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## TOLLS AND AUTO TAX

The proposed municipal bridge tolls and auto tax ordinance created considerable discussion at our last meeting. The feelings expressed in no uncertain terms by our members on this question, undoubtedly reflected the attitude of the majority of the citizens of the greater city.

The unfairness of the bridge tolls was pointed out, showing the disadvantage to which Queens and Brooklyn would be placed not only as a further traffic impediment but also as an added financial burden. The auto tax, of course, brought forth most protests inasmuch as it meant additional tax on every owner of a car.

The important phase of this matter is, are these proposed new levies absolutely necessary. The consensus of opinion at our last meeting seemed to be quite to the contrary; more economy was asked of our city officials rather than more taxes. The reckless abandon with which city funds have been spent on "white elephants" and the vast sums being spent for interest alone on projects half finished or finished to a point where a small additional outlay would complete these projects and bring forth revenue or at least value for the money spent, for instance, the new municipal subways, Queensboro Hospital, Tri-Boro Bridge, etc. Then we have the large sums spent on overlapping departments and inspections, and would it be false economy to rid the city of some of its high-priced limousines and the chauffeurs running them, and do all of our high-salaried officials really earn their high salaries? Many and many are the places where economy can be practised making additional taxes unnecessary.

The ordinance had passed the Board of Alderman a few hours previous to our meeting and in view of the little time left to file our protest, a telegram was dispatched to Mayor John O'Brien protesting the levying of these taxes.

Efforts to enact these new levies have been abandoned for the present but we have no definite assurances that passage will not be attempted at some future date.

## BABY BONDS

An intensive campaign has been launched by the City Comptroller to sell bonds for the payment of taxes on real estate.

Owners of real estate would do well to look into these bonds. You may purchase them in denominations as low as \$10 which makes it possible to buy one whenever you have a \$10 bill handy, or if you have the amount of your taxes laid away, it would be good business to put it into these bonds. At the present time, interest at the rate of  $5\frac{3}{4}$  per cent is being paid from the date of purchase—not a bad investment by any means.

If interested, further information can be had from the Deputy Collector of Taxes, Court Square L. I. City or from our President, Ed. A. Bohan.

## Z. & M. BUSES

Nothing new has transpired in the matter of the application of the Z. & M. Coach Co. for a franchise to operate buses between Flushing and Bellerose. Further hearings before the Board of Estimate have been postponed for three months.

## BETTER BUSES

Some improvement has been noted in the condition of the buses on the Bellerose-Jamaica Line. However, much improvement cannot be expected from the bus company with the condition of Hillside Ave. as it is at present. The matter will be closely watched and improvements will be demanded wherever deemed necessary.

Complaints have also been made at our last meeting over the overcrowding of the school buses, both to and from Jamaica High School. This will be brought to the attention of the bus company and it is hoped the condition will be remedied before the beginning of the next school term.

**Next Meeting: Tues., July 11**  
**At HEADQUARTERS. 235-09 BRADDOCK AVE.**

**JUST GOSSIP**

We mourn the loss of our neighbor, Mrs. Rogers of 234th Street. We offer our condolences to the bereaved family.

Our most sincere sympathies go to our Vice President Fred. Moore on the death of his mother and to Ed. Tierney of 238th Street on the death of his mother, and to Mrs. Doherty on the death of her father.

We note that roller skating has become quite a fad with many of the folks on 237th St. Well, the old saying still holds, the bigger and stouter they are, the harder they fall.

We learn that the Hardwick family of 234th St. have gone in for bicycle riding. That's one way of getting away from paying gasolene tax.

Albert Hildebrand of 235th St. was given a surprise party on his 16th birthday. His home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the boys and girls had a wonderful time.

Bill Reiss of 237th St. is back from his vacation and is displaying pictures and telling us about the big fish he caught. We always enjoy a good fish story.

Our friend Sam Letts of 235th St. was recently honored by his comrades in the Fire Department on the 20th anniversary of his service in the department and as a token of esteem, they presented him with a beautiful wrist watch.

It seems our friend L. Mittleman is well acquainted with bankers as he tells us the following story: "Two prominent New York bankers who died, approached St. Peter at the Golden Gates with regard to gaining admission. They say that they gave St. Peter quite a long story about their good deeds on earth. St. Peter went away to look up the records and see if he could obtain evidence and when he returned to inform them that he found no such good deeds as they claimed, he was greatly surprised to find the golden gates missing." We hope never to cross the path of bankers like these two.

**TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

Alderman T. J. O'Connell has acknowledged our letter asking for action on the installation of traffic lights along Rocky Hill Road and promises to give the matter his attention.

In the meantime we will have to be content with "ducking" traffic on this thorofare.

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4. Traffic lights on Braddock Avenue.
5. Early completion of Tri-Boro Bridge.

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**MORTGAGES**

The mortgage situation at the present time is occupying the minds of multitudes of our people. It has indeed become a serious matter, with foreclosures and what not taking place all around us. Civic leaders are doing their utmost to bring about a solution of this problem and Gov. H. H. Lehman has been asked to call a special session of the legislature to pass legislation declaring a moratorium on all mortgages. We cannot help but feel some good will be derived from this agitation.

In passing may we say to those of our folks who are renewing their mortgages not to fail to ask for and insist on a reduction in the rate of interest. It will be entirely your loss if you do not ask for it—more we need not say.

To those of our neighbors who are experiencing difficulty in their negotiations we wish to say that our President, Ed. A. Bohan and Mr. Paul Bauer, chairman of the Committee on the Taxes and Assessments, have offered their services to anyone in need of assistance. Those who avail themselves of this offer may rest assured the entire matter will be treated entirely in confidence.

**NEW LAWS**

Those of our neighbors who have occasion to walk along country roads, especially those going away on vacation, should bear in mind the new law recently passed in the legislature and became effective July 1st, which provides that "all pedestrians walking on the paved portion or the traveled part of a roadway, shall keep to the left of the centre line so as to permit all vehicles passing them in either direction to pass to their right."

Another bill which became effective June 1st, requires every driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection, to grant the right of way to any vehicle approaching from his right except where otherwise directed by a police officer or at an intersection where there is a sign or signal requiring vehicles to come to a full stop before entering the intersection.

**STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**

At our last meeting the chairman of our Streets and Sidewalks Committee reported interviewing the Superintendent of the Bureau of Highways who promised that work would be started on repairing the streets of our area the following Monday.

This has been done and we understand men will be kept working on the job until completed.

Due to the efforts of the Police and Fire Committee, the fire boxes of our community and the poles upon which they are attached, have been repainted. A letter of thanks was dispatched to Capt. Weiner, in charge.

Another letter has been sent to the Park Department requesting that the trees of our area be sprayed and to give them whatever other attention they may need.

The Entertainment Committee rendered a financial report of the last bunco. This report showed a nice little sum as profit. The Committee was tendered a rising vote of thanks for its good work.

The baseball game between the Creedmoor Civic Association and the Men's Club of Trinity Lutheran Church has been held up temporarily. There's a question as to age limit, also as to whether the game is to be confined to the male sex.



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JUST IN  
● **FUN**

In the American advance during the final days of the war, a sergeant ordered an unbleached private to go into a dug-out and clean out any Germans that happened to be there.

The colored gentleman blanched a little, swallowed his Adam's apple, and then said huskily, "Ef you sees three or fo' men cum runnin' out ob dat hole, don't shoot de fust one."

#### FAIR ENOUGH

"No," said the druggist, "I don't want any slot machines that involve gambling."

"These aren't gambling devices," said the salesman earnestly, "the customer hasn't got a chance"

#### THEN CRAWL

"Young man, when I started life I had to walk."

"You were lucky—I had to be carried."

One of our members offers the following letter taken from his files:

"Gentlemen:

I get the pump witch I by from you, but why for gods sake you doan send me no handle wats the use a pump when she doan have no handle. I loose my customer. Shure thing you doan treat me rite. I rote 10 days and my customer he holler for water like hell for the pump. You no he is not summer now and the win he no blow the pump. She got no handle so wat the hell I goan to do with it. Doan send me the handle pretty quick, send her back and I goan order some pump from Meyers Companie.

Goodby,

Yours truly,

Antonio Burtra.

P. S. Since I write I find the dam handle in the box. Excuse me."

#### OUR JULY BOOSTERS

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