suitable ordinance and report to this commission.

Yeas, 7 Nays, 0.

257—A communication was received from the Village Planning Commission asking the Village Commission to appoint a Board of Architects to act in an advisory capacity to the building inspector.

258—A communication was received from Edward L. Bryant enclosing samples of good and void ballots from the City of Detroit.

259—Moved by Commissioner Allen that the communication from Edward L. Bryant be received and placed on file.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

260—A communication was received from C. H. Ogden relative to the verdict of the jury in condemning part of the Earl property in alley No. 3.

261—Moved by Commissioner Lewis that the communication from C. H. Ogden be received and placed on file.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

262—Moved by President Allen that the Village Attorney be instructed to ask for confirmation of award in the Earle case.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

263—A petition was received for the construction of sidewalks on Greenwood Ave.

264—Moved by Commissioner Allen that sidewalks be ordered in on Lot 7 and south 100 ft. of Lot 64, Randall Addition, in compliance with Ordinance No. 114.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

265—Moved by Commissioner Lowman that the report on taxi cab applications be postponed for one week.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0

266—Moved by Commissioner Tucker that Special Re-Assessment Roll for District No. 113 covering the cost of construction of concrete curb and gutter and gravelled streets on Shirley Drive and Arlington Road between Maple and Lincoln Ave, in the Village of Birmingham, having been filed with the Village Commission, the Commission of the Village of Birmingham to meet in the Municipal Building on June 23, 1930, at 8 o'clock, P. M. to hear suggestions and objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published as required by law.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

267—Moved by President Allen that Special Re-Assessment roll for District No. 124 covering the cost of acquiring additional land on the west side of the north end of Grant Avenue to widen the street to a uniform width of 55 feet, having been filed with the Commission of this Village of Birmingham meet in the Municipal Building on June 23, 1930 at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions and objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published as required by law.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

268—Moved by Commissioner Lewis that Special Assessment Roll for District No. 120 covering the cost of constructing water mains on Melbourne, Pine and Kimberly Roads, within the boundaries of Allendale Gardens having been filed with the Commission, the Commission of the Village of Birmingham meet in the Municipal Building on June 23, 1930 at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions and objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published as required by law.

Yeas: H. Allen, Lewis, Tucker, Connelly, Hulbert and Lowman. Commissioner Allen not voting.

269—Moved by Commissioner Lewis that Special Assessment Roll for District No. 291 covering the cost of constructing graveled surfaces on Melbourne, Pine and Kimberly Roads within the boundaries of Allendale Gardens having been filed with the Village Commission, the Commission of the Village of Birmingham meet in the Municipal Building on June 23, 1930 at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions and objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published as required by law.

Yeas: H. Allen, Lewis, Tucker, Connelly, Hulbert and Lowman. Commissioner Allen not voting.

270—Moved by Commissioner Lewis that Special Assessment Roll for District No. 202 covering the cost of constructing sewers on Melbourne and Kimberly Roads within the boundaries of Allendale Gardens, in the Village of Birmingham, having been filed with the Village Commission, the Commission of the Village of Birmingham meet in the Municipal Building on June 23, 1930 at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions and objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published as required by law.

Yeas: H. Allen, Lewis, Tucker, Connelly, Hulbert and Lowman. Commissioner Allen not voting.

Moved by Commissioner Tucker that the meeting adjourn.

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

MYRTLE E. CARSON,
Village Clerk.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Office of the Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the East Birmingham Drain District.

Notice is Hereby Given, that on the fifth day of June, 1930 an Application was filed with the undersigned County Drain Commissioner for the County of Oakland praying for the Laying Out and Designating of a Drainage District of the proposed East Birmingham Drain.

That upon the tenth day of June, 1930 the undersigned filed with the Honorable Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate a petition asking for the appointment of a Board of Determination;

That said Judge of Probate having appointed John A. Bradley, C. J. Tindall, Oliver P. Obbs, C. P. Gamble, Stuart D. Patterson, as such Board of Determination;

Now, therefore, said Board will meet at the S. E. corner Maple & Eton Roads in the N. W. cor. of N. E. ¼ Sec. 31, Troy Twp. at ten o'clock Eastern Standard Time, on the twenty-fourth day of June, 1930, in the forenoon of said day to determine the practicability of said proposed East Birmingham Drain District.

Therefore, all persons, municipalities and highway officials interested in the proposed East Birmingham Drain are requested to be present if they so desire.

Dated at Pontiac, Michigan, this tenth day of June, 1930.

A. W. SPENCER,
County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac in said County, on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1930.

Present, Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Hattie J. Devitt, Deceased.

Carrie Hartrick having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to The First National Bank of Birmingham, the executor named in the will, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1930, at 9 o'clock Eastern Standard Time, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

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Register of Probate. 7-8-9

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ter. He was congratulated upon the splendid record he had made and was declared one of the best all-around councillors the Chapter has had.

As members of the International Greater DeMolay committee, the following were awarded Meritorious medals for faithful service in connection with their respective duties: Richard Fleming, general chairman; Frank Higby, chapter contacts; James Spence, dues; Stephen Grace, ritualistic; Rodman Marian, entertainment. Presentations were made by Frank Fleming.

Based upon a point system for attendance, securing of new petitions, payment of dues, and taking an active part on committees, Richard Fleming and Frank Fleming received first and second places, respectively. Both will have their expenses paid for one week at Camp Rademaker, DeMolay summer camp at Bear Lake. Presentation was made by C. A. Bingham.

For having attained perfect attendance at all chapter function the past year, the Grand Council Order of DeMolay awarded attendance bars to the following: William Shelton, Richard Fleming, Stephen Grace, and Harold Elton. Similar bars were presented to Frank Higby, Glenard Schwallie, Gerald Higbie, and Charles Flower for having missed only one meeting during the year. William Shelton, Richard Fleming, and Leland Gunn received bars for outstanding ritualistic work. Merit bars were given to Richard Fleming and Frank Higby in recognition of long and faithful service in behalf of their chapter. Presentations were made by B. J. Meirow.

Following the services in the chapter room, all adjourned to the ball room, where a dance was held.

Gold Star Mother at Son's Grave

After she explored the vast Meuse-Argonne cemetery without the aid of a guide, Mrs. Harry L. Peck of Omaha, Neb., was caught by the cameraman as she made her sad devotions in solitude beside the grave of her fallen son. Mrs. Peck was in the first contingent of gold star mothers to make the pilgrimage to the battlefields of France.

PUBLIC HEARING
Lone Pine Road Improvement
June 17, 1930

Notice is hereby given that the following resolution was passed by the commission of Bloomfield Hills at its meeting, May 13, 1930.

No. 85—Moved by Commissioner Wallace and supported by Commissioner Keehn that the following resolution be adopted: that

Whereas this Commission, by virtue of a resolution passed May 6, 1930, determined that it is expedient and advisable:

That the Lone Pine Road, from Woodward Avenue to the Redford Road be improved by the construction of concrete curbs and gutters, surface sewers and appurtenances and an 8" concrete pavement in the Village of Bloomfield Hills, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the west line of Woodward Avenue and extending westerly 9184 lineal feet more or less to the East line of Redford Road, excepting that 600 lineal feet, more or less, already improved in front of the Cranbrook Church shall not be included, and

Whereas by virtue of the same resolution the Village Engineer has prepared maps and diagrams of such above named improvement, and filed same with this Commission, together with an estimate of the cost of same amounting to a total of $96,355.00,

Now be it resolved that all lots and parcels of land fronting and abutting on said above named road and in the district described as being bounded on the east by the west line of Woodward Avenue, on the north by an irregular line approximately parallel to and approximately 1400 feet north of the center line of the Lone Pine Road, on the west by the east line of the Redford Road, and on the south by an irregular line approximately parallel to and approximately 1400 feet south of the center line of the Lone Pine Road will be benefited by said improvement, and shall constitute a Special Assessment District upon which a special assessment shall be levied to defray a portion of the expense of constructing such above named improvement, and

Be it further resolved that the Village of Bloomfield Hills shall bear 40% of the cost of constructing such above named improvement, and that the lots and parcels of land embraced in said Special Assessment District upon which a special assessment shall be assessed 60% of the cost of construction of said improvement according to benefits derived therefrom, and that the special assessments shall be divided into five equal installments, payable annually beginning with the date of confirmation of a Special Assessment Roll for the above purpose, and

Be it further resolved that this Commission shall meet at the Village Clerk's office in the Village of Bloomfield Hills on June 17, 1930 at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions and objections to the proposed improvement, and the method of assessment.

At a meeting of this commission on May 27, June 3, it was moved that the above hearing be adjourned to June 17th.

J. D. ALLEN,
President.
W. M. STORY,
Clerk.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 28th day of May, A. D. 1930.

Present: Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of James M. Clement, Deceased.

Elizabeth Clement, administratrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court,

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 6th day of October, 1930, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

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RUTH IMMICK HARBOLDT,
Register of Probate. 6-19

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1930.

Present, Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Harriet M. Hathaway, Deceased.

Detroit Trust Security Trust Company, administrator of said estate having filed in said Court its final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said administrator;

It is Ordered, that the 23rd day of June A. D. 1930 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

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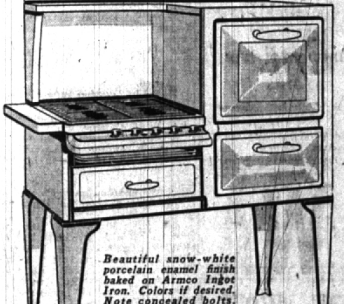

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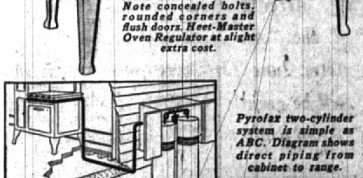

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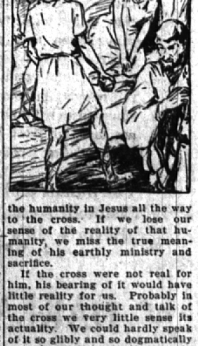

CALVARY was the end of the way that reached its final stage in Gethsemane, though the shadow of the cross long before that had loomed over the pathway of our Lord.

How clearly Jesus in his earthly life knew from the beginning this end of the way is not made plain in the Scriptures. In fact, the writers of the New Testament may so easily have read into the records of the things that they only understood after the death and resurrection of Jesus that we have no exact means of knowing just what was in the consciousness of Jesus or how vividly he realized what was to be the final sacrifice.

Expected His Martyrdom

That he understood the probable means of effecting his ministry would seem evident from the fact that he referred so constantly to the fate of the prophets who had gone before him. He had seen, also, the martyrdom of John the Baptist, and there must always have been in his mind the realization that some such fate was also to be his. The earnestness of his prayer in Gethsemane that the cup might pass would seem, on the other hand, to suggest the hope that his ministry might be fulfilled without going the way of the cross.

Possibly in connection with all such speculations it is worth while only to fix our minds on the fact that from the very beginning to the end of the earthly way, the one supreme purpose of Jesus was to do his Father's will. The idea of his own personal safety or welfare was entirely secondary to that supreme purpose. That he was human and tempted, like as we are, is made sufficiently apparent not only in the three great temptations, but in the evidence of struggle and trial throughout his earthly ministry and in the representation of those experiences in which only through agony and prayer did he seem to find strength.

The fact is that we must feel the humanity in Jesus all the way to the cross. If we lose our sense of the reality of that humanity, we miss the true meaning of his earthly ministry and sacrifice.

If the cross were not real for him, his bearing of it would have little reality for us. Probably in most of our thought and talk of the cross we very little sense its actuality. We could hardly speak of it so glibly and so dogmatically as we sometimes do if we truly felt its reality in terms of actual suffering.

Nor was the physical pain its greatest mark. The law of sacrifice and its mystery are perplexing. The disappointment of one's hopes and the turning back of life into channels of seeming loss and bitterness constitute the most difficult part of the cross. Yet human life in its revelations of sacrifice and martyrdom on behalf of truth and right reveals the fact that it is out of the darkest and saddest experience of mankind that have come the most glorious dawns.