

Ask Rent Curb Extension to July 1 Here

Housing Lack Cited
By Board Members
Before City Council

City Councilmen today were urged to extend rent controls here to July 1, 1951.

The recommendation was strongly urged by members of the Marion County Rent Advisory Board following a special meeting Wednesday.

On an 8-to-3 vote, the Board called for interim legislation to prevent decontrol "due to the shortage of rental housing in the city." Their recommendation was mailed today to Council members.

Their recommendation was based on a housing survey in September which showed lack of rental shelter and a 65.3 per cent increase in rents received by uncontrolled units over frozen housing here. The check was made by the office of Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods.

Would Expire Dec. 31

Rent controls expire here Dec. 31 unless City Council asks the Woods' office to retain ceilings. The new rent control law passed last June by Congress grants this action.

Property owners flayed the board's recommendation, pointing out that Congress will undoubtedly extend controls when it convenes after the election. Some termed it an "obvious political maneuver." Action is not expected on the recommendation at Monday's regular City Council meeting.

Attempts "to embarrass Democrats and Republicans" on the Council will "fall flat" in the face of the election Tuesday, a board representative said today.

Requires 10-Day Notice

Regardless, attempts to decontrol rents here will require a 10-day notice of public hearings and taking of all testimony from all interested parties before another resolution can be adopted.

The new push for decontrol is also expected to spur action by the National Federation of Home Owners, Inc., to entice Council action on lifting ceilings.

The Federation has two suits in Federal Court asking "immediate injunctive relief" from controls and seeks to block further Council extension. The suits also ask the court to mandate Expediter Woods to uphold the Council resolution decontrolling rents last July.

At the meeting, Tenant Representative James Robb, regional director of the United Steel Workers of America, pushed the control resolution and blocked a public tally of voting, a Board spokesman said.

The resolution was to be announced by Council members Monday.

Approvals Are Cited

Although it will not show a vote tally, the Board action was approved by Fred R. Gorman, assistant principal at Technical High School; John E. Hoff of the city engineering department; S. P. Meadows, treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

Board Chairman John C. O'Connor, deputy city prosecutor; Mrs. Robert Shank, housewife and national vice president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers; C. C. Cohee, manager of Kahn Tailoring downtown store; Robert C. Fox, business representative of the Plumbers Union and President of the Indianapolis Central Labor Union, and Mr. Robb.

Opposing action until after the elections were Charles B. Forrest of the Emil C. Rassmann Co., Inc.; B. W. Duck of the Spann Co., Inc., and William P. Spethen, manager of the Apartment Owners Association.

Board Members Cleo Blackburn, Flanner House director and Joseph A. Stevens, funeral director, who has submitted his resignation, did not attend the special meeting.

He Thought It Was Home

Officers called to a house in the 800 block E. Washington St. by an indignant housewife last night were asked to remove Ernest Dillman, 46, from her kitchen floor. Dillman was unable to remove himself.

The housewife said he had weaved his way through her back door and "passed out" under the blissful impression he was in his own home at 922 E. Washington St.

Upon totting Dillman outside, officers found Leroy McManigle, 30, of 911 E. Washington St., unsteadily but helpfully directing traffic for them. Into the wagon went McManigle, too.

Both will appear before Judge Howard in Municipal Court 3 today, charged with drunkenness.

Attacker of Woman Sought by Police

Police today searched for a man who grabbed a 39-year-old West Side housewife and threw her to the ground in front of her home last night.

She told police the assailant ran when her screams drew a neighbor's attention. The woman had gone outside to see if doors of the family car were locked.

Vandals Still Using Halloween Excuse

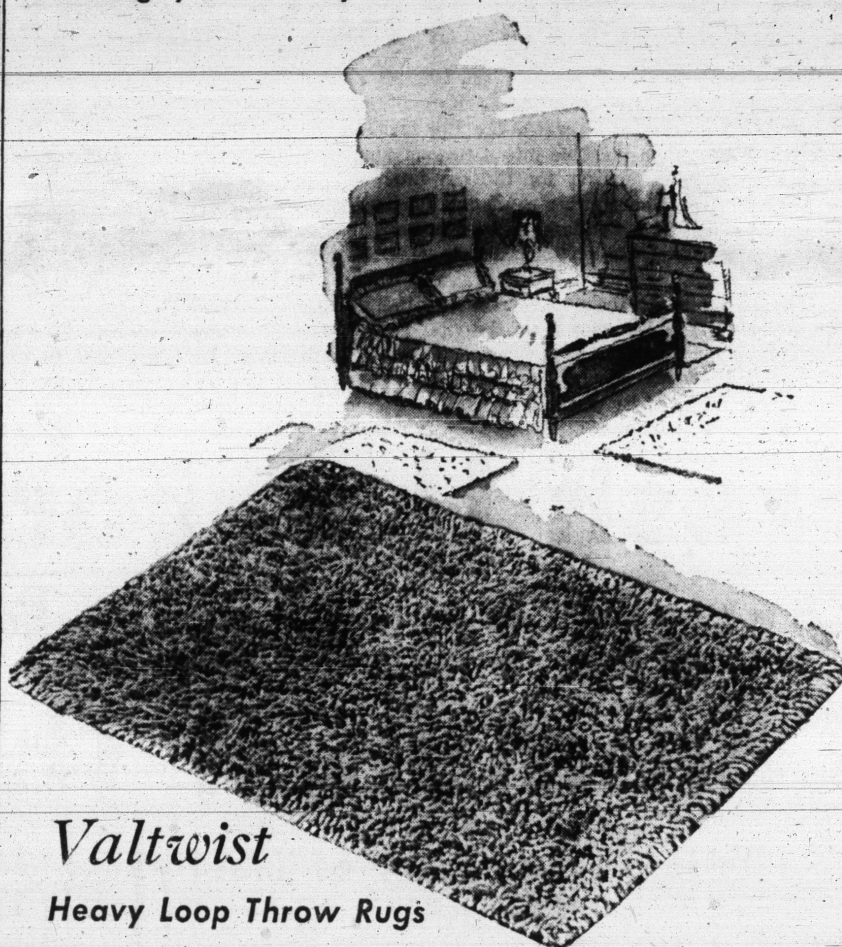
Halloween enthusiasm dies hard.

Discovered early today was a case of post-holiday vandalism at 1112 E. 31st St., where hoodlums smeared a parked car with cream-colored enamel paint. The car was owned by Clint Hobbs, 28, of that address.

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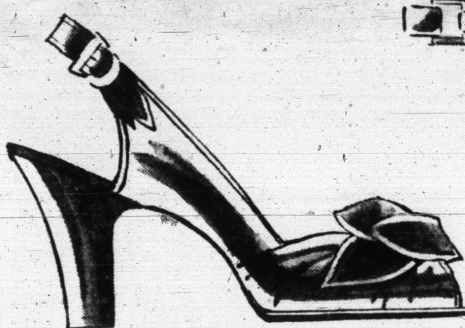
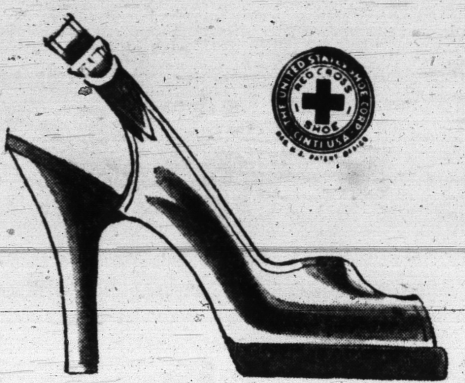
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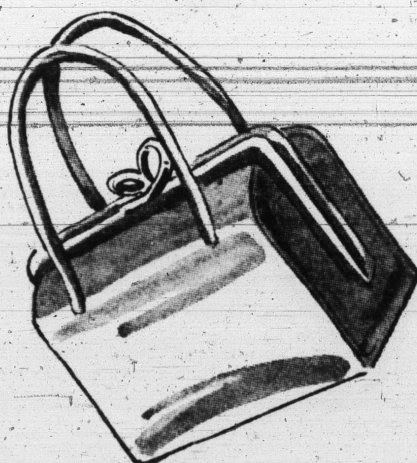
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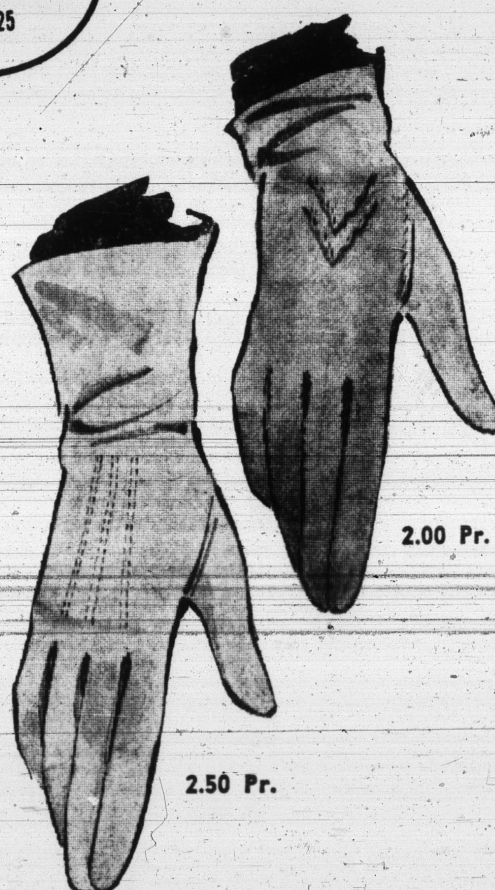
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