MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ENTERS TAX DISPUTE

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the division's interpretation of the law, have been liable for the tax since March, 1937, no attempt has been made to collect from Indianapolis until this year. City officials themselves have kept mum on the subject and have never made provision for tax payments in the budgets.

The issue was finally stirred up when the division issued a bulletin advising municipalities they would be held liable for payment on 1939 taxable receipts.

While City officials grimly stuck to their guns, they also perceived the humorous side of the situation. For the first time in its history, the City, a taxing unit which annually levies and collects six million dollars in taxes, was stepping into the hole of an irate taxpayer.

Under the gross tax law, the municipality, acting as a corporation, can be taxed as such. It cannot be taxed, however, as a governmental unit in the exercise of executive and legislative functions.

The gross tax division holds the City liable for taxation on its receipts from sanitation plant by-product sales, airport revenue and income from swimming pools and golf courses which the division claims are administered by the City as a corporate entity.

Lya Lys Weds

Lya Lys . . . elopes to Nevada.

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 12 (U. P.).—Actress Lya Lys and John Gunnerson of Los Angeles were honeymooning today after eloping to Las Vegas, Nev., yesterday. The marriage application said Miss Lys is 26 and Mr. Gunnerson 39.

C. OF C. TO FETE 50-YEAR FIRMS

Fowler McCormick to Speak At Anniversary Dinner Party Jan. 26.

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phone Co. president; Henry Holt, Thomson & McKinnon resident partner; H. C. Krannert, Inland Container Corp. president; Paul G. Moffett, farmer and stock raiser; Carl H. Wallerich, C. H. Wallerich Co. president, and Russell S. Williams, Gaseteria, Inc., president.

Committee Announced

William Fortune, one of the founders of the old Commercial Club, the Chamber's predecessor, paid tribute to Mr. Alexander's services as president at the board meeting.

Besides Mr. Longsworth, new Chamber officials to be installed at the dinner are Paul L. McCord, George S. Olive, George A. Kuhn and Edward Zink, vice presidents, and James S. Rogan, treasurer.

Members of the Chamber's anniversary committee are Louis J. Borinstein, chairman; Meier S. Block, Charles W. Chase, I. W. Davies, Henry L. Dithmer, Edward W. Harris, Mr. McCord, Felix McWhirter, Frank A. Montrose, Ralph S. Norwood, Mr. Olive, H. T. Pritchard, Harper J. Ransburg, Paul Richey, Almus G. Ruddell, Stowell C. Wasson and Edwin J. Wuensch.

The following list of firms in business a half century or longer has been compiled, and the Chamber has asked that anyone knowing of other 50-year firms notify its anniversary committee:

Acme-Evans Co., J. D. Adams Manufacturing Co., Advance Tent & Awning Co., Aldag Paint & Varnish Co., Allison Coupon Co., W. D. Allison Co., American Tent & Awning Co., E. C. Atkins & Co., J. H. Aufderheide, L. S. Ayres & Co., F. M. Bachman Co., Baldwin-Miller Co., Balke & Krauss, Ballard Ice Cream Co., Belt Railroad & Stock Yards Co., Bertermann Bros., Bobbs-Merrill Co., D. A. Bohlen & Son, Booth Fisheries, A. Bornstein.

L. M. Brown Abstract Co., The A. Burdsal Co., William B. Burford Printing Co., Frank Bird Transfer Co., Capitol Lumber Co., Carter-Lee Lumber Co., J. I. Case Co., Citizens Gas & Coke Utility, Alex Cohen's Sons, Columbia School Supply Co., C. B. Cones & Son Manufacturing Co., Coppock Bros., Craig Candy Co., H. A. Crossland & Co., James S. Cruse Realty Co., Claypool Hotel, Thomas C. Day & Co., Dean Bros. Co., George W. Dick & Co., Diener Bros.

Dietz-Ballweg Co., Dun & Bradstreet, J. C. Dunn, Efroymson & Wolf, Efroymson's Department Store, Emrich's Factory Furniture Store, English Hotel, English Theater, Evans Milling Co., Everitt's Seed Store, Excelsior Laundry Co., Fair Store, Fahnley & McCrea, Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Flanner & Buchanan, R. S. Foster Lumber Co., H. E. Frauer & Co., Furnas Ice Cream Co., Joseph Gardner Co., Gray, Gribben & Gray.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Gregory & Appel, Grinsteiner's, John Guedelhoefer Wagon Co., Haag Drug Co., Herroitt Dental Depot, G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home, Hibben Hollweg & Co., J. C. Hirschman Co., George Hitz & Co., W. J. Holliday & Co., Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Indiana National Bank, Indiana Paper Co., Indiana Savings & Investment Co., Indianapolis Basket Co., Indianapolis Casket Co., Indianapolis Electrotype Foundry, Indianapolis Excelsior Machine Co., Indianapolis Lumber Co., Indianapolis News, Indianapolis Power & Light Co., Indianapolis Printing Co., Indianapolis Railways, Inc., Indianapolis Spring Corp., Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis Stove Co., Indianapolis Times, Indianapolis Varnish Co., Indianapolis Water Co., Indianapolis Wire Bound Box Co., International Harvester Co., Oliver W. Isensee, G. Ittenbach & Co., W. P. Jungclaus Co., Kahn Tailoring Co., James L. Keach, Kiefer-Stewart Co., Kingan & Co., Kipp Bros., Klee & Coleman.

John Koch Furniture Co., Charles Koehring & Son, Kothe, Wells & Bauer Co., Kramer Mfg. Co., Paul H. Krauss Co., Kregelo & Bailey, Kruse & Dewenter, Lando's, Inc., F. H. Langsenkamp Co., H. W. Laut & Co., William Leppert, Levey Printing Co., H. Lieber Co., Eli Lilly & Co., Lilly Varnish Co., John J. Madden Mfg. Co., H. B. Marks Co., Marott Shoe Store, Charles Mayer & Co, George J. Mayer Co., Lewis Meier & Co.

Merchants National Bank, Mooney-Mueller-Ward Co., L. E. Morrison & Co., Mutual China Co., National Malleable & Steel Castings Co., John B. Neu, Nutz & Grosskopf, M. O'Connor & Co., C. Off & Co., Pearson Co., J. C. Perry & Co., Polar Ice & Fuel Co., R. L. Polk & Co., Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Boyd M. Ralston, Emil C. Rassman, E. Rauh & Sons, H. G. Reger & Son, S. S. Rhodes & Son.

Henry W. Rieman's Sons, Rockwood Manufacturing Co., Rough Notes Co., Schnull & Co., Schoen Bros., C. A. Schrader Co., Sentinel Printing Co., Singer Sewing Machine Co., Sinker-Davis Co., J. C. Sipe Jewelers, J. W. Smith & Son, Henry C. Smither Roofing Co., South Side Equipment Co., Spann Co., Spencer Hotel, Standard Oil Co., A. Steffen Cigar Co., Stewart's Inc., Theodore Stein Jr., Stout's Factory Shoe Store.

L. Strauss & Co., Tanner & Co., Taylor Belting Co., Techentin & Co., Thiel Furnace Co., Thornton-Levy Co., A. J. Treat & Son, The Udell Works, Union Title Co., Van Camp Hardware & Iron Co., Van Camp's Inc., Vonnegut, Bohn & Mueller, Vonnegut Hardware Co., Julius C. Walk & Son, H. P. Wasson & Co., Western Union Co., A. Wiegand's Sons Co.

BETTY WHITE DIES WEEK AFTER FATHER

A week after the death of her father, a retired former police captain, Miss Betty White, 1307 Ewing St., died of heart disease this morning. She was 31.

The father, John S. White, died last Thursday and was buried on Monday. Miss White had been ill for about five months but this week had recovered enough to be out of bed and about the house, relatives said.

A resident of Indianapolis all her life and a Tech High School graduate, Miss White was employed before her illness at the County Probation Department. She was a member of the Brookside United Brethren Church.

Survivors are Mrs. Hazel White, her mother, and Johnnie White, a brother. The body was taken to the Moore & Kirk Funeral Home.

Tarkington Fashions New Novel of Indianapolis Life

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Tarkington sometimes takes a nap, has lunch and does no more writing for the day.

After he goes to bed that night and before he falls asleep, he makes a mental outline of tomorrow's work. He breakfasts in bed and checks the outline as he does so.

"I'm disturbed if we don't get as fas as I outline," he says.

Then, when work begins, Miss Trotter reads back the dictation of the day before, and they go on building the novel. They average about 800 words a day. After it is revised in manuscript, it is typed. Then it is revised again, and finally typed for publishers.

Mr. Tarkington described how he goes about writing a short story. He says at first he has a rough idea which begins at the beginning of the story.

Then, when he makes the outline, he begins at the end.

"Unless you know the precise ending, you can't write the story," he said. "So you know the end. Then you work out the next to the end episode in such a way that the end will indeed be the end. Then you work out the next episode and soon you are at the beginning.

"Then you start at the beginning and write the story through to the planned end.

"But you must have your ending thus and so, and your next to the last episode so that the ending will be thus and so."

Mr. Tarkington says that he has often considered getting a new drawing board. There are ditches in the wood of the one he has where, during the years when he sat there himself and wrote, he dug his pencil futilely into the soft grain for ideas.

But he has done nothing about it, and although the bottom strip of the board is loose and occasionally lets a sheet of paper coast to the floor, one suspects he will do nothing about it.

"This novel," Mr. Tarkington said, "is about Indianapolis, of course, because I know Indianapolis. But it might be about Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Cleveland or any other Midwestern city.

"It picks up where the last one left off, in 1923. I remember pretty far back in Indianapolis history. I remember when this place here, for instance, was out in the country.

"Now, we're in the smoke belt. That disturbs me. Things get dirty and everything is so clean and quiet at the place in Maine. I wish I had built 10 miles further out of Indianapolis.

Mr. Tarkington produced and lighted one of his thick and long, specially-made Turkish cigarets.

"How many of those do you smoke a day?" he was asked.

"I don't know," he said. "I'd just as soon not know. I don't like to worry about something I've been doing for 55 years. I began really smoking at 15, I guess.

"I suppose I have built up an immunity to tobacco. And by the way, smoking these large cigarets has its advantages. When I was in the hospital with my eyes, the doctor limited me to one cigaret a day. He meant one of the small ones. But I managed very well with these large ones."

"Have you any idea how many words you have written for publication?"

"A dismal lot, but I have no notion. I suppose I've written 50 books and that doesn't count the plays—I think 20 were produced—and the short stories. I've written pretty steadily all my life. I took six months off in 1925 to motor through northern Africa and Sicily, but that's the only vacation."

Mr. Tarkington said he had just received a letter from Alexander Woollcott who is on the West Coast about to start touring with a company of "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Mr. Tarkington has been host to Mr. Woollcott several times. He smiled a little and said:

"Of course, the play is a caricature of Woollcott . . . but it's not so unlike him."

Mr. Tarkington will leave in May for Maine.

WPA WORKER FIRST 1940 TRAFFIC VICTIM

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gineer by trade and for 12 years was assistant engineer at Methodist Hospital. He worked for four years as a steamfitter for the School Board.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Virginia Mann, and a son, Herbert Mann Jr., 8; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Mann; brothers, Earl and Chester Mann, and a sister, Miss Edith Mann, all of Indianapolis.

The Beehunter Crossing accident occurred last night. The truck ran into the side of a Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific freight train in what officials said was the heaviest fog of the winter.

Ed Watkins, 43, of 1610 Cornell Ave., was taken to City Hospital with serious head injuries today after being struck by an auto in the 1600 block, E. 10th St.

Two persons were injured, one critically, last night when the car in which they were riding crashed into an Indiana Railroad traction car which had stopped in the 3300 block Shelby St.

Mrs. Edna Kagle, 43, of 320 E. Walnut St., Apt. 9, a passenger in the car, and Anthony Mayer, 36, of 320 E. Walnut St., driver, were taken to City Hospital.

Mrs. Kagle received a possible head injury and her condition is critical. Mr. Mayer, who was charged with failure to have a drivers' license, received cuts on his face and head. His condition is not believed to be serious.

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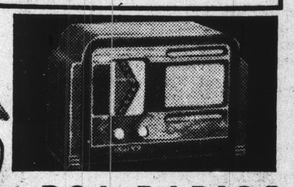

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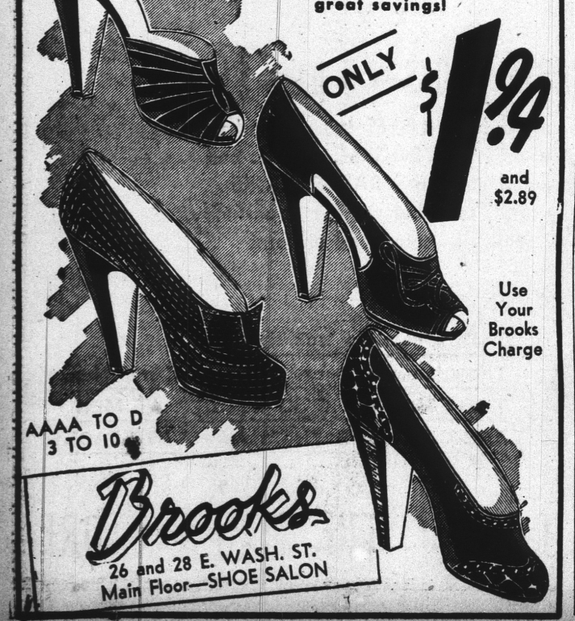

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