GENERAL BOOST IN HOME RENTS FORESHADOWED

Tenants of "Elwood" Apartments Notified They Must Pay $50 More a Month or Get Out.

Marked advance in the rental scale for Omaha houses and apartments is foreshadowed in notices served yesterday by J. L. Hiatt Real Estate company on tenants of the "Elwood" apartments, Forty-ninth and Dodge streets, that the better apartments would be worth $125 a month on October 1 and thereafter, an increase from $75 or 66 2-3 per cent.

Occupants of the Elwood apartments are notified that "no attempt is made to 'force' them to pay this increase," and that 'if they find that they cannot pay it, and want to move, every effort will be given them by the company to find a new place to live, at the rent they can afford to pay."

The notice served upon tenants of the Elwood further "suggests" that the rent will be raised from $75 to $125 a month because the Elwood is to be made one of the classiest apartment houses in Omaha," and because "unequaled service will be rendered."

Those tenants who feel that this "slight" increase of $50 a month in their rent is too much are requested to let the real estate company know at once, "so that the long list of those waiting for a chance to get into the Elwood may be served."

The big increase in rent was a jolt yesterday to tenants of the Elwood, who had expected nothing of the sort, and many made hurried plans to assume new quarters.

The enormous increase in rents at the Elwood is only one instance of a general increase in rents all over the city which have been put in effect recently. This is particularly true of rent houses. On the north side a number of houses that rented a year ago for $20 are now listed at $40.

Armed Negro Holds Tenants of Office Building at Bay

An armed negro, James Rhodes, held tenants of the fifth floor of the Keeline building, Seventeenth and Harney, at bay yesterday and terrorized the office girls working in the building, according to a complaint made by George Sugarman, a lawyer, charging Rhodes with carrying concealed weapons.

Sugarman alleges that Rhodes, who is a janitor in the building, became enraged when requested to carry out improvement requests of the tenants and after a heated argument drew a revolver and stood off all comers.

Among the victims of the negro's wrath were Dr. F. W. Novak, V. C. Haskell and Dr. James A. O'Neil, all having offices in the Keeline building.

Police are searching for Rhodes.

Lowering the Price of High-Class Victor Music

In these days of high costs and ever-rising prices, it is a distinct relief, as well as a welcome surprise, to see something really lowered in price. The recent reduction in the price of Victrola Red Seal records created somewhat of a sensation, and it was of universal interest, for music, far from being considered a luxury today, has come to be an actual necessity. And it is an open question as to which was the greater event so far as benefiting the public is concerned—the first presentation to the world of the records by the greatest artists or their presentation now at the lowered prices.

City Council Opens Bids For Paving of 40 Districts

The city council yesterday opened bids for paving 40 districts, the largest being Leavenworth street, Forty-eighth to Sixtieth streets.

Interest was centered on the Leavenworth street improvement on account of a controversy between Mayor Smith and C. E. Fanning several months ago, when Mr. Fanning designated the mayor as a "nut."

Fanning was low bidder on this work last year on the basis of $3.09 per yard for brick. His bid today was $3.39.

Mayor Raises Legal Point On Purchase of Supplies

Mayor Smith interposed an objection when City Commissioner Towl endeavored to put a resolution through the council yesterday, to appropriate $10,000 from the sewer bond fund for the purchase of materials with which to make sewer inlets.
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"The sewer bond fund was not intended for that purpose. Refer this to the city legal department," ordered the mayor.