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LAKE COUNTY STARTS TAX SUITS MONDAY

Court proceedings to collect delinquent personal property taxes in Lake County were started Monday in circuit court by state's attorney Charles E. Mason on behalf of the county.

Corporations and individuals owing the county \$100 or more in personal property taxes since 1930 are the first to be sued. Others will follow from day to day until every delinquent taxpayer has had his day in court, according to Assistant State's Attorney Okel Fuqua, who is in charge of the tax litigation.

These suits are follow-ups of the letters sent to delinquent personal property tax payers last March by state's attorney Mason through the county treasurer's office. Fuqua stated: "Corporations and individuals who have not made any effort to pay up their delinquent taxes will be sued in circuit court or county court."

Though persons owing the larger amounts are the first to be sued, according to Fuqua, individuals who are delinquent in small sums will also face court action.

This action is also in line with the campaign by the Lake county board of supervisors to force the collection of all personal and real property taxes so as to put the county back on a cash basis.

In the adoption of the retrenchment program Friday, the board of supervisors recommended that the state's attorney institute court suits against delinquent personal property taxpayers. Court action against such people in Cook county has been in progress for some time, but this is the first time in the history of Lake County that a large number of property owners have been sued at once to force payment of their personal property tax bills.

Suits started and those in preparation reveal that personal property tax delinquents in each of the 18 townships in the county will be made defendants in the litigation.

An estimate of the amount of personal property taxes which have been unpaid during the past four years is now being compiled by the treasurer's office. There are 16,000 individuals and corporations in the county on the personal property list.

It is estimated that the amount of money involved in the suits will run in the hundreds of thousands. Many hundreds of individuals are to be sued, and as the back taxes include payments for several years the total amount will be a huge sum.

Estimates as to the total involved are not ready yet, but some officials believe that figures will vary all the way from \$200,000 to \$750,000.

Many individuals in recent years have been paying their real estate taxes promptly enough, but have torn up their personal property tax statements. The growing tendency to neglect personal taxes, plus the open contempt with which the statements were held, led to a general demand on the part of the conscientious taxpayer for legal action.

Efforts have been made from time to time to erase the personal tax from the statutes, but they have met with little success. Tax officials admit that the levy is a nuisance, for it does not bring much into the public treasury for the work involved, but they feel that so long as the law remains on the books it should be enforced.

Ted Cabonargi Awarded Scholarship To Purdue

Ted Cabonargi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cabonargi, 369 Cedar Avenue, Highland Park, has been awarded a special merit scholarship covering full tuition and all university fees, at Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind.

The scholarship was given on the basis of a competitive examination advanced by Purdue and taken during his senior year in high school. Its duration, four years, is dependent upon the maintenance of a 4.5 scholarship average after the first semester.

Ted, a graduate of the Deerfield-Shields High School this June, was elected to the national honor society and was a member of the 1935 high school annual board.

Two Deerfield Grads Receive N. U. Awards

Sarah Glass of Highwood and Edward West of Highland Park are among the 193 recipients of freshman scholarship at Northwestern University, according to announcement from that school received this week.

Miss Glass received a scholarship in the school of liberal arts and Mr. West in the school of music.

The Spirit of '35



Woodlands Subdivision Asks Temporary Road

After considerable discussion, the members of the Highland Park City Council decided to file for further consideration, a petition from Frederick H. Bartlett Company asking permission to install a temporary gravel road in the Highland Park Woodlands subdivision.

It was explained that the road was needed only to haul material into the property where a house is being built and that the company would supply the entire cost and would act according to the specifications of the city. However, as there is a city ordinance requiring all roads to be cement, it was decided to give the matter further consideration before coming to a decision.

Rites Monday For William E. Bletsch

Funeral services were held Monday for William E. Bletsch, 69, of 382 Moraine Road, Highland Park, who died Saturday, June 29, after an illness of several months' duration. The services took place at the Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p.m. with interment at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Bletsch, who had been a resident of Highland Park for the past 25 years, had served for 12 years as a member of the Lake County Board of Supervisors. He was president of the Alomoco Corporation, a ship concern, was a director of the Meeker Sugar Refining Corporation of Louisiana, and was vice president of Hilker and Bletsch, bakery supply concern.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Caroline Bletsch, two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Limper and Mrs. Marie West, and two sons, Charles E. and Arthur Bletsch. Another son, William S. A. Bletsch, died last January.

Services Held Saturday for Grace Daily Hansen

Mrs. Grace Daily Hansen, of 15 North St. Johns avenue, died Friday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Highland Park Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Russell Hansen, and a son five years old, Russell Jr.

A short service was held in Kelley's undertaking parlors Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the Rev. H. F. Siemsen of Bethany Church conducting the services.

The body was sent to Oconomowoc, Wis., the home of the deceased, for burial.

Highland Park Girl Has Poems Published in July Child Life

Grace Yoe Williams, 160 Hazel Avenue, Highland Park, has three poems, written when she was seven years old, in the July issue of Child Life, a national magazine devoted to the interests of children.

The three poems are reprinted in The Press through courtesy of Child Life:

RIDING
The wind and the rain went riding,
Down from the mossy clouds,
Down to the earth below them,
Down to the earth, unclouded,
The little blue waves went riding,
Up on the sandy shore,
They sang of what they left behind them,
They sang of what went before.

THE BEND IN THE RIVER
Down by the bend in the river,
Where the blue bells nod all day,
Down by the bend in the river,
That's where I love to play.

PRETENDING
I am a gypsy boy,
I sing and dance all day,
Until I look in the looking glass
And see I am "Baby Day."

MY GYPSY SONG:
The gypsies danced till the stars came out,
The babies played and played about,
Oh, come little gypsy girl,
Oh, come little gypsy girl.

Commonwealth Edison Men Honored Saturday

About one hundred people attended a party which the men of the Commonwealth Edison Company gave on Saturday afternoon, June 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver R. Hogue, 115 Michigan avenue.

Three men who were recognized for many years of service were Mr. Charles Griner and Mrs. S. W. Thompson, who have seen 30 years of service, and Mr. James Gordon, who is retiring.

Ernest Gail Returns From Fishing Trip

Friends of Mr. Ernest Gail are dining on select specimens of northern and wall eyed pike, caught on his recent trip to Basswood Waters in the heart of the Arrowhead country in northern Minnesota.

Mr. Gail returned Monday from a week's fishing trip. He describes the Arrowhead country as being very picturesque with its rocky hills. It is possible to travel thirty-five miles by boat along the Basswood waters, in the middle of which is located the United States-Canadian boundary line.

June Weddings Show Increase This Year

With an unprecedented number of Lake County couples obtaining marriage licenses during the past month 42 more licenses were issued this June than a year ago, it was revealed this week.

There were 679 marriage licenses issued this June as compared to 637 during the same month a year ago. The increase was almost entirely due to Lake county applications.

During the first half of the year 1935, ending June 30, there were 2697 marriage licenses issued at the county office, or 83 less than issued during the same time last year. 2780 was last year's mark for the period. Many of last year's applicants were visitors at the World's Fair.

Highland Park Man Awarded \$7,500 Damages

Herman Borchardt, 62 years old, 573 West Park Avenue, has been awarded \$7,500 damages from Mrs. Minnie N. Dato, 121 East Oak St., Chicago, wife of Edwin K. Dato, a real estate dealer, by a jury in the court of Superior Judge Walter T. Stanton, Chicago.

Mr. Borchardt charged that he suffered injuries to his left knee on Aug. 29, 1932, when his car was struck by an automobile which Mrs. Dato's chauffeur was driving. The crash occurred at Highland Park.

Dr. Simons Moves Offices To Evanston

Dr. J. D. Simons, eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist, who for ten years has maintained an office at 16 North Sheridan Road, is moving his office to 708 Church Street, Evanston.

Dr. Simons is a charter member, a past president of the Highland Park Rotary, and has made many friends during his stay in Highland Park who regret his departure.

Highland Park Lions To Elect Officers

Members of the Highland Park Lions Club will elect officers for the ensuing year at their meeting today (Wednesday) at the Moraine Hotel.

N. S. Garden Club Picnic

Mr. Frank K. Balthis, Garfield Park conservatory, will address the members of the North Shore Garden Club at the club picnic to be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Florsheim, 1830 South Sheridan Road, on Tuesday, July 9 at 1 p.m.

Legion Carnival Now In Progress

COUNTY BOARD SEEKS TO SAVE \$50,000

In a revived movement to save the county from financial oblivion, the Lake county board of supervisors last Friday afternoon approved the recommendations of the special committee to put into effect a curtailment of county expenses which will bring about a saving of \$50,000 during the coming year.

Repudiating their action taken on June 10 when they shelved the economy measure urged by the ways and means committee on Feb. 28, the supervisors rescinded permission to the sheriff to add two men to the highway police and also adopted a graded reduction in salaries of from 2 to 5 per cent for all county employees.

"We believe that six county highway police are sufficient at the present time owing to our financial condition," declared the special committee, composed of Supervisors W. W. Steele, David Van Patten, John D. Thomas, Bert S. Thompson, Emmett McShane and Thomas Kirschner.

In the ways and means committee report a recommendation was made to reduce the sheriff's highway police from six to four men. On June 10 the board passed a resolution permitting the sheriff to add two men to his six highway patrol deputies.

"I'm in favor of more deputies," Supervisor Van Patten stated, "but where's the money coming from to pay them?"

Supervisor Len D. Hook of Avon township asserted that the reduction of the sheriff's highway patrol squad was "false economy." He was joined in this opinion by supervisors from other rural townships.

"The last sheriff was probably the most expensive piece of furniture we have ever had," Supervisor Emmett McShane stated, "and he got along with six highway police. There is no reason why six men are not enough at present."

Several supervisors approved the statement of Supervisor Art Swanson of Highland Park, who urged that some of the money obtained by the county for liquor licenses be used to pay the extra deputies.

Supervisor Steele asserted that it was not the question of the number of deputies needed to give protection during the summer months, but it was a problem of paying the men their salaries. He stated that the financial condition of the county re-

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Enea Picchietti, Margaret Esmiz, Win In Contest

Enea Picchietti won first prize for men and Margaret Esmiz, first prize for women, in the Golden Roosters' amateur contest, held on Thursday, June 27, at Vernon Country Club, in Deerfield.

Other prize winners included Mr. and Miss Klemp, Morton Manheimer, Erieda Simon, Bob Breakwell and Miss Otten. As we go to press a complete list of prize winners is not available, but will be published in next week's issue of The Press.

Mayor and Mrs. William Dooley, and Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Nemeroff were guests of the club. Mayor Dooley and Mr. Nemeroff serving as judges of the contest.

June Building Totals \$59,862

Highland Park building for the month of June totaled \$59,862, as compared with \$73,560 for June of 1934, according to the monthly report of Sidney Morris, building commissioner.

The permits issued were for four dwellings, total valuation \$47,000; two private garages, \$262; eight alterations, \$11,800; and two greenhouses, \$800. In addition permits were issued for six electrical installations, three tanks, five sewers and five water installations. Total fees collected by the city for permits issued amounted to \$528.88.

Missionary Society Meets

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Evangelical Church will hold their monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. Redine, 109 South Second Street, on Thursday, July 11, at 2:30 p.m.

Charles E. Mason To Be Speaker Tomorrow in Legion's Americanism Program

Two days remain of the American Legion Fourth of July celebration. One of the main events of which will be an address by Charles E. Mason, states attorney of Lake County.

The carnival, which is being held in Sunset Park, is a popular annual event offering rides, contests, games, music, dancing and many other forms of entertainment. Proceeds of the affair are used for the Legion's charity and child welfare work.

This year, in addition to the all-day picnic and celebration on the Fourth, the Legion has arranged for an impressive patriotic celebration in the afternoon as a part of its Americanism program.

Charles E. Mason, who will be the featured speaker of the afternoon, has for years been a prominent figure in political affairs in northern Illinois, and has done much to combat radical activities in the state.

A loudspeaker system has been installed so that a large crowd will have no difficulty in hearing the address. Citizens of Highland Park and surrounding communities are invited to spend the Fourth of July in Highland Park at this celebration. Ample parking facilities are provided.

Wiley Post in "Air Hawks" at Alcyon

Startling, gripping, exciting, novel are adjectives applied to "Air Hawks," in which Wiley Post, noted round the world aviator is featured with Ralph Bellamy and Talia Birell. "Air Hawks" is the feature attraction for Thursday and Friday of this week at the Alcyon.

On Saturday Gary Cooper, Fay Wray and Neil Hamilton will appear in a tender and romantic drama, "One Sundry Afternoon," in which all three stars help to make this a most enjoyable cinema.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will bring "The Wedding Night," which features Gary Cooper, Anna Sten, Ralph Bellamy and Helen Vinson. Here is a stirring and romantic drama of a sophisticated New York author and a New England farm girl.

In bringing the late Arthur Somers Roche, fiction hero, Clay Dalzell, to the screen, William Powell is playing the type of sophisticated, society sleuth, that brought him his greatest measure of success on the screen. Ginger Rogers, fresh from her triumph in "Roberta" is co-starring with Powell in the Roche story, "Star of Midnight," which is to come to the Alcyon on next Wednesday and Thursday, July 10 and 11.

Program Includes Two County Roads

Work on Route 59, from Wauconda to Route 22, and on Route 60 from Fox Lake to the county line were among the Lake County projects named in a federal aid road-building program calling for the expenditure of \$6,115,700 in Illinois which was sent last Monday by Ernest Lieberman, chief highway engineer, to Washington authorities.

\$10,321,392, half of which is a federal grant, the other half being furnished by the state, will be spent this year on state bond issue route extension, only a part of which have thus far been determined. This year's federal grant is the first for Illinois since 1933 when under the NRA, the state was allotted \$18,000,000.

Nora Fitzgerald Buried Saturday, June 29

Nora Fitzgerald, 380 Central avenue, who died at the Lake County General Hospital June 26, was buried Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Joseph H. Taylor, commissioner of Highland Park, at Kelley's undertaking parlor. Burial was in the Mooney Cemetery.

Cyril Lloyd, a brother living at the same address, is sole survivor.

Mothers Club Picnic

The Mothers Club will hold a picnic Thursday, July 11, at 12 o'clock in Sunset Park. In case of rain it will take place at the Y.W.C.A. on Laurel Avenue.

Vera McCreadie has been appointed playground director and will be assisted by Maxine Berry.

Any one planning to attend is asked to call Mrs. L. Schemmel, phone 1837.

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