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TOWNSHIP TAXATION

The question of taxation should be one of the most vital things that the people of this earth have to consider. But, strange enough, it evokes less brain functioning than a discussion of the Fiji Islands—whereas it ought to be foremost in our minds, since it takes from our pockets a relatively large share of the fruits of our labor.

Like birth and death, we cannot escape taxes. So long as society becomes centralized or organized, we will have to contribute our share of money towards the support and maintenance of our government.

All who possess a share of this world's goods must, according to law, pay a certain premium for owning those goods. Unless we are misinformed, the law also states that in selling piece of property, either real or personal, shall be the maximum to which any assessed valuation can be placed.

Let us get to our subject—the methods of obtaining taxes in Bloomfield Township for the support of state, county and school government, together with road taxes, etc.

Certain sums of money are needed in Bloomfield Township each year for the support of the above institutions. After the amount is determined, the Township Supervisor (who is our official tax assessor), makes a canvass of the property in the Township and assesses against each piece of property a certain valuation. Upon such assessed valuation do we pay our taxes.

Is Luther D. Allen, our present Supervisor, unfair in assessing Birmingham property in comparison with the property in the Township outside of our Village? We do not know. Is he fair in assessing Birmingham property in comparison with the property in the Township outside of our Village? We say that we do not know.

This question is entirely too complex for one to make a hasty and haphazard statement about it. It would require many weeks of careful investigation to ascertain whether or not a whole, tax assessments between Birmingham and the outside territory in Bloomfield Township are discriminatory. Speaking for myself, we do not know that such comparisons exist, although we have been told it does.

On the other hand, a certain committee appointed by the Birmingham Real Estate Board has made an investigation of the assessments of Birmingham property in comparison with the assessments of Birmingham property in the Township outside of our Village. This is their story.

Mr. Allen, in refutation and defense of his method of assessing property in the Township, declares that the statements made by the special committee of the Real Estate Board are false; that the property outside is assessed as fairly as the property in Birmingham. This is his story.

Thus do we see how individuals think and reason. One man, living in Birmingham, claims that Birmingham property is assessed as fairly as Birmingham property in the Township outside of Birmingham. Another man, living outside of Birmingham, claims the attack upon him unfair. Both claims are colored by personal self-preservation instincts.

A proper solution of this disagreement should result in but one thing: that at least one of the three men who comprise the Board of Review and the Supervisor should be from Birmingham. At present both members of the Board of Review and the Supervisor live outside of Birmingham.

By giving one of these places to a Birmingham man the residents of our Village will have one of their own as an official of the body that makes tax assessments in Bloomfield Township.

If such a change is taken at the annual Republican caucus tomorrow, then local people will be able to see, within a year, if the alleged discriminatory methods of taxing in Bloomfield Township are actual realities or mere myths.

SHORT AND MAYBE SNAPPY
By US.

A Pontiac young man could not fill a "date" with his girl because he was arrested. The girl's father, a young lady in question will be dressed and ready about the time the youth is released from the local jail.

Grand Opera



...about him, led by a blue-winged god. Now customer darkened his portal; the flies kept on buzzing about the old man's head. At last, in misery, he shouted, "Great Scott, I'm covered with flies!" and the slyphs flitted off with his whiskers said, "Why, don't you advertise?"

Some men lend their influence to a movement and expect to get it back in the form of greenbacks. A little mudorin rubbed into the hair after pooling onions would remove the odor, it is said. We wonder if it would work if one had been eating onions?

According to reports, the recent robbery of the postoffice at Tustin, Mich., is the first theft there in 20 years. The town must be off the regular circuit.

With the old-on with the new, such drug store complexities as they wash their faces. Advertisement in a Pontiac newspaper: "Wanted, a competent housekeeper. Some married men would like to insert such an ad but don't dare."

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS
Forty-four Years Ago
It is rumored that there is soon to be a bankruptcy in the Baptist church.

Bob Reynolds hopped right up and yelled halalujah on Wednesday morning because he was the father of a brand new baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Perkins celebrated the anniversary of their wedding on Friday last. The company was large, presents numerous, and a most enjoyable time was had.

Jay Caswell and William Hamilton had a shooting match at roosters with rifles, distance, 25 rods. Each got two roosters out of six shots between them.

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to consider and solve the printing problems for our customers, and each one we solve gives us just so much more experience to apply to the next one. This is what keeps us going. This is why we are best equipped to your printing in this way. It should be done. Suppose you let us to submit price.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, AS a matter of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1923.

The Matter of the Estate of Mary A. McDonald, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that at a general election to be held on Monday, the 12th day of March, 1923, in the Town Hall on the northeast corner of Merrill and Belden Streets, in the City of Birmingham, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A. M. and 8:00 o'clock P. M. Central Standard Time, the following propositions shall be submitted and voted upon by the electors of the Village of Birmingham:

PROPOSITION 1
Shall the Village of Birmingham borrow the sum of \$15,575.00 and issue the bonds of the Village therefor for extending the present sewerage system by adding thereto one new main trunk line sewer extending from Residence Park Subdivision southwestwardly along the bank of the River Rouge to a point on the center line of Linden Road on Birmingham Park Subdivision southwestwardly of the Village.

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THE NEWS

DETROIT UNITED LINES
BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE
In Effect June 8, 1922
(Eastern Standard Time)

Table with train routes and times: Southbound Limited (except Sunday), 6:45 a.m.; Southbound Local—4:30 a.m., 6:10 a.m., 6:35 a.m., 6:55 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 8:05 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 8:55 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 10:05 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 12:55 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:10 p.m., 2:35 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 3:25 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 5:55 p.m., 6:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 7:35 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 8:25 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:15 p.m., 9:40 p.m., 10:05 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 10:55 p.m., 11:15 p.m., 11:40 p.m., 12:05 a.m., 12:30 a.m., 12:55 a.m.

FLINT DIVISION
Charges at Royal Oak for Rochester, Pontiac, Flint, Romeo and Inley City Through Limited cars for Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and 12:15 a.m. and every two hours to 9:15 p.m.