

House Approves Protection Bill for Renters

By CHRIS MEAD
LANSING (UPI)—A proposal

designed to protect renters from unscrupulous landlords while preserving the right of the landlord to safeguard his property

has cleared the Michigan House. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Earl Nelson, D-Lansing, was sent to the Senate on an 89-12 vote Wednesday. It would, for the first time, impose strict regulations on the deposits landlords impose on their tenants.

At the same time, it would spell out the responsibilities which tenants must meet in order to get those deposits back when they move out.

A major provision of the legislation would limit the amount of a damage deposit or security deposit to a sum equal to one month's rent.

The bill would further require that the deposit money be placed in a special escrow fund to be paid back with interest as long as the tenant meets the terms of the rental agreement.

Deposit money is defined in the bill as the property of the tenant, thereby precluding the landlord from using it for his own purposes.

A landlord could withhold the deposit only if he proves that the tenant or the tenant's guests have caused "actual damages that are the direct result of willful misconduct not reasonably expected in the normal course of habitation of a dwelling."

House passage of the bill capped a series of public hearings at which both renters and landlords appeared to present their viewpoints.

If the bill clears the more conservative Senate, it will mark an important victory for renters, especially student renters who are often subject to the whims of capricious landlords.

In many college towns, landlords currently may refuse to pay back damage deposits without proving that any damage was actually done. Under the existing law, it is up to the renter to prove his innocence.

Under the House plan, both landlord and tenant would be required to sign a checklist attesting to the specific condition of the rental unit at the time the tenant moves in. When he is ready to move out, another joint inspection would be made of the apartment to determine damages.

The landlord would then have 10 days to send a list of damages by certified mail. If he fails to meet that deadline, he would forfeit his right to claim any damages.

At the same time, the tenant would be required to report his forwarding address to the landlord within 72 hours after he moves out or forfeit his right to the damage deposit.

At the end of 30 days the landlord would be required to repay the deposit with interest of, if there has been damage, to pay an amount "mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties."

80 Year Old to Get Diploma

DETROIT (UPI) — Dib Abdalla will pick up his high school diploma next week and make a 60-year dream come true.

Not unlike many other adults, circumstance forced Abdalla to cut his education short. But at the age of 74, he decided to do something about it.

That was six years ago when he read about night classes for older people at Denby High School. When each of his five daughters told him schooling is fine at any age, he went back to school. The 80-year-old Abdalla is now completing assignments in math, English and psychology and will graduate next Wednesday.

"It's really amazing," said his math teacher, Dan Masko. "He doesn't have to go to school. There is no way he could financially profit from a high school diploma. He knows so much more than most of us teachers just from his life. Yet here he is, coming to school,

earning a diploma. I really feel proud for him."

That diploma represents a milestone in Abdalla's life.

He recalls that America was a completely different world from the dusty farming village of Homes, Syria, which he left at age 20.

Clothes, for example, were different. In 1912, people in

Homes still wore robes, as some still to today. He said he was shocked to find men in trousers and women wearing short hair.

Abdalla's first job in Cincinnati paid \$5 a week. He then moved to Detroit hoping to earn \$5 a day. But he was unable to find a job until a local pastor took him under his wing and taught him English.

Ordinance Would End 'Blockbusting'

DETROIT (UPI) —The Common Council was urged Wednesday to pass an ordinance which predominantly white home owners group claimed would effectively end the practice of "blockbusting."

The ordinance proposed by the Northwest Detroit Homeowners' Association would forbid the display of "for sale" signs on property and end house-to-house solicitations by real estate agents.

Opposition to such an ordinance came from the Detroit Real Estate Board, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the city's Commission on Community Relations.

Peter Johnstone of the Real Estate Board said the ordinance "would serve no real purpose in stopping blockbusting" since it would affect only indirectly the real estate broker.

Michigan ACLU Director Ernest Mazey said it would only impede the attainment of fair house in Detroit. Mazey suggested the only "cure for blockbusting would be the integration of all white neighborhoods in the city."

Charge 2 With Conspiracy to Accept Bribe

LIVONIA (UPI)—Two former officials in this Detroit suburb were charged Wednesday with conspiracy to accept a bribe in the issuance of electrical contractors and journeymen licenses.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of Stanley Markley, former chairman of the Electrical Licensing Board, and Roman Matuszcak, a former assistant. Markley resigned the position and Matuszcak was fired in February after misdemeanor charges were filed.

Both men were expected to appear in District Court here for arraignment Friday or next week.

The warrants charged the two solicited money and guaranteed applicants would receive electrical journeyman and electrical contractors licenses which are necessary to work in Livonia.

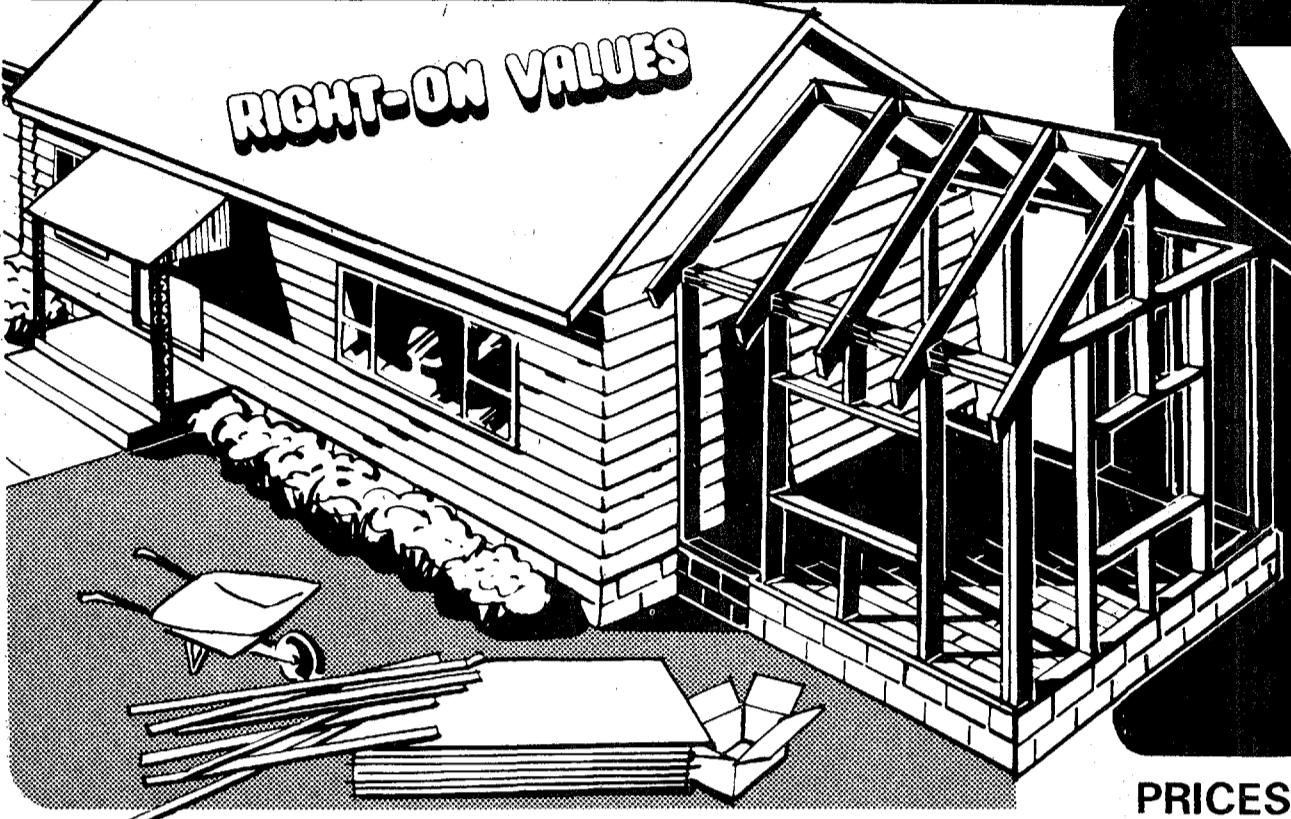
Detective Sgt. William Hoff said the men charged between \$200 and \$1,000 for services on at least eight occasions.

Nothing to Say After 80 Years

WARMINSTER, England (UPI)—The nearby village of Norton Bavant held its first parish council meeting in 80 years Wednesday—but it was adjourned because the 100 persons who turned up had nothing to say.

Jesse Brake, a 65-year-old retired farmer who was elected secretary of the council, said: "No one wanted to ask any questions."

"I suppose it indicates that nothing special or exciting has happened on the village over the last 80-odd years."



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The following cases were heard in the District Court here with Judge W. Richard Smith presiding.

James Daniel O'Neil, 27, Levering, disorderly person (drunk), \$25.

Darwin Ned Honeysette, 17, Alanson, disorderly person (drunk), \$25 or five days in the Emmet County jail.

Anna Burneth Burdick, 53, Harbor Springs, driving while under the influence of alcohol, \$125 fine, 90 days suspension of driver's license.

Walter Charles Allen, 21, Brutus, reckless driving, \$75 or 30 days in the Emmet County jail.

Edmund Kaczorowski, 62, Dearborn Heights, driving while under the influence of alcohol, \$125 and 90 day suspension of driver's license.

Wellington Petonquot, 57, Petoskey, driving while under the influence of alcohol, \$125 fine, 90 days suspension of driver's license and to attend Alcohol Education Program.

Julie Scott, 39, Petoskey, disorderly person (drunk), probation extended six months.

Gerald M. Kane, 23, Carlton, insufficient funds check, \$150 fine and costs plus \$605 restitution.

Howard Henry Hannan, 47, Petoskey, driving while under the influence of alcohol, \$125 or 30 days in the Emmet County jail, 90 days suspension of driver's license and to attend Alcohol Education Program.

Archie Joseph Megenup, jr., 35, Harbor Springs, driving while license was suspended, three days in the Emmet County jail and \$50 fine or an additional 10 days in the Emmet County jail.

Kenneth George Woodruff, 17, Oden, malicious destruction of property, one year probation and \$120 fine.

Robert Lee Ulrich, 17, Conway, malicious destruction of property, one year probation and \$120 fine.

John Reckwald, 27, Levering, assault and battery, six months probation, \$25 fine.

Claude Richard Lewis, 27, no permanent address, escaping jail, six months in the Emmet County jail.

E. Jordan Girl Scouts Honor Lady Who Started Scouting

By KEN WINTER
EAST JORDAN—Mrs. Adeline Bowerman found out that the Girl Scouts hadn't forgotten how she started scouting in East Jordan 24 years ago.

The discovery came during court of awards night when the local scouts showered her with gifts in appreciation for all her contributions to the local program.

"I was really surprised," said Mrs. Bowerman about all the gifts she received.

From each of the six troops she received a troop gift that included placemats, an autograph book containing quotations from people she has worked with, a patch quilt with a block made by each scout, a chef's apron and mits for camping and a matched pin and earrings set.

"The quilt was stitched with love," she said about the sixth grade girl scout project where each girl made a block per-

taining to girl scouts.

In addition to the troop gifts, Mrs. Bowerman received an iron family marker for her front lawn and a large painted rock to be used as a door stop from the Girl Scout leaders.

For Mrs. Bowerman, the event marked several farewells she will have to be making in the next few weeks because this is also the year she retires from teaching.

"I have mixed emotions about it," Mrs. Bowerman said about having to retire after 33 years of teaching.

The retiring kindergarten teacher has taught at East Jordan for 24 years in addition to five years in Napoleon, her hometown, and four years in Howell.

After school closes this June, Mrs. Bowerman and her husband, Ed, will be taking off to Wisconsin to do some bicycling on the Wisconsin bikeway.

Area residents will probably recognize her husband as being the former owner of the Swan Motel just outside of East

Jordan.

Having just sold the motel, both Bowermans will be packing their pick-up camper and traveling out west this winter.

They have two children. Miss Sandra Bowerman teaches at East Jordan and their son, Donald, has been in the Navy for nine years and is currently assigned to duty on the U.S. Towers guided missile destroyer.

Students at East Jordan have also dedicated their 1972 yearbook to Mrs. Bowerman.



MRS. ADELINE BOWERMAN talks with her kindergarten student Linda Roebuck. (NEWS Photo by Ken Winter)

Marco to Give Harbor Springs Memorial Talk

By DOROTHY KLEINHENZ
HARBOR SPRINGS — Plans for Monday's Memorial Day activities are being arranged by the Smith-Hoover American Legion Post under the chairmanship of Lee Judd.

Breakfast will be served at the Legion hall from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and the parade will start at 9 a.m. from the corner of Zoll and Main-sts.

Parade marshal is Dr. Thomas F. Graham and units taking part in the parade are Mrs. William Banks' horses, the Legion color guard and firing squad, the Legion drum and bugle corps, Legion membership, Legion Auxiliary, Women's Relief Corps and colors, the eighth grade band, convertible with the mayor and dignitaries, Girl Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Harbor Springs

Grange No. 730, Holy Childhood band No. 1, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Holy Childhood No. 2, baseball league, Senior High School band, the bicycle squad and Mrs. Banks' riding club.

At the waterfront park the master of ceremonies will be Arno Hartenstein. The high school band will play the national anthem and the invocation will be given by the Rev. Philip L. Brown. The Women's Relief Corps and the American Legion will have a service in memory of Navy veterans, and the service in memory of veterans from the local area will be under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Black,

president of the Legion Auxiliary.

The band will play "Victory" and the memorial address will be given by Phillip Marco. The band will play "God Bless America" and the benediction will be given by the Rev. Rodney M. Ward. Services at Lakeview Cemetery will start about 11 a.m. with participation by the Women's Relief Corps, Rev. Brown, Legion Auxiliary members, the American Legion members, and the Legion firing squad concluding with Taps.

In case of rain a possible two hour postponement will be set and services would be at the high school.

Charlevoix To Open Bids For E. Jordan Tennis Courts

CHARLEVOIX — Magistrate John Connolly reports the following cases that appeared in his court recently:

Charged with speeding were Ross Falting, 18, Charlevoix, \$15; Janice E. Dietrich, 28, Charlevoix, \$20; L.D. Robert Gray, 46, Charlevoix, \$15; Gregory R. Friebling, 37, Traverse City, \$16.

Charged with disregarding traffic signals were: Raymond McClanaghan, 21, Charlevoix, \$15; Dale M. Reedy, 22, Charlevoix, \$15; Pamela Fairbanks, 20, Charlevoix, \$15.

Others include Gregory M. File, 18, Charlevoix, failure to provide helmet for passenger on motorcycle, \$15; Bremmie J. Johnson, 33, Petoskey, expired operator's license, \$10; Donna Gibson, 26, Charlevoix, expired Wednesday in Holland Lake operator's license, \$10; James while swimming with two com-marsh, Charlevoix, allowing a panions when he was unable to dog to run at large, \$5.

EAST JORDAN — City Supt. Dennis Stepke said bids for the city tennis court project will remain open until 6 p.m., June 6.

The court will be located in the East Jordan Tourist Park between the Little League and softball fields.

Financing of the project will be done through a Department of Natural Resources grant, Stepke said.

He also said that applications for the summer lifeguard position are still being taken at his office in city hall.

STANTON (UPI) — Richard Wells, 20, Lansing, drowned Wednesday in Holland Lake operator's license, \$10; James while swimming with two com-marsh, Charlevoix, allowing a panions when he was unable to swim 200 feet back to shore.

CMU Prexy Boyne Grad Night Speaker

BOYNE CITY — Dr. William B. Boyd, president of Central Michigan University, will be the commencement speaker at Boyne City High School on June 8 at 8 p.m. in the high school.

Dr. Boyd, who became president of the university on July 1, 1968, has served as vice chancellor of student affairs at the University of California at Berkeley (1966-68), director of the College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio State University (1965-66), dean of faculty at Alma College (1958-65), and was a faculty member at Michigan State University (1953-58).



William B. Boyd

He has an A.B. from Presbyterian College in South Carolina, an M.A. from Emory University in Georgia and a Ph.D. in modern European history from the University of Pennsylvania.

Baccalaureate will be Sunday, June 4, at 8 p.m. in the high school. Rev. Duane Ferris will give the address.

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