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City To Shut Off Water If Bill Is Month Overdue

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1934

A resolution making it mandatory for the city manager to order the water turned off at any property on which the water bill is not paid within 30 days after it falls due was adopted by the City Commission Monday night. The resolution became effective Wednesday, Aug. 1, and does not apply to bills which were in arrears before that date.

Hitherto, the manager had authority to turn off the water of delinquent consumers, but the order was not compulsory, and had been used sparingly the last two years. The result was that the problem of collecting water bills has become more and more difficult, and the resolution passed Monday was drafted in an attempt to help solve it.

The resolution was introduced by City Manager James W. Parry and originally contained a provision that the water would not be turned off if the owner of the property would submit a request for an extension of credit in writing to the commission, and the commission would act favorably on the request.

This was omitted at the suggestion of Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert, who argued that property owners who are unable to pay their water bills, and who desire an extension of time, should present their cases in person to the commission. Owners are responsible for water bills charged to their property, whether it is occupied by themselves or by tenants. The resolution passed Monday night did not alter that principle, but merely change the fact that delinquent bills become liens against the property.

Under the resolution, as finally adopted, goes no farther than to say that the water will be shut off if the bill is not paid after it is due, it was understood that Mr. Parry would inform delinquent owners of the reason for their being granted an extension of time by appearing in person with the commission. Owners are arguing their case, in accordance with Mr. Hulbert's suggestion.

The idea is that a lot of them would come in at all, and that the number of requests for extension of credit will be cut down considerably. Mr. Packard explained. Both he and Mayor Harry Allan said they believed the record lists of delinquents contained the names of several persons who could readily pay.

In the past, the commission has hesitated to make this shut-off order mandatory in order that it might conflict with health and sanitary regulations, but Mr. Parry said Monday that no such conflict existed.

"The health officer cannot order anyone to pay water bills, and anybody, sanitary conditions or no sanitary conditions," he declared.

28 Old Age Pension Checks Delivered
Arrangements for the delivery of old age pension checks in Oakland county were being made yesterday by W. T. Miller, supervisor of the Old Age Pension Bureau for this part of Michigan.

Twenty-eight checks have already been delivered, according to Mr. Miller, and more are to follow as soon as they can be mailed out from the Pension Bureau at Lansing. "The future delivery and size of these checks," he explained, "will depend largely on the continued co-operation of Oakland county residents in paying the old age assistance tax."

Mr. Miller asserted that Oakland county being considered among the leading counties of the state in the delivery of the pension checks. He is supervising the local angle under the direction of Edward L. Williams, chief of the Old Age Pension Bureau.

Formic acid is the simplest and one of the earliest known of the so-called fatty acids of organic chemistry.

Prosecutor's Post Sought By Gillette
Thomas P. Gillette, who is a Republican candidate for county prosecutor in the September primaries, is a practicing attorney in Pontiac, a graduate of Pontiac High School in 1923 and of the Detroit College of Law in 1927. He served as assistant prosecutor in 1929.

Mr. Gillette is chairman of the Pontiac committee of the Pontiac Commercial Savings Bank, and attorney for Pontiac police and firemen who are members of the Metropolitan Club.

Among his outstanding activities are his opposition to the institution of a "suit against Bloomfield Township to protect a road vendor from being forced to pay for excessive charges against a laboring man," and the securing of the passage of a city ordinance of the city of Pontiac.

DRIVER RELEASED IN GAIL ACCIDENT
Evidence Lacking In Case of Clawson Man Who Struck Birmingham Youth

Samuel Talbot, 44 years old, of Clawson, Mich., was released yesterday for being the driver of the car which struck and seriously injured a 15-year-old Baldwin High School student in an accident in Detroit May 7.

Examined last Thursday before Judge Sherman D. Gallender in Detroit Recorder's Court on a charge of felonious driving, Talbot was released and the case dismissed for lack of evidence.

Gail, a talented musician and the son of Mrs. Clarence Gail, 227 Southfield avenue, is still a patient in Harner Hospital, Detroit. His right leg had to be amputated above the knee as a result of the accident, and he also suffered a broken nose and other injuries.

The accident occurred when Gail, with four other Birmingham boys, was returning from a concert at Masonic Temple. Their car ran out of gas at Woodward and Margaret avenues, and Gail and one of his companions were going in a car of gasoline into the tank when Gail was struck by Talbot's car and thrown 15 feet. Gail was pinned to the ground and had struck his forehead with the curb and making it impossible for him to avoid the accident.

DISTRICT BANQUET TO HONOR DONDERO
George H. Dondero, congressman from the 17th district, will be the honor guest at a banquet to be held at the Redford Masonic Temple at 7 P. M. Aug. 23, on behalf of the Wayne County portion of the district. Several constituents from the Oakland County portion are also expected to be present. Earl Laing, a Detroit public school supervisor, will be the toastmaster.

The speakers will include Mr. Dondero, who is a candidate for reelection this fall; former Gov. William M. Brucker; Secretary of State Frank D. Fitzgerald, candidate for governor; James G. Frey, candidate for secretary of state; and Harry S. Toy, Wayne county prosecutor and candidate for attorney general.

Frank J. Smith, president of the 17th Congressional District Republican Club, is in charge of arrangements.

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The World At A Glance

Have Liberals Abdicated? Fears Violence, Dictatorship Writer Says "Yes!"

By LESLIE EICHEL
Central Press Staff Writer
NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Liberals in New York (at least) are frightened. There is no question concerning that. They see a radical swing to the right (Fascism) to crush a radical swing to the left (Communism).

Thus an article entitled "Why Liberalism is Bankrupt" by Nathaniel Peffer in Harper's Magazine for August is receiving considerable attention.

Peffer, formerly a professor at Columbia, has been a writer for a number of years now. He is widely known for his volumes, "The White Man's Dilemma" and "China: The Collapse of a Civilization." He passed two years in the Far East as a Fellow of the Guggenheim Foundation.

His present article in Harper's promises to raise protests among the liberals—with whom President Roosevelt has aligned himself.

PEFFER PHRASES
Some of the Peffer phrases that arouse the Liberals are:

"The moral and intellectual bankruptcy of liberalism in our time needs no demonstration."
"One of the familiar figures of our time is the tired radical, or the tired liberal for that matter. The truth about him is not so much that he is radical or liberal as that he is tired, and it was not so much his radicalism or liberalism that tired him as his pursuit of adolescent illusions."
"They (the liberals) have come to the conclusion that they have been defying fate and that the liberal cause is hopeless, wherever what has been must be. A more logical conclusion would be that only the illusions they cherished were baseless and that they never had served their cause."
"We are likely now to drift into a form of fascism on the specious pragmatic ground that liberalism, democracy, and the whole system of nineteenth century beliefs cannot function. That may be so, but we have no way of knowing. They have never been tried. No serious effort has been made to apply democracy or to save it."

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