

COMMUNITY LOOKS TO TAX CHECK

Brucker's Announcement Of Valuation Adjustment Meets Varying Response

Gov. Wilber M. Brucker's announcement last week that the State Tax Commission has agreed to make a re-check of all property valuations in Oakland County met differing responses here, varying from tempered enthusiasm to downright indifference.

The figures to be checked are those in the State Tax Commission's re-assessment which was begun in 1929 and finished in all but two townships and four cities just in time to allow the figures to go into the 1931 winter tax rolls.

Following the re-check, the Tax Commission will sit as a board of review in each of the township and cities to hear protests against assessments, the Governor said.

Refers to Protests of Complaints that have been lodged with the Tax Commission by property owners since the new figures were drawn up, and declared that "although the values as fixed one year ago may have been just and equitable, there are doubtless many instances where, because of the former real estate values which have now shrunk, a readjustment of the values on the assessment roll must be made."

Township Supervisor Perry A. Vaughan, in commenting on the Governor's announcement, was inclined to believe little or no relief would come from a mere re-check of the valuations.

"Personally," he said, "I would prefer to have the state take the figures of the roll entirely. A re-check isn't what we wanted at all."

"There are so many discrepancies in the state's figures that I don't consider them to constitute an assessment in the proper sense of the word. We are certain our own valuations were fair because they paralleled those of the village, and both township and village assessments were made without reference to the other."

Shain More Optimistic Charles J. Shain, chairman of the Property Owners Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, which was active last fall in opposing the state's movements in Oakland County, was more optimistic over Brucker's statement.

"The Governor's announcement was a very welcome gesture," he said, "but whether any relief will come of it depends, of course, on how far the re-check is carried. However, until we see what happens, I'm willing to believe the state is sincere in its desire and willingness to adjust its errors."

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of Birmingham, was allowed to more than double his indebtedness to the bank, despite instructions from the banking department that his credit should not be increased.

The bank is also criticized for investing too largely in real estate securities and refusing to take the advice of the banking department to refrain from making further loans on vacant property.

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he gone until after the election, unless his son, Richard, now ill, does not recover sufficiently to enable him to travel.

Election Board Named
The Board of Registration, which will meet Saturday, Mar. 5, to complete the list of qualified electors, was appointed by the Commission Monday night as follows:

Winifred Barkman and Mrs. Nancy Hays Roy, precinct 4; Mrs. William Laughlin and Mrs. William Barber, precinct 5.

Members were appointed to the Election Board as follows: Winifred Barkman, Grace Cobb, Lillian Cook, Mear Cole and George Newman, precinct 1; Mrs. Charles Olin, Mrs. Jack Lamb, Ernest Bailey, Mrs. R. W. Chissu, Clyde Babcock, precinct 2; Mrs. Montague Russell and Russell Berger, precinct 2; Mrs. Joseph Edgar, R. K. Ehr, Mrs. Francis Johnson, Mrs. George Forrester, Miss Mabel Cook, Charles Buck and Mrs. William Blumberg, precinct 5.

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in the fall of 1928 at a cost of \$750,000 brought with it the complete reorganization of the Monroe school system. At that time the board of education by resolution changed the organization from the high school, four-year grade school-four year high school plan to the kindergarten-six year grade school-three year junior high school and three year senior high school plan.

This change was directly responsible for the development of a new instructional policy of scientific supervision in the elementary grade and the introduction of supervising principals in the junior and senior high schools. Principals at the elementary schools were given half time for administrative and supervising principal was added to the supervisory staff. The growth in enrollment at the junior-senior and high schools brought about the introduction of a counseling program which now shapes up as follows:

Counseling Program
"General counseling by the assistant high school principal; principal's counseling by the girls' advisor; vocational counseling by the director of manual arts; citizenship counseling by the home room instructor and other teachers, and educational counseling by the principal."

A Saving for Taxpayers

The village tax roll for the year 1931 has not yet been returned to the county treasurer, and those taxes can still be paid at the village office.

Village rolls are usually turned over to the county treasurer on Nov. 1. Owing to the unusual conditions this year, however, the village has been allowed to retain their roll through the co-operation of the county treasurer. This has been a decided advantage to the village in aiding it to operate without borrowing up to the present time. Taxes paid to the county treasurer are remitted to the village only once every three months, which delay was avoided by having the rolls here.

This has also resulted in a substantial saving to local taxpayers, who, by paying to the village treasurer, have not been required to pay the 4 percent of the county character of tax fee. A letter was addressed last week to delinquent 1931 taxpayers by the village office, calling their attention to that saving.

All who are at all able are urged to pay this tax to the village treasurer before Mar. 1, at which date the rolls will have to be transferred to the county office. On that date a total of 4 1/2 percent will be added, as interest of three-quarters of percent will accrue for the month of March. If the tax is paid here, the amount will be the same as on Sept. 1 last year when the regular village penalty of 4 percent was added, and which is still in force.

It is not to be understood by this that the village is cancelling any charges or penalties, a practice which the Village Commission considers unfair to those who have paid their taxes. The saving is due to the fact that the county will have to add its penalties and interest when it starts to collect, which can be avoided by paying at the village office before Mar. 1.

CHARLES E. PLUMSTEAD, Village Treasurer.

of the new high school building also permitted the discarding of three old buildings, Union Macomb and Central Schools. During Mr. Crandell's time as superintendent, Taylor and an auditorium have been added to the Christianity school, a field house has been built at Navarre Field and the size of the field has been doubled to include a football field, running track, two tennis courts and bleachers for both football and baseball. The field is now tiled.

"During the last seven years the public school enrollment has increased from 2042 to 3062 and the teaching staff from 48 to 95. A new teacher's salary schedule based on preparation, experience and merit was introduced and resulted in the first five years in a lowering of teacher replacements from 43 percent to 13 percent. The last two years are not included because of national conditions which made the annual turnover abnormally low.

Belongs to Many Groups
Mr. Crandell at present is president of the department of the Michigan Education Association, a member of the Presbyterian Church, P. and A. M. Lodge No. 347 and the Monroe Exchange Club. He is also a member of numerous educational associations, including Phi Delta Kappa (honorary educational fraternity), and the National Education Association, in which he is a member of the directors of instruction.

He is also a member of the National Association for the Study of the Platoon School, the National Society for the Study of Educational Methods, and the National Society of Progressive Education. Dr. Hutchinson said Mr. Crandell was chosen from a list of about 25 applicants, received not only from Michigan but from other states from New York to Iowa. He was recommended by educational associations and authorities everywhere as one of the most competent men in the state. Decision to offer Mr. Crandell the job was made at a special meeting of the Board of Education last Thursday night, and the contract was returned to Dr. Hutchinson, signed by Mr. Crandell, on Tuesday.

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entering when he noticed auditors going over the books, the chief said.

The following day Mr. Fitch received a telegram from Medinger, dated from Toledo, in which he said he would return to Birmingham within 24 hours. He did not appear, however, and later Mr. Fitch received communication from Medinger and mailed from Pontiac and Cleveland, O., both dated at noon last Saturday.

Despite this attempt to throw police off the track, they were able to follow nearly every movement he made within a few hours by telegraph messages back and forth to police departments in scores of eastern cities. A telegram yesterday morning revealed the fact that he had registered at a Jersey City Hotel, and news of his arrest followed a few hours later.

Medinger's original home was in Baltimore, Md., where his mother still lives.

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1923, defeating the Mendelssohn Club of New York, the Apollo Club of Chicago, and other groups of like calibre.

Since the club's concert activities in Detroit are limited to a few performances yearly for associate members only, the recital here will offer the general public one of the few opportunities of hearing the chorus.

The dental clinic for which proceeds of the concert are to be turned over for the purchase of equipment, will be located in a room donated by the Board of Education in Barnum School. Birmingham dentists have offered to give a half day of their time each week to the project, in order that intelligent school children may have the benefits of competent dental inspection and treatment.

Committee Named
The Exchange Club committee which is sponsoring the concert is

One Killed, 3 Hurt At Grand Trunk Crossing

One young woman was killed and one man and three women were injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a north-bound Grand Trunk commuter train at the Seven Mile road intersection yesterday afternoon. The train, loaded with homeward-bound commuters, including several Birmingham residents, was scheduled to reach here at 5:05 P. M.

The dead girl is Dorothy Ewing, 22, resident of 57 Elmhart avenue, Detroit, who died of a fractured skull in receiving hospital a few minutes after the crash.

The injured were Mary Hilger, 28, of 8071 Elgin avenue, Detroit, who sustained a possible skull fracture; Ethel Erickson, 22, of 44 Glendale avenue, Highland Park, who suffered a fractured pelvis and concussion of the brain; and Gordon Galrick, 949 East Green, Detroit, who was not seriously injured. The women were school teachers in Macomb County schools. Galrick had left his wife at a nearby grocery store to take him home when the train struck him as he was travelling west on Seven Mile road.

The westernmost point of the United States is Cape Alava, Wash., composed of James W. Taylor, chairman, Ralph Wilson, R. C. Moulthrop, Harry S. Starr, Harold T. Ellerby, Dr. Fred L. Tucker, George H. Averill, Melvin C. Hart, Oliver Kirk, Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, Eddie Edwards and H. Kenneth Bingham. Tickets are on sale at Shain's and Wilson's Drug Stores. If any are remaining on the night of the concert, they will be sold at the door.

The program follows:

- a. O Bone Jesu I Palestirna
- b. The Cherubim Song, Botvinnianski
- c. Gloria Furber Rachmaninoff
- d. In the Luxembourg Garden, Kathleen Manning-Nash
- e. King's Messenger, Hill
- f. Passing By, Purcell
- g. The Sleigh, Kuntz
- h. Turn Ye to Me, Old Scotch Air
- i. Night Was Made for Loveli-ness and Prayer, Sticks
- j. Hills, LaFarge
- k. Dr. George K. Bolender

IV Hagar

- V Protheroe
- a. Has Sorrow Thy Young Days Shaded, Irish
- b. (Arranged by A. T. Davison)
- c. Carry Me, Long Stephen Foster
- d. Feasting, Edward Elgar

Bowling

Monday Night Merchants' League
Rotary Club W L Pct.
Ford Service 28 28 57.6
R. C. Gas 37 29 56.6
Malholand's 33 33 50.0
Axler's 33 33 50.0
Jordan Chevrolet 31 35 48.9
Stroup's 30 36 45.4
High team three games—Malholand's, 2953; high team single game—Jordan Chevrolet, 1084; high individual three games—D. Bierer (Malholand), 736; high individual single game—D. Bierer and Johnson (Jordan Chevrolet), 279.

Tuesday Night Edison League
Tree Trimmers W L Pct.
Legal Department 16 5 76.2
Birmingham Office 12 9 57.1
Royal Oak 10 11 47.6
Rochester 11 10 52.4
Pontiac Warehouse 12 12 42.9
Moulthrop's 7 14 33.3
Line Foremen 22 44 33.3

Wednesday Night Merchants' League
Jerry's Gang W L Pct.
Peck's Tailors 44 19 69.5
Star Coach 32 24 57.1
Aldrich Gas 32 31 49.8
Bloomfield Park 31 32 49.2
Bham Recreation 29 32 49.2
Dixie Drive 25 38 39.7
Old Folks 22 41 34.9
High team three games—Jerry's Gang, 2728; high team single game—Birmingham Recreation, 996; high individual three games—W. Fader (Bloomfield Park), 818; high individual single game—W. Fader, 256.

Thursday Night Presbyterian Church League
Skunks W L Pct.
Wolves 31 17 64.6
Jack Rabbits 29 19 60.4
Hedgehogs 26 22 54.2
Weasels 24 24 50.0
Woodchucks 20 28 41.7
High team three games—Skunks 1404; high team single game—Wildcats, 544; high individual three games—Harris (Jack Rabbits), 576; high individual single game—Grubbs (Hedgehogs), 232.

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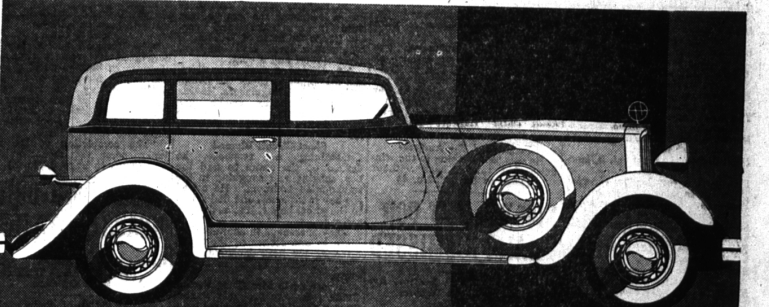
W. Maple Ave. Bir. 380

Village To Receive Monthly Payments On W. Henry Debt

W. W. Henry, 981 Woodward avenue, former village commissioner, will begin Mar. 16, pay \$100 and interest monthly on the \$3,400 debt he owes the village for improvements on Catalpa drive. The Village Commission learned Monday night from Clara H. Oigen, village attorney, who had been instructed to draw up a definite stipulation. The village had filed suit for the claim, but agreed not to press it on Mr. Henry's promise that he would settle the debt as fast as possible. He agreed to give the village a mortgage on three lots on the north side of Catalpa drive until the final payment is made, and will make the payments larger if possible at any time in the future, Mr. Oigen reported.

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