

Motor Trans., 1-9-44, 6th day straight \$970.98, 6th day premium \$482.68, time and half over 8 hours \$66.64, 7th day \$27.00, total \$1,547.30.

Sewer, 1-9-44, 6th day straight \$989.08, 6th day premium \$474.72, time and half over 8 hours \$1.61, total \$1,465.41.

Airport, 1-9-44, 6th day straight \$149.76, 6th day premium \$74.88, time and half over 8 hours \$11.37, total \$236.01.

Permit, 1-9-44, 6th day straight \$15.60, 6th day premium \$7.80, total \$23.40.

Pub. Building, 1-9-44, 6th day straight \$1,564.43, 6th day premium \$778.21, time and a half over 8 hours \$11.66, 7th day \$7.40, total \$2,361.70.

General Road, 1-9-44, 6th day straight \$18,047.12, 6th day premium \$8,768.59, time and a half over 8 hours \$23,318.27, 7th day \$66.01, total \$50,199.99.

Fire (D.P.W.), 1-9-44, 6th day straight \$39.36, 6th day premium \$19.68, Time and half over 8 hours \$4.23, total \$63.27.

Grand total: 6th day straight, \$27,760.82, 6th day premium, \$13,504.06, time and half over 8 hours \$24,471.97, 7th day \$415.20, total \$66,152.05.

City Phys., 1-14-44, 6th day straight \$310.80, 6th day premium \$121.80, time and half over 8 hours \$97.65, 7th day \$23.63, total \$553.88.

Markets, 1-19-44, 6th day straight \$63.28, 6th day premium \$27.74, total \$91.02.

Water, 1-12-44, 6th day straight \$3,953.77, 6th day premium \$1,815.65, time and half over 8 hours \$217.05, 7th day \$211.16, total \$6,197.63.

Hurlbut Trust, 1-12-44, 6th day straight \$16.40, 6th day premium \$8.20, total \$24.60.

Sewage, 1-12-44, 6th day straight \$681.16, 6th day premium \$314.68, time and half over 8 hours \$31.58, 7th day \$62.70, total \$1,090.12.

Grand total: 6th day straight \$32,786.23, 6th day premium \$15,792.13, time and half over 8 hours \$24,818.25, 7th day \$712.69, total \$74,109.30.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES G. OAKMAN,
 Controller.

Received and placed on file.

From the Controller

January 20, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Pursuant to resolutions adopted by your Honorable Body under date of January 11, 1944 (J.C.C., Page 98), whereby the Controller was authorized to execute Quit Claim deed for the sale of City-owned property, the following payment has been made and deed issued:

Lawrence E. Kelly, Public Administrator of Wayne County, and duly

appointed guardian of the estate of James Salmas, a mental incompetent. "Lot 310 of Young's Gratiot View Subdivision of the west 55 acres of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 12." \$1,490.51 paid Jan. 12, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES G. OAKMAN,
 Controller.

Received and placed on file.

From the Controller

January 19, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of two Quit Claim Deeds from the State Land Office Board, pursuant to resolutions of your Honorable Body, covering the following properties:

Lots No. 58, 59 and 60, "Robert Oakman Land Company's Wyoming Ohio Subdivision of part of the S. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of Section 33, T. 1 S., R. 11 E.," Ward No. 18, Cap. No. 435. South side of Otto St., between Ohio and Wisconsin Sts. Requested November 23, 1943 (J.C.C., Page 2957), to be used by the Board of Education as part of the Joy-Esper School site.

All that part of Lot 12, lying north of and adjoining Mack Ave. and lying south of and adjoining Warren Ave., "Jane L. Fisher's Sub. of part of P. C. 241, Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan," Ward No. 21, Cap. No. 906. North side of Mack Ave. and Lot No. 13, except Warren Ave. as opened and except Chandler Park Drive as opened, Subdivision of P. C. 300," Ward No. 21. North side of Mack Ave., between Canyon and Radnor Aves. Requested October 12, 1943 (J.C.C., pp. 2639-41), to be used in part by the Board of Education, part by the Department of Parks and Recreation, and part for street widening purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES G. OAKMAN,
 Controller:

Received and placed on file.

From the Controller

January 19, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of three Quit Claim Deeds from the State Land Office Board, pursuant to resolutions of your Honorable Body, covering the following properties:

Lot No. 50 in Redford Gardens Sub. of part of the West ½ of Section 10, Village of Redford, T.1S., R.10E., South side of Karl Avenue at Bentler, Ward 22, Cap. 392. Requested April 27, 1943 (J.C.C., p. 1293), to be used by the Board of Education as a school site.

Lot No. 1, except East 20 feet of

South 10 feet of vacated alley lying in rear; and Lot No. 2 and South 10 feet of vacated alley in rear in the Plat of Fraser's Section of part of the Chene Farm, North side of Wight St., between Chene and Jos. Campau, Ward 11, Cap. 7. Requested July 13, 1943 (J.C.C., p. 1939), to be used by the Department of Public Works, Division of Motor Transportation for the storage of gasoline.

Lot No. 94, in "Robert Oakman's Livernois and Ford Highway Subdivision" of Lots 4 and 7 and Lots 5 and 6, Henry Walker's Plat of the Westerly 80 Acres of $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, and all of that part of $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, 10,000 Acre Tract lying East of the Mill Road, Greenfield Township, South side of Ewald Circle, Ward 14, Cap. 197. Requested October 12, 1943 (J.C.C., p. 2641), to be used by the Public Lighting Commission as a site for an addition to the LaBelle Substation at 2525 Ewald Circle.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES G. OAKMAN,
 Controller.

Received and placed on file.

From the Controller

January 25, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Attached hereto please find Trial Balance as of December 31, 1943, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 5, of the Charter of the City of Detroit.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES G. OAKMAN,
 Controller.

Received and placed on file.

(For trial balance, see communication from City Treasurer of this date).

From the Corporation Counsel

January 11, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The City Controller, Auditor General, City Treasurer and Corporation Counsel met for the purpose of recommending to the Common Council policies in reference to the withholding of properties from the State Scavenger Sale to be held in February of 1944.

The Annual Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, shows that the City has and will receive an estimated 43 per cent of the canceled taxes and assessments to be recovered from approximately 88,000 parcels of real estate situated in the City and which have gone through the State sale.

In previous years, parcels scheduled to be sold at the regular sale of the State Land Office Board, under the Scavenger Act, were many thousands

in number, and it would have been an impossibility for the City of Detroit to have completed its own tax foreclosure proceedings, as provided for in the Charter, on such a large number of parcels and because of the high assessments of 1932-1931-1930 it was deemed advisable to correct that condition by allowing them to go through Scavenger Sale.

Consequently, it has been the policy of the Common Council in past years to have the Controller make a detailed study of the parcels and to choose those which, after careful analysis, were either required by City Departments or represented a large tax delinquency where, in the opinion of the Controller, foreclosure suits would result in the City recovering all or more than the delinquent tax interest.

The amount of City-owned properties to be sold at the present sale in February, 1944, approximates 2,500 parcels, most of which are vacant properties. It is the opinion of this Committee that a general policy should now be set forth in relation to the withholding of properties from the Scavenger Sale and putting into greater effect the tax foreclosure provisions of the Charter, to the end that a larger amount of the delinquent taxes and assessments will be eventually recovered by the City of Detroit.

The following general procedure is recommended to the Common Council:

1. Those properties on which there are still 1932 and prior years' taxes should be analyzed for the purpose of selecting for withholding and foreclosure under Charter provisions those properties where it definitely appears that there has been a deliberate failure to pay taxes but not be foreclosed where assessments for the year 1932 and prior were based on greatly inflated values, unless the value of the properties is substantially greater than the amount of the tax delinquency.

2. With reference to properties on which the taxes are delinquent for 1933 and subsequent years, that such properties shall be withheld for foreclosure purposes where the minimum amount involved is \$100, or more, since the total cost of foreclosure, including the time of City employees and payment of County taxes, approximates \$75.00 per suit, the exception being where an over-assessment may have occurred.

3. Those properties will be withheld which are required for municipal and public purposes.

An analysis has been made, following the recommendation of policies, and it is recommended that the attached descriptions be withheld from the 1944 Scavenger Sale for the purpose of the City protecting its tax