

Moelke Restores Inspection Fees In Council Row

Mayor Harvey W. Moelke today cranked up the fee-inspection system on commercial and industrial property after the council blasted him for withholding check payments from the treasury.

He fired off a letter to businessmen that they would be billed for inspections.

Moelke's letter said he asked the Council to repeal the fee inspection ordinance last Feb. 8 and instructed Chief Inspector Frank A. Kerby to withhold the billings.

LYC Checks Summer Jobs For Youth

The Livonia Youth Commission is surveying summer opportunities in Livonia, according to vice chairman Mrs. Sally Katz, in charge of the project.

More than 100 letters are being sent to local departments and organizations such as Parks and Recreation, Livonia Youth Incorporated, PTA's, churches, and civic associations regarding present summer youth programs.

The letters ask for information about youth activities and job opportunities sponsored by the organizations.

The commission will compile a report on present youth opportunities and then make recommendations to Mayor Harvey W. Moelke.

The project is in response to a request from Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, who has been urging expanded programs for youth. Mayor Moelke designated the Youth Commission to help with this aspect of President Johnson's Council on Youth Opportunities.

"The purpose of the survey," says Mrs. Katz, "is to find out what can be done in the future and what should be done."

"More than five months later, on July 25, the Council voted to continue the inspection fees . . . contrary to my recommendation," he said.

"We are therefore at the Council's direction submitting an invoice for the inspection of your property. While complying with the ordinance, I am directing (Kerby) to continue making the inspections in a matter that will result in a minimum interference with your business activity."

The fees net a maximum of \$10,000 a year. Kerby said about 75 checks totaling \$1,200 were withheld from the treasury and would have been returned to property owners if the ordinance were repealed.

Council President Peter A. Ventura, by trying to impose the charter's investigatory powers, was attacked by fellow councilmen for "using the issue to kick off his campaign for mayor."

Ventura said he vigorously opposed the inspection fees when the ordinance was enacted in the late 1950s, but stressed they are still the law of the city and should be paid until repealed.

"I did go along with inspection of places of assembly and won the point that some businesses had to be inspected only every two years," Ventura said.

"But this (suspension of billing and withholding of the payment checks) was an absolute violation of the law not to bank those checks in accordance with the procedures set forth."

"I don't know what kind of game he's (Moelke) playing," Ventura said the checks were stored in a drawer in Kerby's office. Kerby later said the checks were safely tucked away in an office safe.

The fees for annual inspections range from \$5 to \$15.



THE LAST ONE. Putting the final touches on Redford Union's 20-vehicle bus fleet are Jack DeLauder, Clarence Landstrom and Maurice Fitzgerald. They work year round on bus maintenance, with a very thorough overhaul coming in the summer months. Redford's unpaved

sidestreets prove to be the biggest headache as the repairmen spend a lot of time on front end repairs. The buses and 15 other vehicles are maintained at the garage at 15100 Aubrey. The fleet travels about 250,000 miles during one school year.

Civil Service Group Gets New Office

The Garden City Civil Service Commission will have permanent office space in the police station.

The City Council last week approved the request of the commission, which administers the hiring and promotional testing for the fire and police departments.

The commission will occupy the space formerly used by the police department's drivers' license station. The police closed its bureau last winter after the Secretary of State opened its own license bureau on Inkster Road near Cherry Hill in Garden City.

The council was told by the commission that a permanent office area would enable the group to have access to its files at all times. At present, the files are kept in the City Clerk's office in the City Hall.

Jaycees To Hold Farewell to Season

A "Farewell to Summer" will be held by the Westland Jaycees from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 for local youngsters.

A Jaycees spokesman said that the intent of the event, to be held on the west side of the Westland Shopping Center parking lot, is to give children 12 and under "one last look at summer before school starts."

There will be games, live turtle races, beanbag throws, marble-legs, sack races, all of which will have winners get prizes.

In addition, a new bicycle will be awarded to a young boy and girl during the event. There is no entry fee required with the bicycle

Employees At Meeting

Redford Township employees who are members of the Teamsters Union were called to a special Tuesday night at the Teamsters headquarters on Trumbull.

Joe Valenti, Teamster representative, reported on negotiations with the Township board for pay hikes.

Those hikes were set aside by the Board when they approved the general operating budget a few weeks ago.

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Nobody knows what Ron and Mike will look like when they get back from Alaska but everyone is hoping for the best.

Their parents and friends will find out Sept. 2.

"They went up looking like American teens and they said they're coming back looking like Alaskan teens," said Mrs. John Varga, 18100 Wayne Road, Ron's mother.

"I don't know what they're going to look like."

Ronald Varga, 17, and Michael Betzold, 17, are roommates at Sacred Heart Seminary. They left for Alaska July 20 with Michael's father, Eugene, of St. Clair Shores, for Alaska in a camper.

Stops along the way were scheduled at Prince George, a ferry trip from Prince Rupert to Skagway and into the Yukon for hunting.

Plans are to sell the camper in Alaska and fly back to the Livonia area Sept. 2 in time for the opening of the school year two days later.

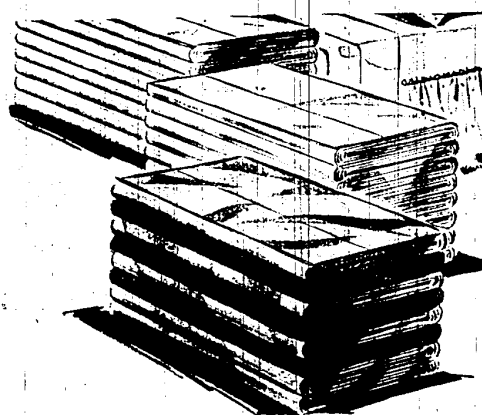
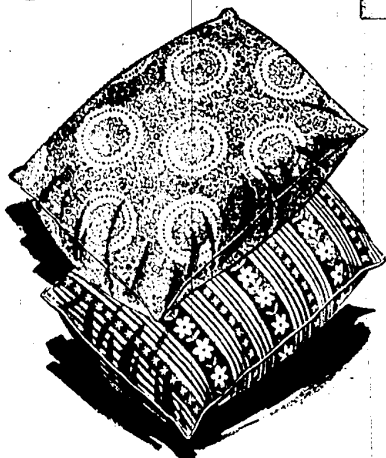
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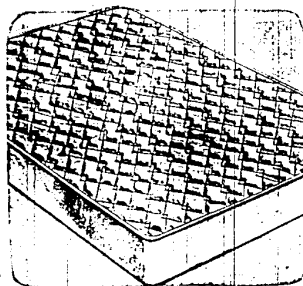
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