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VALUATION OF COUNTY GIVEN

1929 Total Is \$302,214,800, According To Committee Report

The 1929 valuation of Oakland County as determined by the board of supervisors' committee on equalization is \$302,214,800. The report of the committee was submitted to the board last week. It was adopted with little comment on the part of the members of the board. A 35 to 5 vote adopted the report. Supervisors Howard Hillman, R. J. Wardlow, Frank Springsteen, William Levee, and James E. Lawson voted against the adoption.

Later, the revised report, was read to the board by Isaac Bond, chairman of the equalization committee. Members of the committee beside Mr. Bond are: F. G. Ely, Pontiac; James Cuthbert, White Lake; Washington Irish, Independence; Peter Brewer, Adrian; Duncan McLean, Royal Oak; Dr. E. J. Chase, Ferndale.

Pontiac's new valuation according to the report is \$76,000,000. Royal Oak's is \$32,250,000.

Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

EXECUTING WHAT thought might be an escape from the heat one day this week I dashed into a justice court in one of Michigan's nearby cities. Between doors I heard the case of Pat versus Mike. Naturally it was one of assault and battery.

Mike, your honor, was walking home peaceful like, when along comes Pat and "Stunts" bating the devil out of 'em." Had Mike had anything to drink? Absolutely no sir, Mike himself, personally, "could not understand the beating."

He was coming home from work peaceful like when up jumped this scallawag and knocked him about the streets. He did not even raise his hands to protect himself. Just kept getting up to be knocked down again. Mike turned his jug's face to the court in an appeal that such a procedure be discontinued in the future.

Then came the witness. He had known Mike three years and had

I never seen the defendant, Pat, before. What Mike told was the truth and nothing else. It was awful in this day and age to have such people as Pat on the streets. Pat took the stand. He said he saw Mike and said, "Hello Mike," and Mike was drunk, your honor, and he said the vilest things that would not bear repeating because of the women in the courtroom. But he was administered to repeat them and they certainly were terrible. To continue his story: "So I said Mike, old fellow, you don't mean that do you now? and Mike said, 'Yes, you *6: 8/5 @2... I do mean that,' and I said 'Come now, Mike, you don't mean that, cast reflections on my family do you?' and Mike said, 'you and your family are all *8: 6' and so I gave him a push like to bring the fellow to his senses and down he fell. Then I helped him up and he repeated the words so I gave him another push. Then I picked him up again and walked away from him."

The prosecutor and the attorney for Pat allowed the case to go without an argument, it being a very warm day. I should not have wanted to make a decision. It would have been much easier to call it a draw and go swimming but the judge decided that Pat pushed too hard and fined him \$25. The next case was a liquor law violation and it was too hot to remain while someone was sent to jail so looking at the remaining button on the shirt, I crawled into the street.

Out in the arena, which had become wedded to the sun, autoists were having at each other's throats. In a half hour I listened to three terrific arguments among drivers but no clothes were torn. When it came down to actual fighting, they all decided it was too warm. The listening part of it was not tiring but I ran out of contestants too soon.

Back to the office and a triflingly. The remainder of the afternoon writer captains were in a swoon and, not to be outdone...

DRIVER FINED

William L. Hadwin, 1755 east Grand Boulevard, Detroit, paid a fine of \$15 in Justice Floyd Buck's court. Thursday on the charge of reckless driving. The arrest was made by Patrolman Isma Banks of Bloomfield Hills.

Joseph Yezbick, 2924 Grayson street, Ferndale, arrested by Chief of Police, James Anderson, also paid a \$15 fine on a reckless driving charge.

'RACKETEERS' TIE SAGINAW

Net Teams Play 3-3 in Singles, Doubles Here

The Birmingham Tennis club in a return match with the Saginaw Canoe club on the villagers' courts—Sunday morning—tied with the visiting racket wielders. The score was 3-3, each team winning two singles and one doubles match. In a match played at Saginaw recently the Saginaw court-players conquered Birmingham, 9-0.

Next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. the village squad encounters the Detroit Edison tennis team at the club at Lincoln and Bernie streets. Those interested in tennis are invited to view the tussle.

In the meeting with Saginaw, Hartwell, playing in first position was downed by Kimball of Saginaw by the score of 6-7, 6-1. Following the grueling first set, the Birmingham player was unable to continue playing a cohesive game equal to that of Kimball.

Hulbart defeated Phelps in the second single match. The battle was even, neither player remaining in the lead at any time. The scores were 6-4, 8-6. Now, you appeared completely out of form was vanquished by Roethe in easy fashion, 6-1, 6-3. Taylor put Wolf down decisively after winning the first set at 6-2. The two juniors contented themselves for the most part with baseline driving. The scores were 7-5, 6-1. Doubles, Kimball and Kelly lost to Phelps and Roethe, 6-3, 7-5. Taylor and Mills, playing a brilliant combination in doubles, defeated Kimball and Wolf, 6-2, 6-1.

TRAFFIC COURT IS KEPT BUSY

Five persons appeared before Justice Floyd Buck Monday charged with reckless driving. All the offenders were arrested for driving on the left side of the road trying to pass three lines of traffic.

Herbert Klier, 212 Frank street, Birmingham, driver for the Star Motorbus company paid a fine of \$10 on a reckless driving charge. The other offenders were: Daniel Menke, 2561 Stoppel street, Detroit, who paid a fine of \$20; Edward A. Hedman, 325 Garfield street, also of Detroit, and Daniel Tunac, 216 Fisher avenue, Pontiac, who paid fines of \$15 each. Patrolman William Green made the arrests.

Joseph Yezbick, 2924 Grayson street, Ferndale, arrested by Chief of Police, James Anderson, also paid a \$15 fine on a reckless driving charge.

DETROIT MAN FINED ON DRIVING CHARGE

Pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving, Richard Reilly, 4461 Third street, Detroit, Friday paid a fine of \$15 in Justice Floyd Buck's court. The arrest was made by Patrolman Harry Johnson.

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CAN THE WORLD BE SAVED?

By the REV. D. L. WOODWARD (Pastor First Baptist Church)

The great question that underlies all others today is: "Can the world be saved?" Are we headed for a period of Dark Ages or are we on the road to a new and higher type of civilization? These and other similar questions are in the minds of all men today. For many of our thinking men of today, for more than the lifetime of most of us, the chili words of materialistic philosophy have been sweeping over us and the spirit files of our civilization have been barked and burning low. We are now feeling the reaction from this period of materialism and beginning to realize the truth of Jesus' words when He said:

Life consisteth not in the abundance of things we eat and wear. What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his own soul?"

Students of the world over appreciate the condition of affairs as they now exist and everywhere men are wondering just what is to happen to civilization during the next twenty-five or fifty years. Some are solely pessimistic, while others display a spirit of optimism. It is still another group that we might call the reactionists. This group looks the facts in the face and brings forward common, ordinary, horse-sense to bear on the questions of the future. We want to be neither extreme optimists nor extreme pessimists but we want to get the facts and look them squarely in the face.

Before the World War this Western civilization of ours was in the lead at nearly every step. During the generation before the World War a new pagan idealism had risen up in the life of western civilization. We made up of power, profit and pleasure. Politicians lived for power. The business world lived for profit, and the social world lived for pleasure. All the nations were alike in this, only some were more pronounced than others. The great trouble with the world is that it was professing Christianity and practicing paganism.

Germany was more open in her pagan ideals and practices than the rest of the western world and it was for this reason that the world was plunged into war. I believe historians will place the responsibility for the world war on Germany but it will be because of a deeper reason than that commonly expressed. It was not because of a mad Kaiser, but because of the new paganism. The war happened not because Germany was so much worse than the rest of the world. Germany was the Sampson and the whole world was the Philistine. America and the civilized nations of the world went into the war from a great sense of duty, believing in a great cause for justice, liberty and righteousness. Civilization plunged into the war knowing that the new paganism would de-spiritualize the world and leave it cold and dark. Everybody in our country seemed to be glad to have a hand in the great fight for liberty and the spirit of the service and sacrifice ran high until after the signing of the Armistice. In these days everybody said that the war would regenerate the world



REV. D. L. WOODWARD

and we were entering a new era. But after the war the reaction set in and we soon landed in a new era of pessimism and economic slump but a slump in faith and moral and spiritual idealism. Then we passed into those reconstruction days in which we had a feeling of unrest and revolution against oral, civil and social authority; expressing itself in the modern flapper, the crime wave, and a general spirit of lawlessness.

We are now facing the possible downfall of civilization, and there is a great literature of pessimism and despair abroad in the land today. You will find that it is inspired by one or more of the five separate and distinct fears of our time. According to Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, these five fears are as follows:

The first of these fears is a Biological Fear; that is, a fear that the best blood of our race will become extinct; that the white race is going down because of breeding from the least fit stock.

The second fear is a Psychological Fear; that is the fear of the reaction of the crowd mind upon the individual thought of men. It is the fear that mass living and mass teaching will kill individualism.

The third fear is Economic Fear; that is, that this machine civilization of ours will sooner or later commit suicide; that it will over-reach its own resources and naturally perish.

Fourth: There is an Administrative Fear; this is based on the belief that the bigness of the world is too much of a job to be managed by one—that it will naturally break and go to pieces.

Fifth: Moral Fear. You may call this moral fear anything you

wish. It is expressed in many ways, from the exclamations at the extreme styles of dress to the extreme moral laxity evidenced throughout modern society as a whole.

It does not matter what you read. If you look you will find lying over the shoulder of any of the modern writers one or more of these fears. I am not saying whether they are true or not, but I do say that I believe some of our fears are well-founded. We must find a way to remove these fears from their strongholds if we would save our civilization from destruction and death. We must find some way to get back to moral, social, political and economic righteousness. In the places of our selfishness, strife and hatred we must substitute co-operation, service, goodwill and brotherhood. How may we bring this about?

The world will be saved not by a new religion nor by the rise of some great philosopher, though there are many who are depending on this.

Dr. Emory of Yale University (Condensed on Page 5, Part 2) said a fine of \$5.

JULY FOURTH AUTOISTS PAY

Five Are Fined in Village On Technical Charges

Five autoists faced Justice Malcolm Hunt on technical charges July 4. Thursday following arrests July 4, all were fined following their plea of guilty to driving without an operator's license.

A. Frank, 15016 Linhurst street, Alexander Hirschlag, 1111 Lenox street, and Herbert F. Johnson, 4510 Fairview, all of Detroit, paid fines of \$15. Patrolman George Townsend made the arrests.

Pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving, and operating a car without a license, Edward Shaffer, 2549 Eastlawn avenue, Detroit, arrested by Patrolman Harry Johnson, paid a \$25 fine. Virgil Dean, 4 Stout street, Pontiac, was arrested by Patrolman William Green, for violation of a traffic signal and was found to have no operator's license. He paid a fine of \$5.

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