

CITY FACES TAX TO PAY DEFICIT IN BOND FUNDS

Overdrafts in Assessments Under Barrett Law May Be \$150,000.

The City must make a special tax levy of at least one cent per \$100 valuation next year to take care of overdrafts in Barrett Law bond funds, according to Charles A. Slinger, chief Barrett Law clerk in the County Auditor's office.

State examiners who are making the first audit of Barrett Law records since 1929 have found overdrafts amounting to \$60,607.76 in the first 500 out of 5000 active Barrett Law assessment rolls. They estimate the overdrafts will exceed \$150,000.

The Barrett Law legalized payment of assessments for street and sewer improvements in 10 annual installments. After improvements were completed, bonds were sold for the amount of the assessments to be paid on installments plus interest.

City Obligated
Overdrafts in these funds have been created where property owners settled their assessments in full, saving the interest. The City, however, was obligated to pay the interest to bondholders who now demand the full amount of the bonds, Mr. Slinger said. The law requires a special levy to make up such deficits.

A special levy is the only alternative, State examiners claim, to make up this deficit. The law provides two other methods which the examiners brand as impractical.

One method allows use of unappropriated balances to absorb deficits, but the 1937 Budget Law practically eliminated the possibility of unappropriated funds accumulating, the examiners said.

A second method prescribed reinvestment of Barrett Law payments in similar Barrett Law bonds, the income from interest derived therefrom to be applied to deficits. The City tried this plan unsuccessfully, because the funds were invested in bonds for the 16th St. opening and widening which did not pay out.

Bondholders May Sue
A more serious aspect of the Barrett Law situation exists, however, in huge delinquencies in paying the assessments. The law provides that holders of bonds may bring suit to foreclose on property to recover the money due on the bonds. In many cases, owners of vacant land that has a depreciated value take no interest in the bondholders as the delinquencies plus interest and penalties are greater than the present value of the property, according to Mr. Slinger.

The State Supreme Court now is studying a case from St. Joseph County to determine liability of the city in just such situations. Should cities be required to satisfy bondholders in these cases, Indianapolis would be faced with a staggering burden, Mr. Slinger pointed out.

The total amount of delinquencies never has been estimated, he said. Out of 8703 improvements made by Barrett Law assessments, there are approximately 5000 that are not yet paid off. Many suits are pending in the Marion County courts to foreclose on Barrett Law claims.

All loaning companies now require that Barrett Law assessments be paid in full before a mortgage is made, Mr. Slinger said. The rule was made the past year, following a precedent set by the Home Owners Loan Corp.

ROBERT M'HATTON'S RITES TOMORROW

Once Active in Insurance Business Here.

Robert McHattton, who died Wednesday at the Minnick Nursing Home, 1922 N. Pennsylvania St., will be buried tomorrow in Crown Hill. He was 84. Services will be in the home of his son Robert, 5631 Lowell Ave., at 10 a. m.

Mr. McHattton, who was born in Warsaw, Ky., was in the fire insurance business 50 years, retiring 10 years ago. He was employed by the New York Underwriters 43 years.

He was a member of the Downey Avenue Christian Church, Scottish Rite, Shrine and Columbia Club.

He is survived by two sons, Robert of Indianapolis and James of Rockville; two daughters, Mrs. Carl H. Barnett of Lebanon and Mrs. Florence W. Moffett of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His grandsons will be pallbearers.



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FOLKLORE MUSEUM CREATED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 27 (U. P.).—French provincial architecture, costumes and household goods soon will be assembled to give a broad panorama of national life in the National Folklore Museum, situated in the new Trocadero Palace now nearing completion.

The Trocadero already houses a fine Natural History museum, the Folklore museum being designed to supplement the compilation of visual French history by assembling the customs and daily habits of each of the distinct provinces.

WOMAN HURT AS CAR AND TRUCK COLLIDE

30 Persons Arrested Here For Traffic Violations.

One person was injured in five overnight accidents reported to police today.

Mrs. Margaret Huffman, R. R. 3, Box 489-K, was hurt when the car driven by her husband, Lawrence, and a truck driven by Frank Wynn, 38, of New Augusta, collided on

Capitol Ave., just south of Washington St.

A taxi driver, Curtis Barrett, 48, of 1724 Milburn St., was arrested on a charge of failing to obey an officer's hand signal after he was involved in an accident at Alabama and Vermont Sts.

His car and a truck driven by Karl Erath, 47, of 1025 Hervey St., collided.

Thirty persons were arrested for alleged traffic violations.

RAM CHARGES SHINY AUTO. EAST LYME, Conn., Jan. 27 (U. P.).—A ram saw its reflection on the polished surface of Andrew Antoniac's auto and charged. The car went to a repair shop. The ram was mystified but unhurt.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED IN HOPPENJON CASE

Rescheduled in March Term Of Circuit Court.

NEW ALBANY, Jan. 27 (U. P.).—Frank A. Hoppenjon, former Floyd County Treasurer accused in a \$128,000 County Treasury shortage, faced another trial today.

The case was rescheduled for the March term of Circuit Court by

Judge John M. Paris after a jury failed to reach a verdict yesterday. The jurors deliberated 15 hours and then announced that an agreement was impossible.

Mr. Hoppenjon will remain at liberty under a \$1000 bond.

Also awaiting trials are Joshua T. Crandall, New Albany, and

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Claude Gladden, Scottsburg, field Accounts. They are charged with examiners for the State Board of being accessories to embezzlement.

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The new spring gloves are more exciting than ever! The styles are new, half and half combinations, crepe and rayons, sueded fabrics in button slippers and shortie styles. In the new flower colors, Fuchsia, Mustard, Cyclamen, Amour blue, Japonica, and Chamois. Sizes 6 to 7½.

Other Spring Gloves 69c

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There's a Lot of Excitement in the New Spring Coats

at \$16.75

Sports or Dress Styles in New Colors and Weaves!

These new spring coats will supply the vitamins plus for sprucing up your winter wardrobes! They'll buoy your spirits and look wonderfully smart and gay. Choose the coat you want for spring in striped tweed, striped worsteds, chevron tweed, fleece, plaids, checks and boucles. New fitted, swagger and box swagger styles in wine, black, navy, strawberry, grape, teal blue and boy blue colors. Sizes 12 to 20 in the group.

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A: Nub Boucle Swagger Coat

- Has full tucked sleeve!
- Metal clip fastener!
- Black, navy, Sheba blue and cyclamen colors.
- Sizes 12 to 20 in group.

B: A New Box Swagger Coat

- A Chevron stripe tweed
- In black and white or wine and white mixtures!
- New swing back style!
- Pockets and Tuxedo front piped with contrasting color!
- Sizes 12 to 20 in group!

PRINTS

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New Spring Sweaters

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All-wool styles and lacy chenilles in cotton and rayon. Brooks necklines, button front styles and short-sleeve styles. In maize, white, lime, fuchsia, cherry, blue, pink. Sizes 34 to 40 in the group.

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