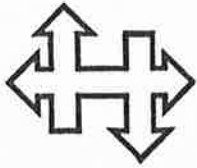


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To the Editor of the Journal Herald:

Your editorial of April 27, 1983, mentioned that the Montgomery County Health District was named on the City of Dayton's "uncollectible debt list" as owing the city \$34,531.98 for telephone costs incurred when employees of the merged Health District remained at city hall during 1971 and 1972. Lest your readers jump to the mistaken conclusion that the Health District was somewhat lackadaisical in paying one of its obligations, let me assure you that no such debt ever existed.

At the time of the merger the city and county agreed that the city would absorb the telephone costs attributable to the former city health employees until late 1972 when these employees could be relocated to the County Administration Building. In retrospect I wish that the City of Dayton had investigated the validity of the alleged debt before putting it on its uncollectible list. The Health District was never billed by the city. Indeed, we had no knowledge whatsoever of the listing until last month when we were contacted by a representative of the City of Dayton's accounting office.

I hope this matter has been permanently laid to rest. Perhaps this unfortunate incident will lead to improved communications between the city

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and the Health District in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Vogel, M.D.", written in a cursive style.

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