

WATER BILL TAX SCORED

Commission Told Delinquent Accounts Are 'Unfairly Assessed' As Lions

A committee to study the problem of collecting city water bills has been appointed by Mayor Harry Allen, following the lodging of a protest with the City Commission Monday night against its policy of making unpaid bills liens against the property and spreading them as special assessments on the tax roll.

The protest was made by David Levinson, 532 Daines street, who explained he was making it on behalf of both himself and the First State Savings Bank, of which he is assistant receiver. He complained especially against the spreading on the tax roll of five bills which were among a number of between 250 and 300 which the Commission at its meeting last week authorized to be included in this year's tax levy as special assessments. The total of the bills amounted to \$2,040.67.

Mr. Levinson said City Manager James W. Parry had given him to understand last fall that landlords were not to be held responsible for delinquent bills left by their tenants, but only for current bills. Mr. Parry claimed Mr. Levinson had misunderstood him, because he, Mr. Parry, had never had any authority to make such a statement.

MOORE SEEKS SECOND TERM

State Senator, Asking Re-election, Points To Tax Reform Record

A. L. Moore, Pontiac attorney, today announced his intention of seeking the Republican nomination for re-election as state senator from the 12th senatorial district, consisting of Oakland and Washtenaw Counties.

"Two years ago I was drafted for the job," said Mr. Moore, who has been one of the foremost leaders for state tax reforms in his first term. "I have decided to be a candidate for re-election for a second term."

In making his announcement, Mr. Moore listed portions of his legislative record as follows:

"Introduced and secured the passage of the Moore-Holbeck delinquent tax bill—thus saving from sale thousands of homes and farms. Secured the repeal of the Covert Road Law. Introduced and secured the passage of a bill making it impossible to pay delinquent taxes with bonds.

"Voted to abolish the state property tax on real estate. Voted to lower the interest rate on small loans. Repealed and advocated passage of the Land Contract and Mortgage Moratorium Laws. Aided in the passage of the bill making it impossible to pay delinquent taxes to purchase taxes returned to the auditor general.

"Supported the bill to extend to Nov. 1 the time for paying 1933 taxes. Refused to support the 'Insurance Bond Bill,' unless it was submitted to the people for their approval. Supported every measure that was designed to lower governmental costs and reduce taxes. Was recognized by Republicans and Democrats alike as the best informed man in the Legislature on the question of taxation.

3 TRESPASSER FINED

Birmingham Community Church
Rev. Ann Richardson, pastor
Residence, 61 Leander avenue, Hazel Park
Services in attendance: Home School, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday.
Visitors will find a warm atmosphere and a cordial welcome. Strictly non-sectarian.

United Presbyterian Church
Miss Janet H. Kerr, 424 Pierce St.
Bible School Missionary
Sunday services:
Bible School, 11 A. M.
Morning Worship at 10 A. M.
Rev. Ross Wilson of Aurora Heights will preach.

Embury Methodist Church
Rev. John Marvin, pastor
Morning Worship, 11:30 A. M.
Bible League every Thursday, at 7:45 P. M., at the church.

Franklin M. E. Church
Rev. E. E. Robinson, pastor
Morning Worship, 9:45 A. M.
Sunday School, 11 A. M.

Classified Ads should be in the Eccentric office not later than four o'clock Wednesday afternoon of each week.—Adv. 517

Dentist Buys Dorchester Home

The Steele family reunion was held Saturday at the Franklin Hall. About 50 persons were present, including members of the family from Farmington and Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Green Everett were hosts to the group.

Members of the Friendly Circle have decided to hold any meetings during July.

The Misses Doris and Lucile Frick, students at summer school at Michigan Teachers College, Ypsilanti, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curran and Mrs. Lottie Pickering expect to spend the week at Ed Hancock's cottage near Lewiston, Mich.

The annual meeting of Franklin School District No. 1, Fractional, will take place at this school next Monday. The usual business of the year will be transacted and a moderator elected. Edward Housell is the present moderator.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Converse left Friday with their three children for a week's vacation trip by auto to Brookfield, Mass., where they will visit relatives.

The nascent state is the state in which a chemical element exists at the instant of its liberation from a compound.

Hat In Ring Again

Rev. L. Earl Jackson, M. A., Minister
"Mountain Tops" will be Mr. Jackson's sermon theme at the noon morning service in the Methodist Church, Sunday at 12:45. Music by church choir, led by Frederick A. Froehner. Children's story sermon and announcements.

Church school classes in the Baptist Church, 11:30 to 12:30.

Youth meeting at 6:30.

The church evening service will be held in the downstairs assembly room of the Baptist Church at 7:30. The Rev. W. Clarence Wright will preach.

A cordial welcome to friends and visitors.

Landlord Still Liability

The Commission did, several months ago, pass a resolution under which a tenant who leaves an unpaid water bill at one address is liable for the bill at his new address until the old bill is paid. The resolution did not waive the landlord's liability for the delinquent bill, however.

The regular policy of the city in respect to water bills, as established by ordinance, is to give the tenant 30 days' notice after the regular quarterly bill has become due. At the end of the 30 days, the city may turn off the tenant's water until the delinquent bill is paid.

Mr. Levinson objected to the fact that the city has, in recent years of economic stress, resorted much less frequently to its power to shut off the water of delinquent users, without, at the same time, notifying the landlords of this relaxing of the rule. The effect has been, Mr. Levinson said, to allow water bills on several properties to mount up to unreasonable figures without the landlord's knowledge.

"It has been the common practice of the city to turn off the water of any tenant whose bill is not paid within 30 days after it becomes due," Mr. Levinson said, "and the landlord has a right to assume that policy is going to be continued until he is notified to the contrary."

He charged that the city "certainly hasn't used diligence" in collecting many of the bills, some of which have been allowed to run for nine months or more, and declared that these bills were "unfairly assessed" on the tax roll. In several cases, he charged, the city has failed to turn off the water even after the tenant had moved out, leaving the landlord responsible for the bills.

Mr. Packard said that he should leave the matter just as it is, and he doesn't believe his opinion will change. Mr. Packard said, "People must have water—that is simply a question of sanitation—and inasmuch as the landlord always has the right to check up on his tenants, I believe he ought to do it."

"But when you already have a policy established, and change it because of emergencies, don't you think that alters the situation any?" Mr. Levinson asked.

Mr. Packard replied, "I think that's just a little hard luck. That's all we've been having lately." Mr. Levinson countered, "The discussion closed with Mayor Allen's promise to appoint a committee to study the entire question of the water bill. The committee is composed of Commissioners Packard, Lawrence Hulbert and Luther Heacock."

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Dr. Martin L. Delbats, a dentist, who formerly lived at 588 Larchlea drive, has purchased the above residence, located at 2512 Dorchester road, from K. S. Pettit.

Church News

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First Presbyterian Church

W. Clarence Wright, M. A., pastor
Bible School will meet at 9:45 A. M. Classes and sessions for all ages of youth. Morning worship will be conducted at 11 A. M. Wright will preach to the theme: "The Suffering Immiting." Mrs. Howard Ritter, Mrs. J. Green, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Russell Hardman will sing.

High School of Christy, Redwood group will meet at 6:30 o'clock. Robert Judson will lead.

Union service in the Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M.

First Methodist Episcopal Church

Maple Avenue West of Henrichs - Rev. Dr. E. D. Hopkins, pastor
3:45 Church School, Junior, intermediate, and senior departments.
10:15 Union morning service. Sermon by the Rev. L. Earl Jackson. Hereafter and primary departments.
6:30 Union Evening People's meeting at the First Baptist Church.
7:45 Union evening service at the Baptist Church, Sermon by the Rev. W. Clarence Wright.

Christian Science Church

Center
Church each Sunday at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday at 10:30 A. M.
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M.
Reading room in the church building is open from 10:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. daily except on holidays. It is also open on Wednesdays before and after.

"Christian Science" was the subject of the lesson in the Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, July 1.

Among the Bible citations was this passage (Ps. 147:10): "I have not hid the righteousness within my heart; I have declared the faithfulness and the salvation of the Lord. I have not concealed the loving kindness and the truth from the great congregation."

Correlative passages read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, included the following (p. 119): "In following these leadings of scientific revelation, the Bible was my only textbook. The Scriptures were determined, reason and revelation were reconciled, and afterwards the truth of Christian Science was demonstrated."

Christ Church Cranbrook

Rev. Dr. S. S. Marquis, rector
Rev. W. H. Brown, assistant
Morning prayer, 11 A. M.
Holy Communion, first Sunday of each month at 8 and 11 A. M.

St. James Episcopal Church

Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector
1150 1/2 St. Office 2124
8 A. M. Holy Communion.
11 A. M. Morning Prayer and sermon.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Corner Woodward
Rev. Theodore G. Wuzarski, Jr., pastor.
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11 A. M.

Holy Name Catholic Church

Harmon at Woodland
Rev. James W. Cotter, pastor
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, 11 A. M. and 12:15 P. M.
Holy Day Masses, 7 and 9 A. M.
Daily Masses, 6:45 and 8:15 A. M.
Baptisms, Wednesdays, from 4 to 5:30 P. M., and from 7:30 to 9 P. M.

WEEK-END FOOD SPECIALS

PRIME BEEF SALE!

Porterhouse Steak

Sirloin Steak 29^c

Round Steak 1b.

GENUINE SPRING 1934

Leg o Lamb

lb. 23^c

FULL CREAM

Cottage Cheese

lb. 9^c

OLD CANADIAN—Very Sharp

CHEDDAR CHEESE

lb. 39^c

KRAFT'S

Miracle Whip

QUART 25^c PINT 17^c

EXTRA FANCY

BROILERS

lb. 27^c

STANDING

Rib Roast Beef

6th & 7th rib lb. 18^c

GENUINE—FRESH

Calves Liver

lb. 29^c

SHOULDER

Roast Beef

lb. 16^c

ARMOUR'S STAR

Sliced Bacon

lb. 28^c

FULL CREAM

MILD CHEESE

lb. 18^c

KRAFT'S

Pecan Meats

lb. 49^c

WEIDEMAN

Crab-Meat

LARGE CAN 59^c

Weideman's ASSORTED PICKLES 2 Pt. Jars 29^c
Fancy-Filled SUNSHINE COOKIES Lb. Pkg. 29^c
Weideman's PLAIN OLIVES Qt. 25^c
Libby's SOCKEYE SALMON—Tall Can Lb. 19^c
Lipton's PEKOE TEA 2 1/2 Lb. Pkgs. 35^c
Hormel's VEGETABLE AND PEA SOUP 3 Cans 29^c

Beets - Turnips - Carrots - Green Onions

Lg. Bunch 5^c
FRESH—CRISP SPINACH Lb. 5^c

Gingerale - Lime Rickey - Root Beer

Doz. 89^c
Plus Bottle Charge

SFIRE'S

180 West Maple Avenue