Supervisors Here Hit Equalization Figure Set Monday

Birmingham's members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors protested the equalization accorded City taxpayers when the annual equalization report was adopted Monday.

"Equalization" is concerned with the expense of running county government. Because property is valued at different levels in different sections of the county, a flat tax rate would be unfair; therefore, the Supervisors attempt to compensate for these differences by juggling the share that each local unit must bear. Thus, each unit gets a different rate.

Last year, the average county rate was $4.50 for operating expense but Birmingham was required to pay only $4.02 a thousand valuation because the Supervisors have recognized the fact that property here is assessed slightly higher than the general county average. Monday, the rate was cut again, slightly. In fact, Birmingham supervisors believe a greater cut should have been made and that is why all voted against the new equalization figures.

Bloomfield Hills, on the other hand, is equalized in the opposite direction. Hills property is assessed at $3,982,450; while the Supervisors say it should be valued at $4,465,515. However, compared with last year, that city was given a small reduction.

Bloomfield Township is assessed at $7,618,995; supervisors say the figure should be $7,054,250. The Township was given a slight raise over last year.

Because the County's budget will be larger, Elmer W. Haack, Birmingham supervisor and assessor, said yesterday that he anticipated the rate will be higher, offsetting the reduction secured through equalization.

The golden rule in life is moderation in all things.—Terence.

From the Women's Angle

By KATHRYN UMPHREY

Probably the least noticed and most neglected of our five senses is the sense of smell. We don't talk about it or think about it much, but if we were suddenly to be deprived of our smelling apparatus there are a thousand things we would miss—

For instance one of the things I would miss would be the odor of fresh smoke on a clear, bright day, the smell of tobacco mixed up in a man's old sweat jacket and the pleasant but bracing aroma of burning leaves in the early fall.

Then, too, nothing delights me more than the odor of an old-fashioned drug store which smells of drugs and not of food, rubber hose and the like. Mmmm! The after-shaving lotion and fresh clean hair both have a particularly pleasing smell all of their own.

No doubt one of the most pleasant sensations is to come in from out of doors on a cold night and find the house filled with the wonderful odor of coffee—made the old-fashioned way in a big pot. The only way of improving such a situation is to add the smell of freshly baked graham muffins just coming out of the oven. All this we would miss were we to be deprived of our sense of smell.

The editor, sitting at the next desk, has just informed me that the most divine smell of all is that of a bakery shop. Another one he likes is the cooking odor of catchup or chili sauce. You can see where his mind runs—right straight into food. But then, that is natural, for sensorially speaking, it seems, the smells we enjoy the most are those associated with either our childhood or food.

By LILLIAN DEIDERICH

Nylons! Nylons! My kingdom for a pair. Or presentable No-Mends having no runs, no bits, no errors—just sayking of silk hosiery will soon be the lament of womenkind in America.

This is once I hate being previous. The truth is, I'm lamenting right now. How come? Well, I thought Uncle Sam was maybe just foolin'. I concluded he'd stall over the issue of wooden legs severing. He has some senile alright, when he doesn't give a hoot what becomes of women's legs.

As for me, I had one pair of new Nylons in reserve—that was on Saturday. Today I'm without. All because a friend (?) sitting next to me at a garden party threw her lit cigarette in my direction, and under the dim lights of the Japanese lanterns, my Nylon hose helped to light up the garden. Now I'm offering for sale, to the highest bidder, one brand new Nylon net stocking, size nine and a half. The shop sold them to me for $1.65 per pair. So what do you think would be a fair price to ask for the good stocking?

This friend (?) who burned me up . . . or rather robbed me of my only pair of Nylons, is what you might call a nervous smoker. So from bitterness in my heart, I wish to state that women who crave to become artistic smokers, should practice before their awful inferiors they'll be surprised at what they see. Just watch them light up. With pursed lips and unsteady hand, they attempt the job. Out goes the match, or the head flies off. A lighter struggles painfully on the hand of an unskilled lighter-upper. After several attempts the tip of the cig glows half-heartedly. Cheeks puff laboriously, and all goes well for a few minutes. Suddenly without warning the cigarette disappears. Much jumping about takes place. It is retrieved from the smoldering upholstering, or off the damask dinner cloth, and when it wakes, small holes and brown spots as mementoes of the offender. Very often the accursed thing lands in the lap of the smoker, and a soft but no less violent "Darn!" splits the air. (You can plainly see how burned up I am over my burned up Nylons.)

Back to the subject of why I didn't stock up. I just knew some quick-thinking designer would have on the market in no time at all some of the wackiest styles ever, like a revival of black lisle with embroidered clocks, in contrasting color. Or black hose with lacy scroll design in allover pattern. Or sheerest of black net. Or packed hose, baby blue with drop stitch design. Flesh tones with embroidered arches. Butterflies in sunset colors decorating the instep of exquisitely fine lisle. These should be revived because the styles bespeak of golden times. They'll likely be tagged, "Defense Hosiery."

Before legs again get beautiful; that is before designers are wise to the fact that women like individuality in hosiery, some of us will be looking for a paint can. And leg painting business will be the coming thing. Anyone with a run of paint and a steady hand will be able to pick up quite a little change from those who have been left out in the cold during the hosiery depression!

Bondholders Ask Supreme Court to Study Drain Case

Bondholders owning upward of $5,000,000 in drain bonds in Oakland and Macomb County have instituted an appeal with the U. S. Supreme Court, asking a writ of certiorari. The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, recently upheld lower courts in declaring the drains illegal making the bonds worthless.

Should the writ be granted by an appeal for a review of the case, and if granted would mean that Supreme Court justices would study unanimous evidence to search for error on the appellate court proceedings.

The bondholders' appeal is based on claims that the decision of the appeal court handed down by the Cincinnati circuit court conflicts with decisions of other Circuit Courts of Appeal in other federal jurisdiction. They also claim that bondholders have been deprived of their property without due process of law.

Attorneys for drainage districts headed by former Governor Alex J. Groesbeck, have 40 days in which to file answers to the bondholders' petition. Attorneys for the Bloomfield Village Council, associated with Groesbeck in the drain case, will join.

They will point out in their answer that the Cincinnati court has based its decision largely on U. S. Supreme Court rulings involving some stating that Federal courts (Judicial) shall not upset rulings of federal or state courts (equity) and will submit the last section of state courts.

Purchases 40 Acres To Get 2-Foot Strip

LANSING—Forty acres of land to buy just two feet of clothesline, but that was the purpose behind the purchase of one "forty" at a conservation department land sale, it was disclosed today.

The buyer did not get the land because his wife does much laundering, said authentic and dependable information received by the conservation department. The land, bought at the land sale for $40 plus $1 recording fee, is valued at $400 to $500.

Under the terms of the deed, the buyer will be given a right of way over the land to run a clothesline from his home to the nearest highway.

Ways to Reduce Building Costs

In building small homes under the Federal Housing Administration insured-mortgage plan, a moderate-income family may find these general economies helpful:

Stairs are less expensive when built between partitions.

Gingerbread trimming on the exterior of the house is expensive. Roll siding cuts down on labor.

Floors made of short lengths of flooring take a good finish.

Gutters along the eaves may be omitted; a bed of gravel or a ditch should be laid to catch the drip.

Plaster walls may be finished with paint, and the plaster may be painted at a later date.

Frequently no basement is needed, but where one is necessary it need not extend under the entire house.

If the home is to have a fireplace, the chimney should be located to serve also the flue of the heating plant.

Drivers, not cars, cause wrecks.

Will-O-Way Show Held Over Week

GENE REYNOLDS, young Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, is staying over for another week at the Bloomfield Will-O-Way theatre, continuing the run of the popular Henry Aldrich play, "What a Life." Next Monday night the house will be dark, but the show will continue through Aug. 17. Celia Morrell's musical show will start Tuesday, Aug. 19.

State to Publish Directory of Lakes

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State Civil Service To Give Exams

The State Civil Service Commission expects to give open competitive examinations for approximately 250 classes of work before Jan. 1, 1942. There are two reasons for giving such a large number of examinations at this time. Many of these are needed to fill positions which were formerly in the unclassified service and are now held by persons without civil service status. Such persons must take at the top of the eligible register in order to retain their positions. Other examinations are needed to fill existing and anticipated vacancies in the state service.

The program includes examinations for such varied classes as bookkeepers, janitors, doctors, attorneys, accountants, engineers and draftsmen of all kinds, nurses, clerks, building tradesmen, farmers, artists, public relations experts, truck drivers, mechanics, sailors, teachers, laborers, and many others. Draftsmen, engineers, nurses and doctors are especially needed. Beginning salaries for the positions to be filled through these examinations range from $100 per month to $400 per month.

Official announcements of the examinations will be issued in groups of eight or ten each week. These announcements are available at the county clerks' offices, the state employment service offices, and the offices of the county board of social aid.

Announcement issued on July 9 include examinations for housemother and for boys supervisor at Lansing state institutions for delinquent or dependent children; insurance examiner (background in accounting required); cashier, graduate nurse, psychiatric graduate nurse, tuberculosis graduate nurse, janitor, and janitress.

This announcement was made public today by Mrs. Richard H. Fingerick, manager of the Pontiac office which serves Oakland and Macomb counties. At the end of March of this year, these 760 wards amounted to a total of $3,241 monthly, Mr. Hendrick said.

Six different groups are entitled to monthly payments under old-age and survivors insurance. They are workers who reach age 65 and retire after having obtained status under this program; wives of such workers if the wife also is over 65; children of insured workers who are under 18, or who are under 18 and who leave school; widows over 65 whose husbands were insured workers at the time of death; the mothers of the dependent children of insured workers; and in cases where there is no widow or no child, parents who were entirely dependent on a insured worker at the time of his death.

Urges Young Women To Study Nursing

Concerning reports that a shortage of registered nurses exists in hospitals and public health nursing offices of the state, Miss M. Anne Hatch, President of the Michigan State Nurses Association speaks from the association headquarters office in Lansing, urges qualified, patriotic young people with high school or college background to meet the country's needs for nurses by applying for admission to state accredited schools of nursing and there preparing themselves for satisfying, useful service in the fields of nursing and health.

Hospitals throughout the state, Miss Hatch pointed out, have their organization at full capacity all year with hardly a bed vacant on any of the wards. This situation has placed a heavy burden on hospital nursing staffs already depleted by calls to service in Army and Navy hospitals, industrial units and expanding public health services.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. In what denominations are Defense Savings Stamps available?

A. Ten cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, $1, and $5. An album is given free with first stamp purchase to mount stamps of 25 cents up.

Q. In what denominations are Defense Savings Bonds available?

A. You can buy a Series E Bond for $18.75, $37.50, $75, $375, or $750. The prices of Series F Bonds range from $74 to $2,400; Series G Bonds from $100 to $10,000.

Note: To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasury of the United States, Washington, D. C., for a mail-order form.

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War Veterans' Day Set for State Fair

Against a background of the greatest collection of modern instruments of war ever assembled in the United States, 50,000 Michigan war veterans will hold memorial services on Sunday, Sept. 7, during the State Fair.

The services will be held in the State Fair Shell centering the Mall where the great U. S. Government exhibit of planes, tanks, and guns will be located. Veterans of all wars in which this country has engaged, including the Civil War, will attend, Fair Manager Bernard J. Youngblood announces. On that day, also, all veterans with suitable identification will be admitted to the Fair free.

The Fair opens August 22th, and continues through September 7th. This is the exhibition's ninety-second year.

Obituary

Theresa Roetz Dunn

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Theresa Roetz Dunn, 2441 Yorkshire drive, at 11 a. m. Monday, Aug. 4, at the Reil Funeral Home with the Rev. William C. Hamp officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

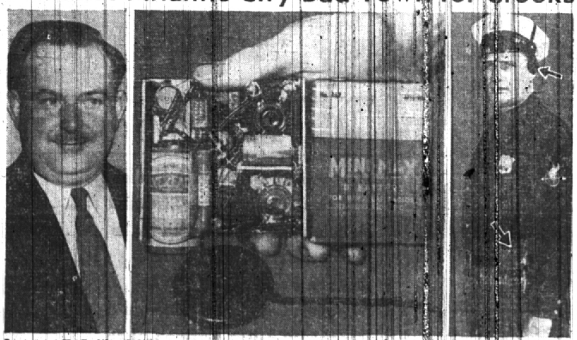
Mrs. Dunn died at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital early Friday morning, Aug. 1. She was born in Detroit, attended Detroit Public Schools and lived in that city until five years ago when she moved to Birmingham. In 1906 she was married to Dr. Alfred P. Dunn.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. Dunn, and one brother, Oscar Roetz of Grosse Pointe.

Youth Is Arrested On Girl's Charge

William LeRoy Owen, 21 years old, formerly of Birmingham, was arrested in Grand Blanc last Thursday and brought here to face charges brought by a Birmingham girl. When arraigned before Forbes S. Hascall, he entered no plea, and was bound over to Circuit Court. He was released on $100 cash bond.

Modern Policeman, 'Wired for Sound,' Makes Atlantic City Bad Town for Crooks



Lawrence H. Smith, (left), Atlantic City patrolman, who has devised new police radio system. Center, tiny radio set which fits inside case and weighs less than two pounds. Right, police officer with case clipped to his belt and earphone (arrows) which comprise entire equipment.

A MOTORIST parks his car by the curb, returns to discover it is stolen. He telephones the police. Within two minutes—and five miles away—his car is recovered.

A pickpocket, busy in a group waiting at a bus stop, is spotted by a storekeeper who telephones Police Headquarters. The nearest policeman is six blocks distant at the moment, but he races up and nabs the thief within a minute.

The Mayor and some official guests are making a tour of the city, preceded by a motorcycle escort. With no advance knowledge of the route to be taken, the motorcycle squad turns to right or left, in one street and out another, in perfect response to the wishes of the official party.

Radio? Yes, but a new kind. Not automobile radio, or motorcycle radio. It is personal radio—and really personal. Policemen in Atlantic City, N. J., are wired for sound. And they are getting a record for efficiency that is beginning to attract attention throughout the country.

Police communication in the famous New Jersey resort is so personalized that practically the only way one of the "human radio stations" can be recognized is by the fact that he wears tiny head phones, sometimes only one. Attached to the officer's belt is a small black leather case, so small it could not contain a radio set. Yet that is just what it does contain. A concealed wire connects the Lilliputian set with the head phones.

This personalized system is the product of the genius of a radio-minded Atlantic City patrolman, Lawrence H. Smith. As a wireless enthusiast, he had a vision of a policeman who would be worth ten officers because he would be constantly in contact with headquarters whether afoot in a car, or on motorcycle.

Smith went to work on the problem and the present system is the result. The set consists of a compact "B" battery, a small flashlight battery, and a tiny 3-tube radio amplifier. Its total weight is less than two pounds.

The sets are worn at present only by motorcycle officers. The next step will be the extension of the system to include patrolmen. If the scheme works half as well as it has to date, Atlantic City is going to be a very tough Summer—or Winter—resort for crooks.

Smith is now sitting up nights trying to figure out ways to make the set still smaller, lighter, more powerful. As to power, the present range is pretty good. Occasional signals have come from all parts of the United States, even as far away as California.

You have a date with Uncle Sam

TWELVE MILLION Americans are going to pay income taxes at the highest rates in our history. Many will be paying for the first time—others will be paying taxes double or triple those they formerly paid.

Forewarned is forearmed. There is still time to get ready to meet your tax bill. We suggest that you make regular deposits from income in the intervening weeks. In this way part or even all of your tax will be on hand next March 15th and perhaps a personal financial crisis may be averted.

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