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completed part of it, and asked for a partial payment of several hundred dollars, which was paid despite the fact that no violations had been unearthed. He disappeared soon afterward, leaving the survey incomplete.

Lloyd Miller case

Dave White noted that the Lancaster County Re-development Authority has put \$30,000 into Marietta recently.

Lloyd Miller was taken to court, and was ordered by the judge (Bucher) to have his tenants out by January 1st, until the rat and roach problems are cleaned up. White said that the case was a notable success for the borough, and mentioned the photos of the property in question as helping decide the case.

Council condemned the house at 232 W. Walnut Street to destruction as more than 50% decayed. The property is owned by Mrs. Clarence Major.

White said Mrs. Major had been given several months to come up with a plan to bring the building up to standards, and the plan she had come up with was to sell it.

Mrs. Major, contacted by phone, said that she had found out about the destruction order in a newspaper. She objected to not being informed sooner.

White also discussed two other condemned properties, on Front Street.

Councilmen Kulman and Reuter both complimented councilman White on his work in the Miller case.

Mysterious wetting agent

Councilman Roberts reported that a drum of wetting agent had mysteriously appeared among the borough supplies. No one knew what it was for or who had ordered it.

Roberts said that town employees are not filling out the requisition forms, which is the reason that such things as mystery drums of wetting agent happen. He said that he had brought up the rec forms before, but people were still not using them.

"I'm through beating my head against the wall," he said. About the bills, including that for the wetting agent, he said, "Gentlemen, here they are. We can pay them or not."

Council voted to pay all the bills except that for the wetting agent. A letter will be sent to the company asking who ordered it.

Councilman White spoke up on one bill for repairs to the police radios, amounting to several hundred dollars. Addressing mayor Flanagan, he said that the police too often "circumvent" the financial control of council by going through the mayor's office.

The mayor replied that this expenditure was for "an emergency—there are emergencies," he added.

Roberts discussed ways of increasing the interest earnings on borough savings. Rather than the regular savings account at Farmers First, he advised that more money could be made with short-term loans to the bank, tying up the money for ten days at a time.

Dave White said that 90-day treasury bonds might be better. The

matter will be studied by an accountant to see if the town's money can be tied up for 90 days to get the higher interest.

revised disability ordinance

The proposed ordinance setting the maximum disability compensation at 60 days for borough employees was reworded after some discussion.

"2 hottest questions"

"The two hottest zoning

questions," reported Tom Lavin, are the garage on Washington Street, which was closed down because of lack of compliance with parking and fencing laws, and the church on West Walnut, which might be turned into apartments. An application to do that has been filed, and a hearing on the matter will be held. (A previous proposal to turn the church into a

game room was refused).

Liability insurance

The borough solicitor said that council should consider getting liability insurance for its employees and officials, because more and more citizens are suing their boroughs these days. The possibility that having insurance might make people more eager to sue was not brought up by anyone present.

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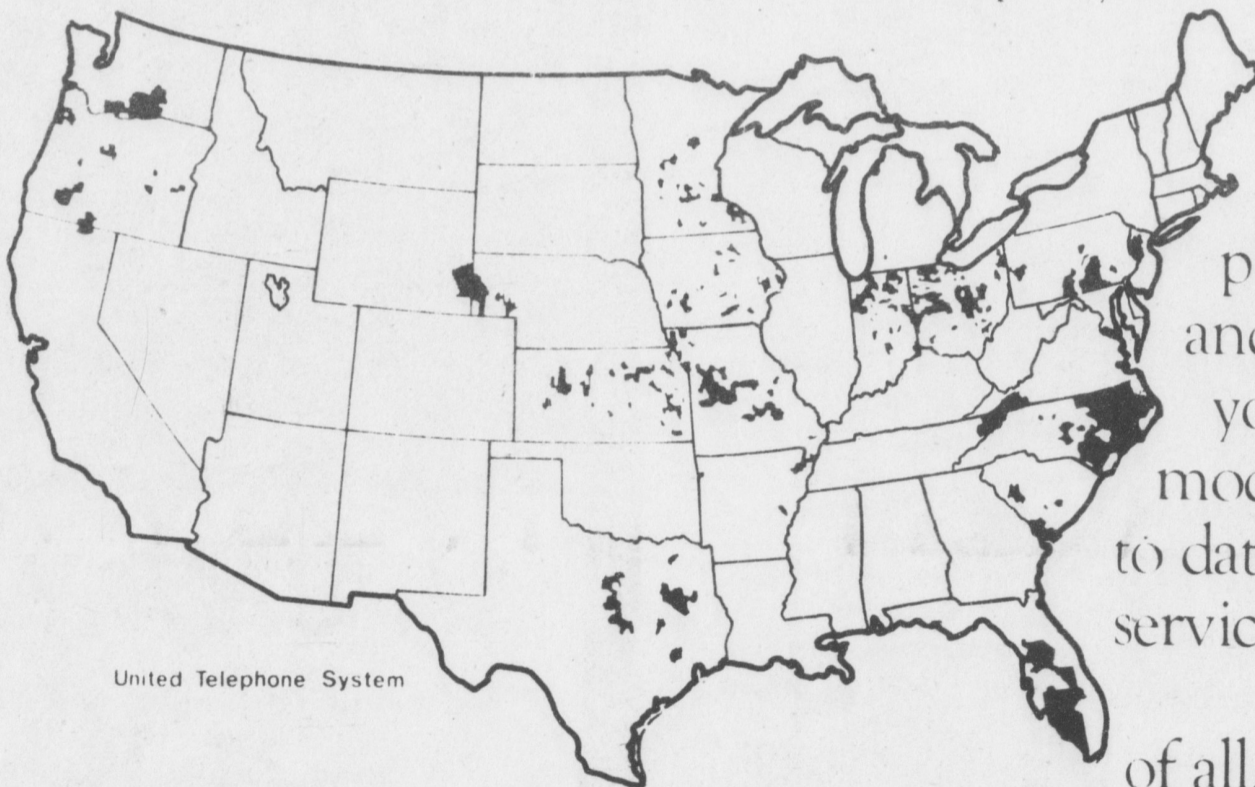


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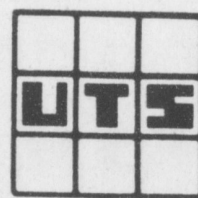
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