

### SCOUT CAR CRASH MAY BRING SUITS

Notices of Claims of \$40,000 Against City Are Filed in Fatal Accident

Damage suits totaling \$40,000 may be filed against the city of Birmingham as the outgrowth of an accident May 25 when a police scout car driven by Patrolman Robert Dunn crashed into another car on Woodward avenue at Oak Street, killing one person and injuring three others.

Notices of claim were filed Friday with Miss Irene E. Hanley city clerk, asking \$35,000 for Raymond Eberle, 29 years old, 216 South Marshall street, Pontiac, who was killed; \$1,000 each for Mrs. Ruth, and \$2,000 each for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Holstine, 373 East Tennyson avenue.

The claims, filed to meet a requirement of the city charter which stipulates that the city must be notified of possible damage suits within 60 days after the accident occurs, set forth that the Holstines and Mrs. Eberle were all permanently injured, and lay the blame for the accident to the "negligent and careless operation of the police car by Officer Dunn. Dunn, who was chasing a drunk driver when he struck Holstine's car, was also injured in the crash. The Eccentric they were still undecided whether to proceed with law suits.

### Entry Deadline Near In Softball League

Saturday will be the last day for new teams to enter the Birmingham softball league, was announced yesterday by the committee in charge.

The committee, consisting of 10 or 12 teams will be entered. Originally, the Birmingham Athletic Club and the Y. M. C. A. planned to sponsor separate leagues, but the organizations agreed this week to combine into a single playing circuit.

Although some of the teams started play Tuesday night, the complete schedule will not be drawn up until Saturday, when the committee meets at the Eccentric office. Three more games will be played tonight.

### Rotarians Accept Two New Members

Warren S. "Bud" Sumner, manager of the local Buick sales and service company, and William T. Schairer, supervisor of all overhead equipment for the Detroit Edison Company's service in Oakland County, were accepted into membership by the Birmingham Rotary Club Monday night. They were introduced to the club with suitable remarks by Louis Hassall, who sponsored them.

### Delinquency Increasing in Every Rural Section of Our State

Delinquency is increasing in every rural section of our State. We cannot look to the national government to solve our local problems. Professor Seligman, of Columbia University, recently told me that the Roosevelt program is merely a makeshift affair, and is not a basic protection for the home owner.

### "Tax Title Shark Thwarted"

Since 1923 the State Legislature

live sessions have produced much of the benefit to the home owners of our commonwealth. No longer can the tax-title shark buy delinquent property from the Auditor-General unless he has an actual interest in it. Our Supreme Court in Michigan upheld the constitutionality of the statute that prevented tax sales and foreclosure mortgages of homes during the emergency. And right here, although a Republican, let me compliment Governor Comstock on the fact that he signed every Bill we passed to relieve the home owner, except the eight mill levy for the University of Michigan and the State College at East Lansing. And I prophesy right here that when the Legislature meets next year, but I will remove this eight mill levy from your property, and thus take away any State interest it has with regard to levying taxes on real property. Only your local government will levy on property for an support of taxation.

"If the voters approve the Constitutional Amendment to be presented to them in November of this year, touching on a change in the uniform rule of taxation that for years has been our custom in assessing property, then you'll see an eight mill levy on the University of Michigan, and the State College at East Lansing, will completely change the present uniform rule of taxation in Michigan. This amendment is being sponsored by the Michigan Farmer, as well as many other citizens of the State.

"If this Amendment is passed in November it will allow the next session of our Legislature to set up a system of tax collection based upon the yield of property, and not upon its present so-called 'cash value' basis. This present basis penalizes you for making improvements to your property. The English system takes taxes from property that is earning an income. If the rate of income varies, and the amount of tax is shown in the adjustment board, then the taxes are correspondingly lowered. In case of a property that yields no income, no tax is levied. Under our present antiquated system of the tax on cash value, you are required in times like these to pay to the tax collector more than the value of the property itself. The United States is the only country in the world that has done this to its own people.

"Tax Based on Income  
"In England, I discovered when there last summer a store, for instance, is taxed on the basis of what it produces, not what it cost to produce at all. Like the income tax system in the United States, if you don't have an income you do not pay a tax. In Michigan, in Birmingham, in any other locality, a store now is assessed on its cost, less depreciation, regardless of what it produces. You cannot continue any tax system that requires further capital investment. England discovered that at the time of Cromwell.

"We see in Michigan today the rising tide of delinquency, and what shall we do about it? I'll tell you what I favor: you charge our mill rate of taxation so that the average property owner is able to pay the levy, and he will pay it. Don't expect real property to support the tremendous burden of public debt now shouldered upon it. Make the tax sane. Expectation you can't sell a home, his store, or his farm because of tax delinquency; but you can send him to prison, unless he pays the debt as a personal proposition, and pays up. In England last year there was only one-half cent of one per cent tax delinquency on real estate, which proves that real estate can and will pay when you keep the tax levy within reason.

### Other Tax Sources

"Until we passed the sales tax in Michigan last year real estate paid 80 per cent of the cost of State government. And when you pay your next eight mills on State taxes next winter it is my firm belief that you will have paid the last cent you'll ever have levied on your real estate for State purposes. There must be other sources of State revenue. We must have a graduated income tax for the support of the public schools. We must place a tax on bonds and other securities that are now tax exempt. We must get taxes from wealth that exists—not from homes that no longer can pay. There are many interests in Michigan with tax exempt securities that are against my plan to tax them, but I say to you that some things succeed because of the type of enemies they produce, and the holder of tax exempt bonds in Michigan will, I am firmly convinced, begin to pay for the protection afforded him by government. Real estate in our nation produces only 20 per cent of the wealth in income, yet carries 80 per cent of the cost of government. That cannot go on any longer. We have got to protect the individual home owner against the tax man, and encourage home ownership. Too many young folks today are looking at flats, when they ought to be thinking; and planning for their home. Mussolini has brought Italy out of its troubles and the genius behind his plan is the slogan of a home for every Italian family. In Germany Hitler makes a distinction for the home in his scheme. A great man in England told me it is a very hard thing to make Communists out of people who own their own homes."

### Iowa Changes

"The State of Iowa has been burdened with taxes on real estate as we now are in Michigan, this year has vastly increased the rate of tax on real estate on property. It has adopted a sales tax, an income tax, and a manufacturing tax, where it has depended upon real estate for 90 per cent of its revenue, it now depends upon real estate for only 40 per cent. The same changes must take place in Michigan. Last Saturday the State of Michigan was in the red on its general fund to the extent of \$15,259,699.71. It owed the various counties Horton Act money to the total of \$5,588,000.00, and school primary money to the sum of \$5,236,000.00, or a grand total of \$27,083,700.00. Shall we not, in the light of this staggering deficit, begin to consider other sources of tax revenue?"

### Canceled Delinquencies

"We must have a tax on electricity and gas consumption in Michigan. I believe that we have the form of indirect taxation, raise plenty of funds to carry on necessary government in Michigan. We must abolish the State Tax Commission, when we abolish the remaining eight mill tax the State levies for educational needs at Ann Arbor and East Lansing. We must return to each of the 83 counties, and to each city and village, the problem of handling the present tax delinquency. We must discontinue the State's sale of homes for tax purposes. Each county will have to solve its own problem in 1935. Delinquent taxes will have to be reduced, adjusted, or cancelled. We would be better off even if we had to cancel all delinquent taxes against property, if by so doing the property could be placed back on the tax rolls to relieve the general burden on those who do pay their taxes.

"Michigan should centralize its tax collection agencies, and not have a huge organization collecting motor car taxes, another handling sales taxes, another handling property taxes, and another collecting jobs. There is too much waste in collecting the various taxes in Lansing.

"As voters, you should ask every candidate for a state office this year the following three questions: what do you plan to do in the way of general tax reform; what plan of taxation do you propose for the support of the public schools of Michigan, and what will you do with the present delinquent taxes? Any candidate who refuses to answer these questions fully and honestly is not entitled to your vote.

"In making final adjustments on tax delinquency, the proposed local tax adjustment boards should require those to pay who can pay, or lose their property; but in cases where it is proved that the owner cannot pay his delinquent taxes, they should be reduced, adjusted, or even completely canceled.

### Great Days To Live

"In conclusion, let me say that these are great days in which to live. I hope that we in America, like the substantial citizens of mighty Great Britain, will be able to keep our heads. I am optimistic over our future, in spite of present tax delinquency, the proposed local tax adjustment boards, and the great future that lies before us, and thus keep ahead of any terrible calamity that may befall us. Let us suppose to make the world safe for democracy. Yet every nation that engaged in that war, save our own beloved United States and Great Britain, has toppled into some form of dictatorship. And even England seems to be drifting dangerously that way. I can see improvements in Michigan's tax laws ahead of us. And I pledge you that as long as I am your State Senator at Lansing I will labor unceasingly to lower the present unbearable burden of taxes that is levied against the real property of Michigan."

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