

## Oppose Holding Back of Funds Due Municipality

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special assessments in the city or village concerned are not sufficient to cover the sum deemed necessary by the collector to reimburse his office for the expense it has been put to in the matter of delinquent specials.

### Hold Back Glencoe Funds

This fifty cent item amounts to a considerable sum. In the case of the Village of Wilmette, \$18,063.50 has been so retained by the County collector during the past four years—\$18,063.50 which should have been delivered to the Village treasurer to be used to retire special assessment bonds. Other municipalities, less fortunate in the matter of delinquent special assessments, have had much larger sums held up.

The officials of the Suburban Area and Country Towns association realize that the expenses incident to collecting delinquent special assessments must be met somehow. But to permit the County collector to withhold from the special assessment or general tax money due to the cities and villages this fifty cent item—a figure arrived at by himself as necessary for the purpose—is entirely wrong. Since there is no statutory provision on the matter, the County collector might just as well increase this amount to a dollar (or decrease it to ten cents) if he so desired. Under the present practice special assessment bondholders receive, not the full amount paid in to retire the bonds, but only what is left after the County collector has taken out what he thinks he needs to repay his office for its work. Even the general revenue to be received by local governments is subject to arbitrary reduction at the hands of the County collector, as he sees the need for additional funds to maintain his own office. So the tax money, levied by your own board or council to be spent for police protection, street maintenance and other services in your city or village, could be diverted to the support of the County collector's office. This is in fact what is happening now.

### Case Now in Court

At least one law suit has been started to compel the County collector to stop his practice of withholding this fifty cent item. Because of a mistake somewhere, judgment by default was taken against the collector and the merits of the question were not decided. Counsel in this case have agreed to have this judgment set aside, and to have the case fully argued before the court so that the issues involved can be determined once and for all.

This is as it should be. If there is need for some additional revenue to take care of the expense incident to the collection of delinquent special assessments, it should be provided for in the proper manner by the statute. The County collector should not be permitted to arbitrarily withhold whatever he thinks necessary to recompense his office for this work out of money collected by him on behalf of cities and villages for the payment of general expenses or for the retirement of bonds.

### ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lynch, 1241 Greenwood avenue, entertained at a dinner party on September 1, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph McHale of Washington, D. C., who were visiting in Chicago. Mrs. McHale is a niece of Mr. Lynch.

Earl C. Moss, Jr., 316 Cumnor road, Kenilworth, is leaving Sunday to begin his sophomore year at the University of Illinois.

## Garden of Unique Design



This attractive circular garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Braun, 1134 Illinois road, is unique in conception and unusually well executed. Flowers of variegated coloring make up the circular border, and in the center is a pool, also surrounded with flowers. At the back is a miniature house, complete in every detail of architecture, beautifully constructed. The large trees afford an excellent background that sets off the garden and cottage to splendid effect. The garden is located on a vacant expanse of ground to the south of the family home, affording ample room for the display of horticultural planning and development which has been well utilized.

### RETURN FROM NORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Van Arsdale, Bill, Patricia and Wilson, 241 Cumberland avenue, Kenilworth, returned Tuesday of last week from their summer home at Trout lake, Wis. Mr. Van Arsdale spent weekends with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hulbert (Mary Alice Utley) have returned from their honeymoon and will spend the winter with the former's mother and grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Hulbert and Mrs. Minnie Livingston, of 316 Richmond road, Kenilworth.

Mrs. Katherine Felke, 1210 Washington avenue, entertained twenty-four children and grandchildren on her birthday Sunday, September 2. Her son, Edwin Felke, and his family has returned from a two weeks' visit with his mother in St. Louis.

Tom Hicks, 241 Melrose avenue, Kenilworth, is returning Sunday from a three months' tour of Europe. He was accompanied by a classmate from Dartmouth. Jack Hicks is leaving Monday for Lehigh university at Bethlehem, Pa.

### ENTERS EASTERN SCHOOL

Miss Florence Sellery, 968 Ashland avenue, left Tuesday for New London, N. H., where she will enter her sophomore year at Colb Junior college.

### VISITS IN EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burchard of Houston, Texas, who are staying at the Orrington hotel, are on their way to New York to visit Mr. Burchard's daughter and family, the Grant Keehns. Mr. and Mrs. Keehn and Mr. Burchard are former Kenilworth residents.

Miss Jane Darling of 256 Kenilworth avenue entertained at a bridge buffet supper last Monday in honor of her house guest, Miss Kathleen Sturges of Mansfield, Ohio, whom she recently visited.

Tom Sinding, 315 Richmond road, Kenilworth, will not return to Dartmouth as he now has a position with the Wrigley Chewing Gum company in Davenport, Iowa.

The Misses Emma and Margaret Bickham of 429 Ninth street, are leaving Friday September 14, for Grinnell college.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barnard and family, of Evanston, moved Wednesday to 326 Oxford road, Kenilworth.



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