HOW VILLAGE GREW SHOWN IN TAX CHART

Assessed Valuation 28 Times More Since 1903, Mr. Noonan Reveals

DECREASED THIS YEAR

Evidence of the growth of Birmingham in the past 30 years is indicated in the tax table released today by Albert W. Noonan, village assessor, whose report includes the assessed valuations in the village from 1903 to the present time and the tax levy from 1901 until today. The most remarkable indication of the village's growth is the statement by Mr. Noonan that the total assessed valuation has increased about 28 times its valuation in 1903.

"It should also be noted that this year for the first time in this same period, the assessed valuation of real estate was decreased rather than increased," Mr. Noonan said. "This, of course, was due to the program of equalization undertaken at the beginning of this year and which is only partly completed. On only one other occasion, that in 1912, was the total assessed valuation reduced. This was the direct result of a decrease in the personal property assessment from $323,650 to $156100 or less than half of the previous assessment. I could not determine the reason for this.

Not Necessarily Higher

"It also shows that a higher tax rate does not necessarily mean increased taxes. For example, in 1920 when Birmingham had as high a tax rate as was legally possible, the per capita tax was only $19.42. In 1928, when the tax rate was $12 per thousand, and incidentally as low a rate as there had been for the preceding 15 years, the per capita tax was about $35.29. In 1930, in spite than increased rate to $13.50 per thousand the per capita tax of $34.98 was approximately $2.47 less than in 1929, when it was about $37.45. These figures are based on the census reports of 1920 and 1930 and also on the assumption that the population of the village has increased about 800 per annum for the past few years. The census reports gives the population of Birmingham for the years 1920 and 1930 as 3,694 and 9,325, respectively.

A scientist says most successful men are short. And all unsuccessful ones are.

TABLE SHOWING ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND TAXES LEVIED BY THE VILLAGE OF BIRMINGHAM

Year	Real Estate	Personal	Total	Taxes Levied	Rate
1901		Valuation data not available		$ 3,500.00	
1902		for 1901 and 1902		4,000.00	
1903	$ 545,160	$ 344,000	$ 889,160	4,000.00	$ 4.50
1904	562,860	335,870	898,730	3,997.64	4.45
1905	576,260	365,940	942,200	4,500.00	4.78
1906	604,450	363,290	967,740	4,500.00	4.65
1907	626,100	362,070	988,170	5,000.00	5.06
1908	658,910	350,290	1,009,200	8,500.00	8.40
1909	747,840	359,850	1,107,690	9,797.54	8.85
1910	771,250	323,650	1,100,800	7,502.80	6.80
1911	829,730	323,650	1,153,380	9,076.69	7.87
1912	898,100	156,100	1,054,200	10,143.37	9.60
1913	961,150	158,200	1,119,350	10,860.80	9.70
1914	1,541,700	239,305	1,821,005	21,018.67	11.54
1915	1,753,025	264,870	2,017,895	20,100.02	9.96
1916	2,091,725	276,750	2,368,475	29,642.35	12.50
1917	2,619,900	270,725	2,890,625	37,581.28	13.00
1918	2,838,200	277,080	3,115,280	42,247.65	13.56
1919	3,156,900	394,800	3,531,700	52,975.50	15.00
1920	4,302,100	490,650	4,792,750	71,891.25	15.00
1921	4,628,600	472,400	5,101,000	74,254.50	14.55
1922	4,837,100	467,700	5,304,800	79,585.00	15.00
1923	5,155,300	474,400	5,629,700	84,445.50	15.00
1924	7,160,600	466,000	7,626,600	95,332.50	12.50
1925	8,120,800	499,700	8,620,500	107,756.25	12.50
1926	12,234,200	512,600	12,746,800	152,961.60	12.00
1927	19,611,700	843,700	20,455,400	265,941.14	13.00
1928	22,506,600	1,034,200	23,540,800	282,399.60	12.00
1929	24,040,130	1,310,810	25,350,940	329,562.22	13.00
1930	23,488,420	1,384,020	24,872,440	335,777.94	13.50

THEATERS

SHUBERT-LAFAYETTE

Horace Liveright's sensational vampire mystery play "Dracula" comes to the Shubert-Lafayette Theater Sunday night, Oct. 19 for an engagement of two weeks.

"Dracula" differs from all other plays of this calibre, because it deals with the supernatural. The play is founded on Bram Stoker's world-famous novel that has been read by two generations of readers and has thrilled them with its horrors.

The story is of a restless, roaming spirit that, in human form, infested the countryside from midnight to dawn casting forth ominous warning of his coming and leaving terror in his wake.

The cast includes such well-known players as Alfredia Bill, Marcella Gaudel, Louise Ardell, Courtney White, Maurice Morris, Edward Forbes, James Gordon and William Melville.

WILSON THEATER

With Alla Nazimova, the most distinguished Russian actress on the American stage, playing one of her greatest roles, "A Month in the Country" will be presented at the Wilson Theater during the week of Oct. 20, as the second play of the subscription season of the Theater Guild.

In "A Month in the Country" Alla Nazimova returns to the type of part for which she has become famous—an emotional woman meeting crises in a play which as a Russian critic has said "exhibits the fascination of complex psychology built on the most delicate curves of love experience."

This production is generally regarded as one of the most beautiful ever made by the Theater Guild, and has additional interest in the fact that it will bring back to Detroit a glamorous actress who has not been seen here in many years. "A Month in the Country" is being presented for the first time in America, though Turgenev, the author, has been known all over the world during the last half century as a great novelist. The popular piece of the Russian theater is strikingly modern in its naturalistic and intimate portrayal of a group of highly emotional and highly typical characters. It enables American audiences to glimpse a vivid picture of the landed gentry at home on their great estates. The story itself derives from the realities of Turgenev's own life.

The staging of this Theater Guild production was accomplished by Reuben Mamoulian of "Porgy" fame and the greatly admired settings are exact copies by Raymond Sovey of those designed in Moscow by the celebrated painter, M. S. Dobuzinsky. Surrounding Mme. Nazimova will be several favorites of the Guild Acting Company, including Earle Larimore, Henry Travers, Cecil Yapp, Edward Arnold, James Todd, Minna Phillips, Virginia Gregori, Walter Coy and others.

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THRILLS, COLOR SEEN AT PRO GOLF TOURNEY

By HENRY M. CURRY

Generally speaking, State golf tournaments are of minor importance but the finals of the Michigan Professional Golfers Association held at Birmingham last Sunday might well have graced a competition of international flavor. Out of a splendid field of shot makers emerged a pair of the world's best—Walter Hagen and Tommy Armour—and they performed nobly. In the realm of the ancient and honorable game their names invariably spell color, drama, thrills and real golf and their exhibition on Sunday was a perfect climax to one of the best tournaments held in this district in many a day.

The weather was ideal, the course in fine shape and the whole affair moved along smoothly to an ending that could not have been better had it been prearranged. From the start Hagen and Armour were the logical finalists but The Haig had to put on more steam than Tommy to make the grade. Walter sprung a typical Hagen finish to stop Charles Guest on Saturday when he dropped a 30 foot putt on the last hole, and although still in the running there was grave doubt as to his defeating Armour. Tommy, you know, controls just about all the important titles that have been overlooked by Bobby Jones and this year Armour has been hitting the ball better than at any time since he won the National Open. The Haig, though, had his opportunity and he came through in grand style.

Wilfred Ried and S. L. Beymer were being congratulated like a couple of bridegrooms. Wilfred and "Cy" re-designed Birmingham's new lay-out and it is quite evident that the Birmingham sector of the Detroit district has another championship golf course. The contestants themselves were loudest in their praise. During the cup presentations both Hagen and Armour congratulated the Club on the varied setting of the holes and the accuracy required on all second shots. Earlier in the week Al Watrous said that for the first time in three years he had been compelled to use every club in his bag and Armour was responsible for the statement that Number Five is about the finest two shot hole he has ever seen. Number Eleven was generally regarded as the perfect one shotter although Seven seemed to give the boys the most trouble. Number Eight is a par five in earnest and from the back tee there probably isn't a golfer in the world who can negotiate that green in two pokes.

Although Hagen was presented with the beautiful Lawrence Fisher Trophey, the real winner of the tournament was Old Man Par. He certainly turned the tables on the boys who so frequently make him look silly. In the semi-finals Charley Guest had an unofficial 71 but outside of this score par was only approached in the qualifying round. The Old Boy must have had a good laugh on all of them from Hagen down to the lowliest.

Brothers, the big shots miss 'em, even as you and I. The turning point of the final match was unquestionably on the fourteenth green during the morning round. This is an easy five and Tommy's second left him at the very edge of the green. His run up was perfect and he had a putt that was almost a "gimmee." Hagen's approach putt missed by a very narrow margin and the best he could possibly do was a five. Armour then proceeded to muff one not much longer then the grip on his club and he gave Walter a half. This, undoubtedly, was the click in the match for from then on the "syrology" seemed to be with Hagen and he made the best of it.

Apparently Hagen never put much faith in the alleged fundamental of swinging easy. The only thing Walter seems to leave out a tee shot is his overcoat. Armour's effort isn't quite so strenuous but when The Haig hits one he just naturally whams it.

But, speaking of zing in golf shots, Clarence Gamber is still the Big Bertha of them all. He is undoubtedly the longest hitter in the game and the reason is obvious. Although his back and shoulders bear a marked resemblance to the south end of a bus he is as supple as a fencing master and his arms are as steel springs. In his match with Tommy Armour on Saturday he actually slammed himself out of the tournament. His control was bad, very bad, and every ball he hit went 300 yards in all directions.

Local golf notables were very much in evidence, particularly champions of district clubs. The ever youthful Jimmy Standish was on the job and so was Al Wallace. Chris Brinke seemed to be having a fine time and among the interested spectators we noticed Harry Hosmer of Bloomfield Hills, Frank Farrell of Island and Bud Willson, three times champion of Birmingham. William Connellan Sr. was beaming all over the place. Mr. Connellan did the reconstruction work on the new course and he received many liberal pats on the back for the splendid results achieved. Fred Sherwood, Birmingham's greenskeeper also performed Trojan service. In just about six weeks he transformed a rather doubtful arena into a golf course of major championship calibre. The setting was perfect and from the front of the club house the entire lay-out presented a beautiful picture.

After the final match four well known residents of Birmingham decided to play nine holes and they started off. They realized soon though that the day had been long and hard and a compromise was reached on their original proposition. They ended up by playing but three of the holes and then going some place else.

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OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

Safe crackers Friday night forced their way into the **Drayton Plains** Post Office, opened the safe with their tools and escaped with $500 loot. The money represented $150 of the personal funds of the postmaster, A. E. Oakes, receipts from the Oakes Coal company and stamps. Deputy sheriffs investigating the robbery report that no fingerprints were left by the yeggs.

A temporary injunction restraining Burt Allen from trespassing on their property at **Island Lake** has been issued in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Potter, of Bloomfield Township by Judge Frank L. Doty. The Potters claim they own all but 40 acres of the property around the shore line and that Allen has no access to the lake except by trespassing.

The most successful and enthusiastic county meeting of the Oakland County W. C. T. U. was concluded at **Holly** Friday with talks by prominent prohibition workers including R. N. Polsaple, Anti-Saloon league leader; Mrs. E. L. Calkins, honorary state president of the league, and her daughter, Mrs. Lena Snow, of the Children's Fund of Michigan.

Construction of a drain between Crooks road and Main street, **Clawson**, will prevent the usual flooding of the Fourteen Mile road during rainy season, L. P. Cookingham, village manager, announces. The water is to be carried under Kenrose avenue to the sewer at Baywood and Fourteen-Mile roads.

Rochester road, starting at the north end of Main street in **Rochester** and continuing for three and one-half miles to Auburn road, where it will join M-59, will be part of the state highway trunk line system, according to information received from Lansing.

M-59 is a main trunk line from Pontiac to Mount Clemens, where it joins M-25 to Port Huron.

It is the only section of Oakland county that is taken in at this time by state highway commissioners.

Other roads which will be taken into the system are in the western and central parts of Michigan.

Services of Patrolman Harvey S. Conrad with the **Ferndale** police department were discontinued yesterday. The police and fire board ordered the action following that the city commission when Conrad's plea for disability pension and a recommendation by the police board that he be given compensation under the state laws had been denied. The police board dismissed Conrad for the same reason on which he based his pension plea, the condition of his feet prevents him from performing his regular duties of walking a beat.

Milk producers of **Avon, Oakland, Orion, Troy** and **Pontiac** townships met Friday night at the Avon township hall, on West Fourth street, for an organization meeting.

It is the purpose of the producers to organize a branch of Milk Producers association with headquarters in **Rechester**. The association state headquarters is located in Detroit and helps producers market milk and cream. Other meetings will be held in the future.

Fire of undetermined origin early Thursday destroyed the barn on the former Judson Bamber property a mile south of **Milford**. Mrs. James Ragan, who with her husband occupies the property, discovered the blaze and informed the township fire department, but the fire had gained too great a headway and little water was available to fight the blaze. The efforts of the firemen were devoted to protecting surrounding property.

Jack Rogers, seven years old, 150 Alger boulevard, **Royal Oak township**, was killed Sunday, when he ran in front of an auto driven by Joe Kewala, 12,947 Mitchell street, Detroit. Kewala was held for investigation. The accident occurred about half a block from the boy's home, at the intersection of the Eleven-Mile road and John R street.

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