

## RULING MAY SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY

**Attorney General Says Costs Not to Be Charged on Special Taxes**

An opinion of Attorney General Oscar Carlstrom, received today at the office of State's Attorney A. V. Smith will save Waukegan taxpayers owing special assessments close to \$11,060, says the Waukegan Times. Carlstrom ruled that the county treasurer could not take advantage of an amended law that became effective July 1, 1930, for a two per cent assessment for collecting delinquent specials. There is \$553,000 to be collected when Treasurer Jay B. Morse opens his books July 10.

The general assembly passed a law making provisions for this penalty.

### No Collection Possible

Carlstrom, in answer to four questions covering this penalty, held against the collection tax against specials in each instance.

It is not legally possible for the county collector (treasurer) to add and collect a 2 per cent commission, because the amendment of the revenue act by the general assembly is not applicable to delinquent special assessments for improvements, he held.

On the law that provides cities and villages with the power to add 6 per cent for spreading and collecting assessments, the treasurer has no legal authority to get a portion of this 6 per cent which shows as part of the costs in a public improvement, Carlstrom held.

The treasurer, in advertising delinquent special assessments for judgment, cannot add the 2 per cent to the special and interests and cost of advertising for collecting, according to the attorney general.

If taxpayers tender to the treasurer the amount for the specials, interest due, and the cost of advertising the delinquencies, the treasurer has no legal right to refuse to accept these payments because 2 per cent has not been added as a collection fee, Carlstrom wrote.

### In Other Cities

Savings in other cities and villages in Lake county will be in the same proportion as Waukegan, it is understood.

The treasurer, to get an interpretation of the law, asked Col. Smith to obtain the opinion of Carlstrom, it is understood.

## To Hold Conference on Sewage Disposal Plant

The Waukegan city council and trustees of the North Shore Sanitary district will attempt to come to some agreement with regard to the proposed \$736,000 sewage disposal plant for this city when they meet in joint session on Friday, July 10.

It will be the second joint meeting held by the two bodies and tentative plans for the plant erection will probably be outlined.

John Oliver, president of the sanitary board, has stated that the Waukegan project is slated to get under way sometime next year. The plants at Highland Park, Lake Forest and North Chicago will be started within the next few days. Contracts were awarded to the Alexander Repass firm of Des Moines, Iowa.

## Last Month Broke All Heat Records in June in County Is Report

The month of June, 1931, set a heat record in Waukegan and Lake county which has never been equalled in the history of the local weather bureau, Observer John O. Laux stated last Thursday in his monthly report to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The average temperature for the entire month was 69.4 degrees, more than a degree hotter than ever before experienced in June. The hottest June day on record occurred the 29th when the mercury registered 99 degrees in the shade.

Despite the torrid spell of the past 10 days, plenty of rain fell before that and the crops and gardens are in good shape, Observer Laux reports. Average rainfall this June was 4.13 inches as compared to only 2.63 in June, 1930.

Observer Laux's report for June, 1921, as compared to June, 1930, is as follows:

	1931	1930
Maximum temperature	99	98
Minimum temperature	38	42
Mean temperature	69.4	68.3
Clear days	14	12
Cloudy days	6	3
Partly cloudy days	10	15
Rainfall	4.13	2.63
Prevailing winds	SW	SW

### Legion Cemetery Plot

Niles, Ohio—The trustees of Union cemetery have deeded to the American Legion a plot of ground reserved for the burial of World war veterans. A monument has been erected in the center of the plot dedicated to local men who made the supreme sacrifice.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Highland Park Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Highland Park, on Tuesday evening, July 14, 1931, at 7:45 p.m. to take testimony, to hear all parties who may have an interest, and to listen to argument and to do all other things which may be necessary in connection with the appeal taken by Mr. Howard T. Fisher for permission to vary from the requirements of the Highland Park Zoning Ordinance with regard to set back on his property on North Sheridan Road, known as that parcel of ground lying east of the east line of Sheridan road between the north line extended of Lot 5 Block 4, Port Clinton and the south line extended of Lot 7 Block 4, Port Clinton Subdivision. All parties having any interest in the matter and desiring to be heard, either in favor of or against the granting of such permit are hereby notified that they have the right to be heard at such a meeting.

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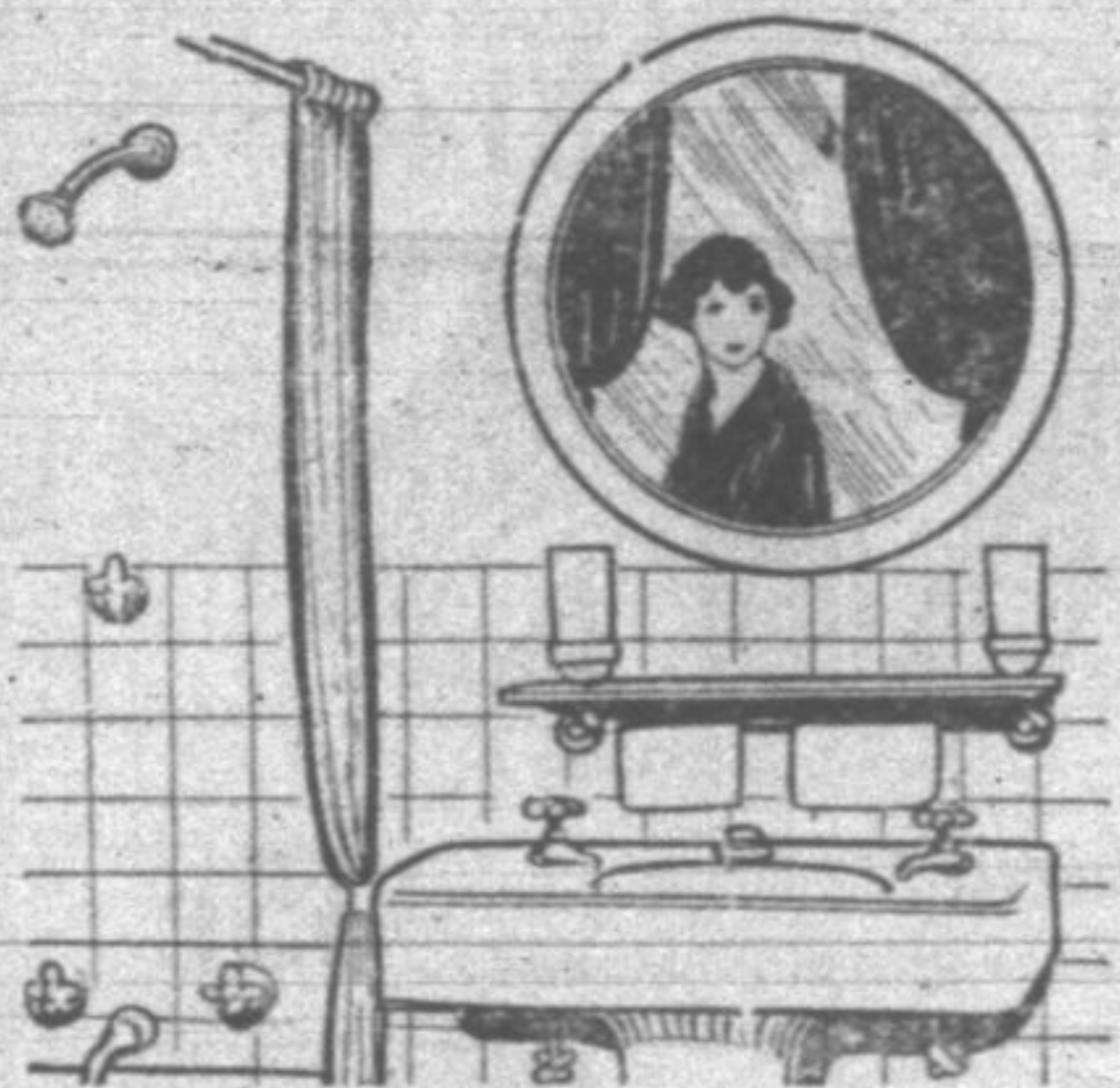
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