

COUNTY G. O. P. MEETING HELD

Mrs. Wilson Urged for State Agriculture Board; Weist, Butzel Supported
With Clyde D. Underwood, county chairman, acting as chairman of the convention, Oakland County Republicans Friday morning pledged their support to Howard Weist and Henry M. Butzel for re-election to the State Supreme Court and instructed the delegates to vote solidly for Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, of Rochester, for a place on the state board of agriculture...

order of business committee will be composed of Harry Merritt Hudson, Robert and H. B. Seiden. The resolutions adopted are: "We, Republicans of Oakland County, again in convention assembled, avail ourselves of the opportunity to renew our pledge of allegiance to the Grand Old Party, and to rededicate ourselves to its principles as exemplified by its exalted leaders, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Hoover..."

TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

(Continued from Page 1, Sec. 2) of for the construction of watermain lines, and pavement in downtown town, and the construction of other improvements was supervised. The road work was started and accepted by the Township Board. The township board was made of all road signs, and a report submitted to the board...

The closed books are then given to the clerical force to enter the following taxes: State and County taxes, as determined by the County Board of Supervisors; the Township tax, as determined by the Township Board; the School tax as determined by the various 16 School Boards; the Highway Improvement tax, as determined by the Township Highway Commissioner; the Township Drain tax, as determined by the County Drain Commission...

Requires Additional Help The other appointive employees are clerks who make up the tax roll, mail out statements and write up tax returns. This work requires the full time of one clerk with additional help at certain times of the year, four clerks being the maximum number employed during peak periods...

The largest job handled by the Township is the collection of \$1,214,700 in taxes, as accomplished in the following manner: The Supervisor takes office in the early part of April and his immediate task is the assessment of all property in the Township. He has between 12,000 and 18,000 separate property descriptions upon which a valuation must be placed by the assessor within a 30-day period...

While the Supervisor is in the field assessing property, his office staff is entering the owners' names, property descriptions and assessed valuations as fast as they are made in the new books. With this work completed the rolls are reviewed by the Board of Review and then the books are taken to a meeting of the County Board of Supervisors where they are studied by the Equalization Committee...

Must File With Clerk In order to become a candidate for a political office, one must secure a petition from the Township Clerk, secure the signatures of one per cent of the qualified electors in the Bloomfield Township, and file the petition with the clerk 20 days prior to the primary election...

Highway Work Outlined The Highway Commissioner's job is to keep the roads in good condition and involves the following work: grading, graveling, building culverts, and bridges, forming gutters, plowing snow, sanding icy roads, and improving certain roads by widening, cutting brush, cutting back curves and improving their grades...

The care of these roads requires from 10 to 15 men and considerable machinery and equipment. The headquarters of this department is located in a garage just east of Bloomfield Center. The equipment in this garage is as follows: One gasoline shove, two power road-graders, one caterpillar tractor, three Ford trucks, one International tractor, one Ford tractor, one Ford pickup, and a Ford Coupe. The garage has an office, repair shop, a machinery storage part, a material storage room, and a live-

room apartment. The mechanic lives in the apartment and serves as night watchman. It is also his duty to check over each piece of equipment every night and condition it for the next day's work. This plan has reduced to a minimum the loss of time from breakage of equipment...

Fourth important business of the Township is the operation of Bloomfield Park for the recreation of its residents. The land was purchased very reasonably from the State, being in excess of their needs for building the railroad. As you know, the facilities of the park are open to the public, who may enjoy golf, tennis, baseball, etc. by picking, tobogganing, horse shoes, lawn bowling, croquet, shuffle board and the clubhouse for private parties...

The fifth important business of the Township is Welfare Work. The Supervisor acts as agent for the County Poor Commission. As welfare work became a serious business, the Township Supervisor adopted this policy. A ledger account of each applicant has been set up and they are required to earn any aid received. The men are being used in the Municipal Building, the various schools, and nursing among the needy families...

The Township taxes are collected during the months of December, January and February in case you have forgotten. Taxes which are not paid prior to Mar. 1 are returned to the County Treasurer for collection. If they remain unpaid at the expiration of 20 months, the property is sold at a tax sale.

Illustration Gives Tax situation, let us consider the amount of tax itself, and for the purpose of illustration, select a tract of property located in Bloomfield which has an assessed valuation of one thousand dollars. The following taxes would be levied against it:

Table with 4 columns: Tax, Amount, Per Cent, Total. Rows include County, Township, School, and Township Drain taxes.

East Lansing, Mar. 3 (Weather conditions have started Michigan's first harvest of the year unusually early and many farmers of the State are devoting their time to tapping maple trees and are displaying their skill in manufacturing syrup or sugar.

Michigan ranks fourth in the production of this crop and the quality of its product gives it second place. Most of the Michigan harvest is marketed in the form of syrup while some of the States sell this product in the form of sugar. The forestry department at Michigan State College says that maple syrup can be easily adulterated and they also say that there is a wide variation in the quality of syrups and, consequently, in the value of them.

It is probable that many Michigan farmers this year will tap their maples who usually do not bother with this crop. The forestry men recommend that the trees be tapped four feet from the ground and that the hole should be bored with a slight angle upward to a depth not exceeding two inches. A one-half or three-quarter inch bit should be used. The holes can be slightly enlarged about the middle of the season to increase the amount of sap secured. Strict cleanliness is essential in producing a high class syrup. Metal containers should be used and the sap should be strained when it is placed in the storage tank and again when it is taken from the tank to the evaporator. Prolonging the season for collecting sap will result in the production of a poor quality syrup.

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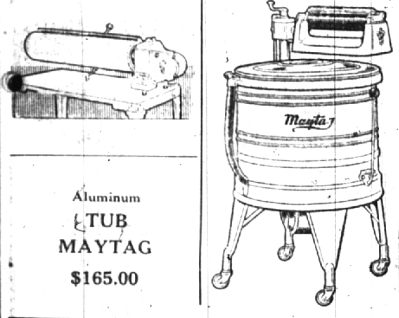
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