

Suit Filed Against S'field Councilmen

Six Southfield councilmen, the city administrator and a former councilman have been accused of illegally spending more than \$3,400 for travel expenses and private luncheon meetings.

A suit was filed in Oakland Circuit Court Monday charging that the eight men failed to follow the city charter in spending \$3,431 over a 29-month period.

THE SUIT was brought by James E. Wells, 19381 Saxton. He unsuccessfully sought to have a grand jury investigation earlier this year in Southfield.

The eight persons named in the suit are Councilman C. Hugh Dehany, Clarence A. Durbin, O. David Edwards, Alexander Perinoff, Thomas C. Rowley, Philip B. Peterson; City Administrator Donald V. Smith, and former Councilman John J. Hollywood.

The suit, which seeks repayment of the money, also charges that the eight presented expense claims for wives, family members and guests.

Explosion

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ASSURED THAT her daughter was uninjured, Mrs. Bramley brightened and said:

"Imagine that, having something like this happening to me at my age."

Fruhuf, former president of the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education and a member of the Detroit law firm of Butzel, Levin, Winston & Quint, said he had just turned on the oil furnace that morning.

MOST OF THE windows in the house were blown out. Walls and ceilings left standing were cracked. Windows of other homes in the area were rattled but no other damage was reported.

None of the Fruhuf's five children were home. Four are married and a son Ennis, is attending the University of Michigan.

Fruhuf told The Eccentric Wednesday that he had not received an estimate of damage.

It does not allege that the latter claims were paid.

The suit further charges that City Attorney James M. Ginn failed to try to recover the funds after Wells had asked him to do so.

CITY OFFICIALS named as defendants in the suit denied the charges when they were made public at the time of the grand jury request.

Wells was an unsuccessful candidate for the council in the April election.

One present member of the city council, Mrs. Jean McDonnell, was not named in the suit. She was elected to replace Hollywood in April.

Jaycees Set Out-of-Doors Toy Bazaar

"Happiness is a toy fire engine" is the theme of the Birmingham Jaycees' old-fashioned toy sale from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fri., Sept. 27, and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 28.

The sale, in the form of a bazaar, will be held in the Detroit Edison parking lot on Merrill St. Use of a fallpipe and the parking lot have been donated for the occasion by Detroit Edison.

Seven thousand toys were obtained for the Jaycees by Walter Cister who transported them from a toy manufacturer in the Upper Peninsula. The toys are solid maple and include trucks, cars, fire engines and blocks.

THE SALE IS a non-profit operation, as are most of the Jaycee projects. The Jaycee Auxiliary is also contributing its efforts by seeking out institutions that need toys.

The Jaycees plan to give away one toy for every three they sell. The toys they donate will go to hospitals, churches and homes.

"A Labor of Love" is the theme for the Jaycees' charity projects for the year.

Tax Poll

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grated by one reader and a land value tax by another.

OF THE 12 per cent who were not interested in either relief of present taxes or new taxes to replace them, the general feeling seemed to be that taxes should be reduced by cutting expenditures although no particular area of expense cutting was suggested.

In the matter of reform, 80 per cent of those answering the poll felt that the business activities tax should be repealed.

Ending the state intangibles tax, which is actually income tax on certain unearned income, was urged by 40 per cent. The same percentage also preferred lessening the corporate franchise tax, reducing the personal property tax on business inventory and machines, and reducing the real property tax for senior citizens.

ONLY 18 per cent of those polled preferred eliminating the sales tax on food and drugs. The same percentage preferred the reduction of the real property tax on residences. Romney's tax proposal includes the elimination of the business activities tax, the intangibles tax, the sales tax on food and drugs as well as a reduction of the corporate franchise tax, personal and real property taxes and relief for the beer industry.

THE ECCENTRIC Poll received little support for relief to the brewing industry.

The result of the poll shows that local residents are aware of the problems of the present tax structure, and are not at too great a variance with the governor's proposals.

The final results of the poll are shown below.

Governor's Message on Fiscal Reform

Tax Change	Dollar Change (state effect in millions)	
	Lower	Higher
1. More equitable and effective property tax assessment and administration	6.0	91.0
2. Senior citizen homestead tax deferral	6.0	78.0
3. Exempt food from sales tax	91.0	0.5
4. Repeat business activities tax	78.0	1.0
5. Improve corporate franchise tax	0.5	13.0
6. Exempt prescription drugs from sales tax	1.0	93.0
7. Reduce school property tax 20 percent	13.0	8.0
8. Reduce tax on Michigan breweries	93.0	35.0
9. Repeat intangibles tax	35.0	
10. Impose state income tax:		
Personal 2%		216.0
Corporate 3 1/2%		81.0
Financial		9.0
Institutions 5 1/2%		8.0
11. Local Options:		
A. Provide for uniform city income tax ordinance at rate of 1%		
B. Permit counties to impose tax on real estate transfers and motor vehicle license fees		
C. Establish procedures for fixed allocation within the new constitutional 18-mill limitation		
12. Assure existing levels of support for services receiving earmarked funds that will be affected by these changes.		
Totals	306.0	306.0

Results of the Eccentric Tax Poll

Taxes Presently Enacted	Percentage Favoring Relief
1. Business Activities Act as a tax on the gross volume of business	60%
2. Sales Tax on food	18%
3. Sales Tax on drugs	18%
4. Intangibles Tax as a 3 1/2% income tax on stock dividends which should be repealed if the state enacts an income tax	48%
5. Corporation Franchise Tax on the privilege of doing business in state	48%
6. Excise tax on beer	0%
7. Excise tax on cigarettes	0%
8. Excise tax on liquor	0%
9. Reduce personal property taxes on business machines and inventories	48%
10. Reduce real property tax on senior citizens	48%
11. Reduce real property tax on residences	18%
New Taxes	Percentage Favoring Source of New Revenue
1. State Income Tax based on taxable income as determined for federal income tax	36%
2. Increase State Sales Tax 1%	36%
3. Let local units of government enact excise taxes (including income taxes) to cover cost of education locally, reducing state expenditures	12%
4. Raise real property tax	18%
5. Miscellaneous Nuisance Taxes	48%
6. No new taxes	12%

Deny Injunction In School Suit

Construction continued today on a three-room addition at the Hickory Grove School in Bloomfield Hills. A petition for an injunction to halt work at the school was denied in circuit court Friday.

Judge Frederick C. Ziem turned down the request of Schwanz Construction Co., 2901 Franklin, Bloomfield Township. The firm, low bidder on the project, sought a temporary injunction while its lawsuit against the Bloomfield Hills School District is pending in circuit court.

SCHWANZ CHARGES that awarding of the contract to Bersche Construction Co. of Pontiac, at a higher bid, constituted "an extravagant misappropriation and misuse of public tax monies."

Besides asking the court to nullify the contract, Schwanz is seeking \$10,000 in damages against Tarapala-McMahon Associates, Inc., who recommended the contract go to Bersche, for "fraudulent and slanderous" statements.

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Romney

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break of \$185,280 per state brewery if they qualified.

TO OFFSET the tax reductions the program proposes a state income tax of 2 per cent on the gross income of individuals less \$800 per person. It would not allow deductions for taxes, interest, contributions to charity, medical expenses and certain business expenses, all of which are deducted on federal tax returns.

Corporations would be charged 3 1/2 per cent on net income.

Financial institutions would be charged 5 1/2 per cent on net income. The justification for the higher tax is that financial institutions, by the constitution, are limited to one type of tax.

THE PROGRAM would also include a local option for municipalities to enact their own excise taxes, including income taxes. A local income tax could not be assessed against corporations and could not exceed 3/4 per cent on nonresidents and 1 per cent on residents working in that community.

The program also provides for a reassessment of the allocation of local taxes under the new constitution which takes effect in January.

Public hearings on the tax program will be conducted around the state in the latter part of September and the first week in October.



Flowers for the Ladies

Mrs. Lenore Romney and Birmingham's Mayor William H. Burghum were both on hand last week when Henry Forster opened his new flower and gift shop at 568 N. Woodward. Mayor Burghum (left) pinned an orchid on Mrs. Forster and Mr. Forster did the honors for Mrs. Romney. Not worried about bad luck, Forster opened his doors for business on Friday the 13th.

County Spending Up of \$16,035,028. This is about \$400,000 above spending for this year, the increase being caused by county employees' pay raises. The county budget has reached a new level every year for the past 14 years.

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