

URGES TAX ON \$30,000,000 IN HOLDINGS HERE

Marott Charges Levy-Free Properties Compete With Business.

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license to sell liquors and beer and others pay as high as \$1500 a year to the State of Indiana to do the same line of business.

"Is it fair to other hotels and all other taxpayers? Any conscientious person positively knows it is an injustice and all other businesses and home owners who are fighting through to pay taxes and 100 cents on the dollar on obligations, wonder why.

"Representative citizens and government close their eyes and silence their minds to the injustice. Is it politics? It is certainly not 'equal rights to all and special privilege to none,' which should be the American basis for American justice.

"Why should these vast values escape taxes and throw the burden on the homes and businesses of the taxpayers?

Claims Situation Destructive

"In conclusion, this situation is destructive and at this time when taxes are to be increased, certainly it produces a lack of confidence in politics and thereby impairment of stability. It is high time, in this coming election, in fairness to the voters, that the Democratic candidate for Governor and the Republican candidate for Governor speak openly before elected, where they stand on this tax situation.

"These facts are stated because it should be the desire of all people through life to pay 100 cents on every dollar of their debts, but the job is made hard to every burdened property owner and we can not have a vigorous investment in new building enterprise so long as property can be bought for half or less what it now costs to build. High taxes are a damping hand and thereby cause extreme hardships, and in many cases, confiscation of a life's work and savings.

"I am for exemption of taxes on all religious institutions and schools operated for non-profit, also charities, but not for their capital investment in property to be used otherwise in competition with business or homes of our state. Written without prejudice, and for fair play."

"GEORGE J. MAROTT."

Organization Spokesmen Ready to Charge

Park Akin, Columbia Club secretary-manager, said: "No part of the Columbia Club building is tax exempt. Our club pays regular taxes on the entire building. We have never had the privilege of being tax exempt as other similar organizations."

Charles O. Britton, Antlers Hotel receiver, said that "property is exempt from taxation because it is

DAHLIA GROWERS EXHIBIT BLOSSOMS



My what pretty flowers—and what a pretty girl, too! The flowers will be on display today and tomorrow at the Brookside Community House in the first annual Indianapolis Dahlia Society show. They are "Miss Indians" blooms created by Dr. A. E. White.

Dr. White won a certificate of merit at the recent Cincinnati show, where he exhibited 10 blooms. The pretty girl is Miss Ellen Lueper, 6201 Park-av.

owned entirely by the Elks Lodge, a benevolent organization."

Gertrude F. McHugh, Indianapolis Athletic Club executive secretary, said the organization pays approximately \$6500 a year taxes for the 25 per cent facilities not exempt.

Denies Hotel Competition

"Since other clubs are exempt completely from taxes, we feel we are entitled to a partial exemption," the executive secretary said. "The club does not run in competition with hotels since service is afforded only members or guests of members."

"Our exemption is based on the athletic facilities we provide. We were exempted from tax rolls in 1932."

"We feel our position is well founded," R. H. Hollywood, Odd Fellows Building manager, said. "Whatever profit is made from operation of this building is to support our home in Greenwood. It costs approximately \$60,000 a year to operate. We were paying about \$20,000 a year taxes when the property was taken from tax duplicates in 1932."

"If we were to close the institution and let the state operate it, the cost probably would be as high

G. O. P. SPEAKING DATES IN STATE ARE ANNOUNCED

Springer to Address Board of Trade Luncheon Here Thursday.

The Republican speaking schedule for next week was announced today by the Republican State Committee.

Raymond S. Springer, nominee for Governor, is to speak at Seymour Monday; Huntingburg, Tuesday; Lafayette, Wednesday; Indianapolis Board of Trade luncheon, Thursday; Washington, Friday, and Muncie, Saturday.

Other speaking engagements are: Monday—James A. Slane, Seymour; H. H. Evans, Newcastle; C. H. Wills, Shelbyville; Albert Ward, Kokomo; John Day, Valparaiso; Edward J. Green, Marion; Travis B. Williams, Kokomo; Mrs. A. Lee Mathews, Washington; Mrs. Garrie Tillson, Tuesday.

Thursday—L. O. Chasey, Bippus; H. H. Evans, Montpelier; Ots Guley, Durbin School, Hamilton County; C. H. Wills, Buffalo; R. H. Loring, Connersville; J. Raymond Schutz, Goodland; Travis B. Williams, Bowling Green; Mrs. Charlotte McGuire, Plainfield; Mrs. Eleanor Barker Snodgrass, Shelbyville; Mrs. A. Lee Mathews, Francisco.

Tuesday—L. O. Chasey, Bippus; H. H. Evans, Montpelier; Ots Guley, Durbin School, Hamilton County; C. H. Wills, Goshen; William J. Hardaway, Indianapolis; Henry White, Logos, Indianapolis; Mrs. E. C. Rumpf, Portland; Mrs. A. Lee Mathews, Francisco.

Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday—James A. Slane, Lafayette; H. H. Evans, Kirkville; C. H. Wills, Jeffersonville; Mrs. E. C. Rumpf, Stilesville; Mrs. Eleanor Barker Snodgrass, Rushville; Mrs. A. Lee Mathews, Shoals, and Mrs. Garrie Tillson, Portland.

Thursday—L. O. Chasey, Rockville; William E. Jenner, Franklin; C. H. Wills, Goshen; William J. Hardaway, Indianapolis; Henry White, Logos, Indianapolis; Mrs. E. C. Rumpf, Westfield; Mrs. Ruth Russell Richardson, Brownsburg; Alfred Bear, Fairmount; Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Sims, Indianapolis.

Saturday—Travis B. Williams, Clay City.

Denies New Deal Policy Brought Recovery

The New Deal's claims of bringing recovery were challenged by Homer Elliott, Republican Twelfth District congressional candidate, in an address at a G. O. P. meeting in Hawthorne Community House last night.

Mr. Elliott said the K. of P. Building at Massachusetts-av and Pennsylvania-av is exempted completely from taxes and that the profits from its operation go to support the K. of P. Building.

The K. of P. Building has been exempt since 1934. Before then taxes on the property were approximately \$8000 a year.

Cites Court Decisions

"Exemption of charitable organization property from taxes originally was conceived to encourage donations for this purpose," Othniel Hitch, judiciary committee chairman of the Knights of Pythias, said.

Mr. Hitch said the Knights of Pythias has pointed out that the state is relieved of the burden of caring for those people supported by fraternal homes, such as ours in Lafayette.

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"The McNutt-Townsend forces are seeking to confuse the public by injecting such questions as, 'What will take the place of this tax and that tax and the other tax, when as a matter of fact the people are demanding that some of the taxes be wiped off the state books,' Mr. Springer said.

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