

# Tax Collections Best in 15 Years; 8.3% Delinquent

Best tax collections in more than 15 years were reported this week by City Treasurer Harold H. Corson. When the accounts still delinquent were turned over to the County Treasurer on April 8, only 8.3 per cent was unpaid, the best showing since Corson became a city employee in 1927.

A leading reason for the improved percentage is the fact that the Scavenger sale removed from the tax roll all property which no one wants badly enough to pay taxes for; also the Scavenger sale wiped out old taxes and gave owners a chance to make a fresh start.

Last year, the amount collected was 86.23 per cent. In dollars and cents, the Treasurer collected \$224,419.19 for city purposes. More will come in as the County Treasurer collects it from tardy payers.

# Holy Name Men's Club Will Sponsor Big Card Party, Monday

H. Gregory Frederick, of Greenwood avenue, is general chairman of the card party and drawing being given at the Northwood Inn on Monday evening, April 20, at 8 o'clock by the Men's Club of Holy Name Church. Thomas M. Cummings is chairman of the ticket sale. There will be various kinds of card games, excellent music, dancing, and a floor show. There will also be a special drawing prize, the first four being a full sized bicycle, with balloon tires and electric headlights; a pedicab; a pup, complete with dog house; a sunbeam mixer with accessories; and a portable electric roaster.

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# Mr. and Mrs. Stephens Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, April 12, was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens, of 536 Hanna street, as their golden wedding anniversary. The Stephens were married in Detroit, Mich., and following their marriage lived on a farm in Southfield until 1916, when they moved to Birmingham.

All three of their children, Mrs. George-Jackson and Edward Stephens, of Birmingham, and Phillip Stephens, of Highland, Mich., were here to help them celebrate. Other out-of-town guests included Mrs. Stephens' sister, Mrs. Emma MacCracken, of Detroit, and Mr. Stephen, two brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephens, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stephens, of Bloomfield Hills.

Early in the day Mrs. Jackson entertained at a family dinner in honor of her parents. Then from 3 until 6 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens held open house at their home on Hanna street. The appropriate color theme of gold and white was used for the tea table which was centered by an arrangement of yellow roses and daffodils. These colors were repeated in the gold and white napkins and small tea cakes. Mrs. Stephens wore a theme of gardenias, tied with gold ribbon, the gift of her grandchildren.

# What Your City Commission Is Doing..

**April 9, 1942**  
Commission met and confirmed election held April 6.

**April 13, 1942**  
At organization meeting, Mayor Martz was re-elected Mayor. Commissioner Moody elected Mayor pro tem.

David Levison, Elmer Hancock, Robert McClelland, E. W. O'Connell and Ralph Coryell elected supervisors.

Request from School Board for approval of proposed 2 1/2 mill increase in taxes. Endorsed by members of commission as individual taxpayers and school electors.

Resolution adopted acknowledging the contribution of Commissioner Hancock to public service. City manager instructed to return to state, and acquired recently for well purposes, if and when suitable site is secured elsewhere, and he is convinced that balance of land will not be required for such purpose.

Bills approved totalling \$6,531.44.

Permission given to residents on Pleasant Avenue to close street from 6 to 8 p. m. for bicycling—such permission restricted to a two-week trial.

First resolution passed creating special assessment district to defray cost of Willis-Maple alley right-of-way. Hearing to be held April 27.

Commissioner Palmer delegated to attend meeting of the Planning Committee of the Community Council, to be held April 14.

Taxicab driver's license issued to Clyde Tremper.

Reports from city treasurer of recent refunding operation and 1941-42 Delinquent Tax roll.

**IRENE E. HANLEY**  
City Clerk

# Reapportionment, Censorship are Rotary Subjects

Two important current subjects were presented to the Birmingham Rotary Monday noon when Floyd J. Miller, publisher of the Royal Oak Daily Tribune, talked on "Problems of War Censorship," and George R. Averill, publisher of the Birmingham Post-Herald, talked on "Reapportionment."

Mr. Miller, himself a Rotarian, told his audience that most of today's newspaper censorship is a voluntary act on the part of newspaper editors themselves, whereas the test of a new item is: "Would this be information that I would like to hear, if I were the enemy?" He also stated that the government's chief instrument of censorship is the military news at its source, giving it out when deemed desirable.

Mr. Miller is a past president of the Michigan Press Association and now serves as a director on the board of the National Editorial Association. He left Monday night for Washington, as a representative of this association, to attend several days of censorship information being put on in the Capital this week by the Office of Censorship. This office, Mr. Miller said, is staffed by practical newspaper editors themselves, whereas the people of a maximum of traditional information.

"Taxation Without Representation"

In speaking about reapportionment in Michigan, Mr. Averill pointed out that Michigan's Legislature hasn't been reapportioned in the last 20 years, thus creating a condition wherein a majority of the State's population is being taxed without legitimate representation at Lansing; Oakland County, for example, with a population of 254,068, has but two representatives in the House of Representatives; Monroe County, with slightly over 18,000 population, has one representative.

Mr. Averill said that a campaign is being carried on throughout the State now to obtain enough signatures to petitions to have a proposed Constitutional amendment placed on the November ballot; this amendment proposes to vote the act of reapportionment every ten years in the office of the Secretary of State, instead of the Legislature. He said that latter body refuses to comply with the Constitutional requirement to reapportion every decade.

Petitions may be obtained at The Eccentric office.

**Afraid Not**  
Somehow nobody seems to find out who is going to psychoanalyze the psychoanalysts to learn whether they really are sane and responsible.—Detroit Free Press.

**What Is Life?**  
Life is just an everlasting struggle to keep money coming in and teeth and hair and vital organs from coming out.—Brooklyn Field (Aka) Breeze.

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# Helen Stanger Will Wed Charles Follis Next Saturday

Helen Stanger and Charles Follis, whose engagement was announced last week, have set Saturday, April 26, as the date for their wedding. Dr. W. Glen Harris will perform the ceremony which will take place at 8:30 o'clock in the evening at the First Presbyterian Church. Helen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Follis.



Miss Stanger

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Follis and Charles is the son of L. J. Follis and the late Mrs. Follis.

Reverly Stanger, sister of the bride-elect, will be the maid of honor, and Gene Bell, of Detroit, will be best man. Immediately following the ceremony there will be a reception at the home of the bride's parents. First of the parties being given in Helen's honor was a personal shower given last evening by Rhoda Medbury in her home.



# GIRL SCOUTS

Attention, Girl Scouts!  
The big tea for the Scouts who are the Juliette Low Committee Members for their Troops was held at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, on Saturday, April 11, 1942.

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Owners of big auto-carrying trucks in North Carolina are planning to convert them into passenger vehicles for the duration.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Royal Oak, Michigan announces  
**A Free Lecture on Christian Science**  
By Thomas E. Hurley  
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Member of the Board of Lecturers of the Mother Church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.  
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April 17, 1942, at 8 o'clock  
Royal Oak Senior High School Auditorium  
North Washington at Willis  
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# SOCIAL BRIEFS

**MRS. CHARLES S. KINNISON** and her daughter, MRS. J. J. WERNER, with the latter's 10 month old son, JACK, of Trotten, spent last week in Jackson, Ohio, visiting Mrs. Kinnison's mother, MRS. J. L. GAHN.

**MRS. RAYMOND G. BOWER**, of East Long Lake road, entertained a group of Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae at a luncheon in her home on Tuesday afternoon.

**THE PAUL B. HOFFMANS** are giving a gay ninety-nine dinner party on Saturday evening for members of Mrs. Hoffmann's club group and their husbands. Guests, who may be dressed in clothes of the 1800 era are Mr. and Mrs. Washburne Wright, of Bloomfield Hills; Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. James Lynd, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Glancy, Jr., Mr. DeW. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chalmers, all of Grosse Pointe.

**MRS. M. G. KIRN**, of Puritan road, drove down to Dayton, Ohio, on Monday to spend a few days with Mrs. D. W. Russell.

**MR. AND MRS. M. R. MEAD** have leased their home on Puritan road for a year, and on Monday they moved out to their summer home on Union Lake.

**MRS. JOHN F. HORTON** entertained members of the St. Peter's Guild of the St. James Episcopal Church, at luncheon in her home on Plurim road, on Wednesday afternoon.

**THE W. HOIT ALLES** and the JAMES J. COGANS spent the past weekend in Cleveland attending the annual convention of the Ohio Nurses Association.

**MRS. W. D. THOMPSON** and ROSEMARY continued at a few small parties last week for their guests, Robert F. Berwald, Jr., and Leonard Dodge, both of Cleveland, Ohio.

**THE DONALD W. HUNTERS** have as their guests this week Mrs. Robert Brandwood and her young daughter, Gretel, of Chicago.

**MRS. JOSEPH H. BRAUN**, of North Woodward avenue, has returned from a short trip to New York City.

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Atwood B. Oatman, the Latta W. Porters, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gordon, Mrs. C. Allen Valpey, and Mrs. Ford Merritt.

Honoring MRS. WILLIAM R. EWALD, Mrs. MORRIS W. WHITTAKER, of Barbours Terrace, entertained a few friends at luncheon and bridge in her home Monday afternoon. Mrs. Ewald plans to join Mr. Ewald next week in Chicago, where they will make their home, probably the duration of the war.

MR. AND MRS. HOWARD FLINT are home again at Rolling Acres Farm, having returned from their annual winter's stay at Deserth Inn in Palm Springs, Calif.

MR. AND MRS. H. E. EDWARDS, of Aspen road, returned Friday from a stay at St. Petersburg, Fla.

CHARLES WILSON returned to Nyack, N. Y., on Monday after visiting his mother, Mrs. Lorraine Wilson and sister, Betty, Charles, who will finish his work at the Missionary Training Institute this spring, will be in evangelistic work this summer, touring under the auspices of Bible College with other students.

He appeared at Radio Temple in Berkeley on Easter Sunday with a group from the Institute making out a sacred concert. They gave concerts in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

MRS. CHARLES B. CADIGAN and her daughter, JEANNE, of Lone Pine road, left yesterday for Poundridge, N. Y., where they will pay Mrs. Cadigan's sister, Mrs. C. E. Simmons, a short visit.

ELEANOR WARE left Wednesday morning for Mr. Vernon, Ill., where she plans to spend a ten-day vacation with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Grubbs.

# 61 Auxiliaries Get Certificates

Sixty-one auxiliary fire fighters were awarded attractive certificates Tuesday night in reward for having completed the course of training.

Capt. Don S. Leonard, State Police officer, was the principal speaker, telling what he saw in Britain, and showing motion pictures of the results of bombing.

After the program at the Fire Hall, the men adjourned to the American Legion home for lunch.

Mayor John E. Martz, who has been ordered by his physician to avoid public meetings for several weeks, was unable to attend as planned.

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# Everett Swanson Joins War Production Unit

Everett C. Swanson, 1688 Norfolk drive, has resigned as vice president and director of American Industries Corporation, Penaboot Building, Detroit, to accept an appointment as field force supervisor of a section of the War Production Unit.

Production Board.  
Mr. Swanson has already left Birmingham for his Washington post. His family will remain here until school is dismissed.  
Previous to his association with American Industries Corporation ten years ago, Mr. Swanson was a featured writer and reporter on metropolitan newspapers in Detroit and Chicago.  
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