

COURTS, TAX RECORDS TO CONTROL RENTALS UNDER PROPOSED BILL

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 9.—Indiana state courts and the records in the county tax offices would be the controlling elements in the fixing of rentals for all residence property under the provisions of the amended Moorehead bill, reported favorably by the senate rights and privileges committee. Business property has been withdrawn from the measure.

Under the provisions of the bill as it now stands, a property owner is restricted to a rental charge of 12 per cent on the assessed valuation of his property, plus the taxes charged. He is allowed also the actual service costs expended.

The Moorehead bill, as originally presented, gave the public service commission power to determine valuations and set a just rental on the complaint of any renter. The committee decided that such procedure would not result in the desired relief and sought the aid of Attorney-General Lesh in finding a measure that would give the desired results. The attorney-general is reported to have advised the committee to find a definite means of arriving at a valuation and putting the matter up to the courts. Assessed values for taxation being the only ones of record, these were made the basis of computation.

Works to Two Ends
Members of the committee say that the bill, if it is enacted into law, will work to two ends—it will regulate rentals and force the property owners to list their properties at more nearly the actual value in order to get a larger rental.

Under the provisions of the amended bill, rental property means "any tenement house, apartment house, flat building, duplex building or part thereof or land appurtenant thereto, rented or hired for residential purposes, or any other building or part thereof or land appurtenant thereto rented or hired for residential purposes, no part of which is occupied by the owner thereof for residential purposes."

It is pointed out by those opposing the measure that the owner of the property by living in it himself can be exempt from the provisions of the bill. This clause, its supporters say, was put in to mean rooming house keepers, over whom it was felt no restrictions could be placed.

Two Classes
Rent property is placed in two classes only. Property valued on the tax books at less than \$2,000 is given right to make a charge of 15 per cent rental. To this may be added tax and all service costs, plus ten per cent a clear 15 per cent of the taxable value. All property of greater value is restricted to the 12 per cent charge, with the same additional tax and service charges, plus 10 per cent on these charges.

Service, the bill explains, "means the furnishing of light, heat, water, telephone, elevator, maid, janitor or any other necessary labor service removal of refuse, any service connected with the use or occupancy of any rental property necessary to the comfortable enjoyment thereof by the tenant and of a character general to all the tenants."

A penalty of a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months is provided for violation of the provisions. Nothing is stated in the bill, however, regarding how prosecution shall be made.

The senate committee on rights and privileges, which handled the bill, is composed of Senators Furnas, Cann, Swain, Buchanan, Dunn, Van Orman and Arnold.

Suburban

MODOC, Ind.—The lecture course was well attended Saturday night. The Merry Musical Maids were the entertainers of the evening. Rev. Summerville Light of Richmond preached at the M. E. church Monday night, Feb. 7. Miss Lois Lennington spent Sunday with Misses Nina and Helen Vany. Miss Shack Howell of Muncie and Mrs. Otis Howell of near Losantville spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Wes Howell. Miss Wava Johnson of Losantville spent Sunday with Miss Ruth Swain. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hodson and children spent Sunday with Mrs. W. W. Williams of Chambers of Carlisle City. Mrs. Stella Hamscomb of Muncie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swain and children. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ridenour and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swain. The M. E. church and society will meet with Mrs. Leola Edwards this coming Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Thomas spent Sunday with Mrs. Meade Bennett. Mrs. D. E. Barker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lenard Darrall at Winchester. The junior and eighth year classes from here went sight-seeing to Indianapolis Friday. Leaving here about 7 o'clock, they arrived in Indianapolis at 7. They went to the governor's office and found out he wasn't to be there until 8 o'clock. They then went to the cafe to get breakfast. Later all students shook hands with Governor McCray, were welcomed by all the officials of the senate and representatives especially Miles Furnace. All came back telling of what a fine time they had and all were eager to go again. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Naylor spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beard. Mrs. Russell Smith spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Wes Howell. Revival has begun at the M. E. church. First night the lights went out but were soon lit again. Rev. Vany is conducting the services. Miss Kathryn Farquhar spent Sunday with Miss Alice Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Naylor spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. McCallister at Carlisle City with Mrs. Alice Lee took supper with

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distinguished and versatile military painter and reputed to have painted more colored heads than any living artist. He was court painter to the ex-Emperor of Russia. During the war he served as major in the Polish cavalry.

Stella, Russell Ricker and family were guests at the Ricker home Friday.

GREENSBORO, Ind.—The stockholders of the co-operative farmers' elevator held a meeting Monday afternoon. Mrs. Emma Davis spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Davis and children, Josephine and Porter. Rev. Myrl Hough and Rev. Roe Amburn were entertained Monday evening at the home of Dr. Neff and family. Mrs. Laura Isaacs and Miss Gladys Shields spent Monday night with the former's father, Mr. J. Collins and attended revival meeting at the "Friends' Church." Friends and relatives of Ed Pierce have received word that he is getting along all right. Mrs. Frank L. Sanders is suffering from ulcerated eyes.

CLARKSTATION, O.—William Wilt visited relatives in New Madison, Sunday. Charles Bollinger and Loren James attended R. C. Enoch's sale last Thursday. Some of our local Grangers attended the all-day meeting at the Palestine Grange, Wednesday. Handy Riegle and family spent Sunday with Sadie Riegle and family. Ed Downing and Rufus and Orville Stump attended the picture show at New Madison, Saturday night. Fred McEwen and William Wilt attended the Harrison Ross sale last Tuesday. Mrs. Wilson Lutz and Mrs. Ed Downing and daughter, Virginia, called on Mrs. Handy Riegle last Thursday afternoon. Bert Clark finished stripping tobacco last week. The National Handle Co. of Indianapolis, had a force of men and teams hauling logs to Clark's Station recently. Little Virginia Bollinger was ill part of last week.

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ton, where she recently submitted to an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. O. N. Shelleberger, who visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Miller, returned to her home at College Corner Tuesday. Frank Brown, of Franklin, O., spent the week here with Henry Howard and family. Henry Mitchell returned Friday to his home in Greenville after a few days' visit at the Howard home and with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mitchell. Ott Houseman has employment at the Hobart Manufacturing plant at Troy, O. Henry Gray, of New Paris, is visiting with Henry Howard and family. L. M. Turner spent Saturday night and Sunday with his family at Troy. Warren Judy will hold a public sale of stock and farm implements, and will move into the Geeting property on North Main street. Mrs. Charles Fowle spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Studebaker. Sam Bok and son, Charles, of Trotwood, visited during the week-end with the former's mother, Mrs. Sarah Homan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gauch and family were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. Louise Fowle. Anna Gauch was the guest of Bertie Walden at the Fowle home recently. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Judy spent Wednesday in New Paris with Mr.

and Mrs. Reuben Young. Mr. and Mrs. David Poyner are entertaining their nephew, Mr. Emerick of Versailles. A cottage prayer meeting will be held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Sarah Homan. Mrs. Chloe Bowers and daughter Mildred, spent from Wednesday until Saturday with Mrs. Anna Howell. Miss Imo Howell of Dayton, was a guest Sunday. James B. Trone spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Steinmetz at Arcanum. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lichtenfels and family, of New Madison, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Emerick and son Dwight, and Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Muhman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bruner Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Waldren of Fort Jefferson, will move to their property on South Main street. O. J. McKee will vacate, but he has not decided definitely where he will locate.

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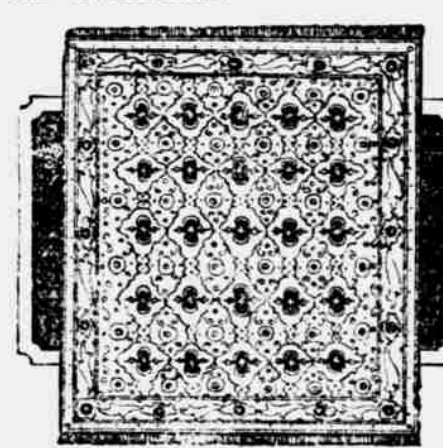
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