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DEFENSE FOR PATROL ASKED

Village Invites Residential Clients To Discuss Expend License

Whether the Birmingham police department is adequate to give full protection to the village, or whether private police patrols are necessary in the outlying districts, expected to be settled at the meeting of the Village Commission Monday night to which clients of the Oakland County Residential Police on West Maple avenue have been invited.

The invitations are being extended by letter from Village Manager James W. Parry in accordance with instructions from the Commission last Monday night.

They are the outgrowth of the failure of Warwick Stanton of the Oakland County Residential Police, to secure renewal of a \$5,000 surety bond required by the terms of a village ordinance, and expiration of his license under the old bond on Dec. 31, 1931.

Operates Without License
Stanton of the Birmingham Police for the past three months without a license and has been the subject of a resolution of the Commission for several weeks.

Failure of any of the some 40 town owners in the West Maple district who use Stanton's service to come to his defense during the time his status here has been pending, would move the Commission Monday to instruct Mr. Parry to invite them to the next meeting to express their views on the matter.

The only means by which Stanton's license can be renewed after rescinding of the ordinance regulating private police patrols, reduction of the amount of the liability bond required, or amendment of the ordinance to make a person as well as a surety bond acceptable.

Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert expressed firm opposition to the patrol, maintaining that "if the village can't furnish ample police protection for its citizens, it ought to disband."

Allen Concur
"The invitations," he said, "ought to include a request that those people come to the meeting in time to visit the Municipal Building, inspect our police department and meet the chief."

Village President Harry Allen said his remarks, but showed Stanton might still be allowed to remain in business through the expiration of his bond by his clients, or through reasonable amendment of the ordinance.

An expression from Commissioner Lawson that the ordinance ought to be rescinded met no favor.

"We aren't anxious to prohibit the police patrol business in Birmingham, but we do want to control it," Mr. Allen said.

LEGION CAMPAIGN AIDS UNEMPLOYED

3 Permanent Jobs, 300 Hours Of Temporary Work Furnished Here

Three men have been placed in full-time jobs and approximately 300 hours of temporary employment have been furnished by the Birmingham post of the American Legion in its campaign of co-operation with the Legion's National Unemployment Committee, according to David Levinson, chairman of the local organization.

"The results have been highly satisfactory to date," Mr. Levinson said, "although we have been flooded with applications for jobs, and the waiting list is still growing. Between 20 and 25 men need work at the present time."

Those who wish to hire men, whether for permanent employment or only a few hours, are asked to notify Mr. Levinson by calling 680.

National Checker Champion To Give Exhibition Tonight

Newell Banks

Checker and chess enthusiasts in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills will have an opportunity to test their skill against one of the world's best players tonight when Newell Banks, American checker champion and challenger for the world title, will appear in an exhibition at the Lawson-Lynch Humphreys showrooms, 670 South Woodward avenue.

Mr. Banks, who is the present world's title holder for playing checkers, blindfolded, has offered to engage six opponents chosen from the community's best talent in the exhibition tonight, in addition to one chess for.

All seven games will be played simultaneously, with Mr. Banks checkers blindfolded, has offered to the opposition, the chess opponent will be allowed to use his own chessmen.

Just what local players will be chosen to meet the national champion had been undecided yesterday, although it was known for certain that one of the six checker opponents would be Jack Fredericks, local barber.

Mr. Banks, who comes to Birmingham on his "exhibition tour," hopes to meet Robert Stewart of Scotland, world's match champion, for the international title before the end of 1932. In a previous match in Scotland, Mr. Banks lost the world's crown by a single game.

2 HORSES KILLED, OWNER INJURED

Youth's Car Hits Animal, Being Led From Detroit Market

Two horses being led home from Detroit by their owner who had purchased them only a few hours before, were killed and the owner suffered a broken left ankle as the result of a peculiar accident late Friday night on Woodward avenue near Redding road.

John Black, 45 years old, of East Square Lake road, was leading the horses north on Woodward avenue shortly before midnight when they were struck by a car driven by Richard C. Phillips, 17 years old, of 492 Riverdale road.

One of the horses fell on its owner, breaking his ankle. "One horse was killed outright while the other was injured so badly it has to be shot by Bloomfield Hills police. Black was removed to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital."

Phillips told Birmingham police that Black had "taken" and that he was unable to see the horses until it was too late to avoid striking them. One horse was being led on the pavement, while the other was walking in the gravel at the side of the pavement, police said.

Special Session Answers Demands of Weekly Press

Legislature Acts On Editors' Pleas For Tax Relief, Made Last Winter

LANSING, Mar. 31.—Michigan's Legislature is now in session in the old historic state house of the Wolverine state to consider the gravest and most important question that ever confronted any group of law makers since the organization of the state.

Representatives and senators are gathered here because the newspapers of Michigan, the weekly press, have had an answer to their demands for legislative action to save if possible Michigan property owners from loss of their homes and firesides by confiscatory taxation.

When Thomas Conlin, veteran editor of the Crystal Falls Diamond Drill and one of Michigan's outstanding tax authorities, last winter at the annual session of the Michigan Press Association, declared the time had come for legislative action to save Michigan from a calamity, his appeal found a state-wide response.

Even Governor Wilbur M. Brucker who told the editors at the same convention he was not sure a special session would be of benefit, in recent weeks gave attention to the matter. The suggestions of Michigan newspaper editors and finally called the special session that before it ends will doubtless write into Michigan history one of its most interesting chapters.

Alert to the serious situation of their readers, Michigan weekly publishers lent up the demand for legislative action and the annual newspaper convention was followed by the appointment of a special taxation committee consisting of George R. Averill, publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, as chairman. State Representative Vern Brown of Mason, State Representative Frank Brown of Bellevue and Editor Conlin.

This committee, in co-operation with the association advisory committee consisting of Phil H. Rich of Midland, Schuyler Marshall of St. Johns and Joseph Haas of Holly, has had with Governor Brucker about the tax situation, the last conference being given over entirely to points in the Governor's message.

Wide Latitude
In this message the Governor has opened many avenues for the law makers to travel and it is believed that through the wide latitude he has given that some good will come from the session. Never before in Michigan history has the legislature been summoned together for the purpose of finding relief for an overburdened tax paying public.

Ten important subjects are given by the Governor for consideration by the Legislature. He lists the unemployment question first. This he declares is not a state problem but one to be dealt with by cities, townships and counties. He recommends the broadening of the law pertaining to the issuance of "calamity" bonds by these smaller government subdivisions so that they might have sufficient funds to take care of their unemployed.

Delinquent Taxes
For the relief of the property owners who are unable to meet their tax payments the special message asks the legislature to provide a legal method for tax payments to be made on the installment plan. Not only does he recommend installment payment of taxes but he asks the Legislature to extend the period for the redemption of property upon which taxes have not been paid since 1927.

Banking
Numerous changes are recommended in laws governing banks. The Governor recommends that

banks which have been closed be permitted to reopen under a depositors' agreement signed by 85 percent of the depositors. This would prevent a few from blocking reorganization plans of a number of banks now closed. The present provision makes it necessary that 95 percent of the depositors sign.

He would give the legislative bodies of school districts, townships and villages the right to sign these depositors' agreements if necessary in order to open a closed bank, where public funds are on deposit.

Another important change recommended is the transfer of bond-ownership from township, village, city and school treasurers to the depositories that might be named by the proper legislative bodies of these smaller political units of the state.

It is also recommended that the state banking department's authority be broadened and that the state banking laws be made to conform to the national banking laws which makes possible a more advisable system for the liquidation of a closed bank.

Real Estate Bonds
A temporary commission consisting of three state officials is recommended for the purpose of assuming authority over the handling of defaulted real estate bond issues and to assist in the organization of bond holders committees. The object, he explains, of this recommended legislation is to bring to light affairs of this class of business.

U. S. Amendment
The Legislature is asked to consider the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States which, if passed, would do away with the so-called "lame duck" sessions of Congress.

Refunding Debt Charges
It is recommended that the smaller political units of the state be granted authority to provide for the refunding of bond and note obligations, subject to the approval and supervision of the state administrative board. He would limit this right to a period of five years.

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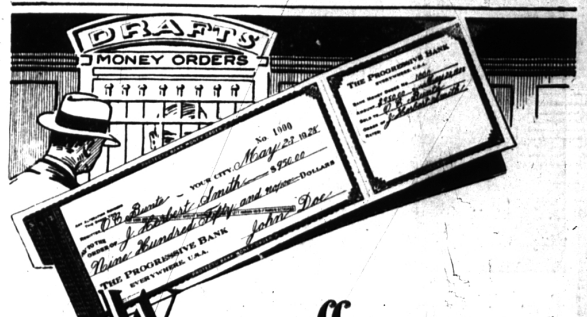
Your Telephone Bill Is Now Being Mailed

STATEMENTS for telephone service are being mailed this week under the plan announced March 10th. The statements carry the usual one month's charges and additional charges for service for the twenty-day period for which the mailing of the statements have been delayed. The period for which local service is being billed at this time is from March 6 to April 25th. The charges for long distance service covers the period of February 6 to March 25th.

Statements for telephone service hereafter will be received about the first of the month. Subsequent bills will carry the regular one month's charges. If there is any question with reference to the charges on your statement we will appreciate your getting in touch with our Business Office.

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