

KLISE DECLARES PETOSKEY MAYOR AVOIDING REAL ISSUE; DISAVOWS PERSONAL FEELING

"Galster simply is trying to fog the issue in Petoskey and to turn attention of the public from the real point of simple municipal honesty," declared Elmer Klise, general manager of the Blackmer Rotary Pump Co. of Petoskey in an interview while in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Mr. Klise in a recent communication to The Press asked over his signature a series of questions which carry the inference that graft has occurred in the regime of the Petoskey mayor, John L. A. Galster. In reply to the hinted charges Mayor Galster, in another statement declared that public acts during his administration are on record and that any Petoskey citizen may refer to them. He also offers to give any information regarding transactions of the city to any person upon request, but remarks "there has been so such application yet."

"To Veil Issue."

All of which, Mr. Klise insists, is merely an attempt to "veil the issue." "No personal feeling whatever is involved in this affair," he

said Wednesday. "It is simply a matter of honesty on the part of the Galster regime. I want Galster to give clear, direct answers to a series of questions.

"I should like to know, for example, why the city paid 90 cents for crushed stone when others were buying it for 40. I should like to know why the city administrator, offered George McManus \$125,000 for his dam when it was not worth half that sum. McManus has been known as a henchman of Galster ever since he has been in Petoskey."

Klise Made Offer.

"City Manager Wolff noticed we had a little generator and he asked me in the presence of several witnesses," said Mr. Klise, "how much I would charge for power. I told him about 1 cent per kilowatt. We can furnish about 100 kilowatts, whereas in the summer season when water power is low McManus would be doing well to squeeze 50 kilowatts out of his plant.

"I told Mr. Wolff I would be glad to help them out with power whenever such help was needed. Now Galster claims I made no bid to the city. Who else would I have made an offer to if not the city manager?"