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Youngsters are appreciative. We received two very well written letters this week from pupils of Room 4 at Valley Woods school thanking The Eccentric for their part in the newspaper plant. Said one pupil: "We had a nice time and the machines were very interesting. We learned a lot about the newspaper-making job." Another said, "We had a nice time. We liked seeing the machines."

Teachers and parents are also appreciative. Wrote Mrs. Eleanor Slifer, teacher of those above mentioned pupils: "I would like to join the first and second grade children from Valley Woods school in saying thank you for your kind hospitality of last Thursday afternoon. Parents and teachers enjoyed the trip through your plant as much as the children did."

They were called "spittoons," "gobsons," and, in the more colorful circles, "Caspidons." When Birmingham's postmaster, Rollie Reene, assumed his duties here seven years ago, the postoffice housed a number of strategically placed tobacco juice receptacles. As was necessary a part of postoffice equipment as any other piece of equipment," Rollie told this Wanderer the other day. "However, about five years ago, there being little tobacco chewed these days, the F.O. Dept. issued an order for the removal of all such apparatus. But some of us old-timers can remember when certain experts could project (more accurately than some of our military missiles) plentiful amounts of the juice right into the nearest spittoon—with the usual accompanying "ping" sound given off by those beautiful brass works of art."

Another expression of appreciation comes from Miss Lease's eighth English class at Groves high school. They wrote, "We thank you very much for letting our . . . class visit your newspaper. We enjoyed it very much, and it was a very interesting experience. The visit has helped us a great deal in learning about how a newspaper is run. We give great thanks to Miss (Shirley) Adams and Miss (Julie) Candler for showing us around the newspaper."

When a thoughtful young lady, 83 years of age, called The Birmingham Eccentric to say she enjoyed an article that appeared in the Nov. 23 issue, she casually mentioned that she and her sister had attended Wing Lake school when it was still a "one-roomer." She is Mrs. Winifred Rainey, 288 Oakland, Birmingham, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Grace Rainey. Their mother, said Mrs. Rainey, also was a Wing Lake student. The Rainey sisters—their husbands not related, incidentally—both attended the old Hill school as well.

Local Salesmen Balk Organization By Union, Guild

Automobile salesmen at North Chevrolet company in Birmingham are among those in various Detroit dealerships who have defeated a Teamster Union drive to organize them. The Salesmen's Guild of America, competing with the Teamsters at the local dealership, was also defeated.

Elections conducted by the Detroit regional office of the National labor relations board among salesmen resulted in 17 straight defeats for Local 376, the local pushing the drive.

The Salesmen's guild, a rival union, competed with the Teamsters in two elections and were the only ones on the ballot at one dealership. Salesmen voted down against joining either union in all cases.

Tax Bills

(Continued from 1-A)

schools and \$8.65 is for the county. Birmingham taxpayers must pay their bills at city hall or by mail.

IN BLOOMFIELD HILLS, the total tax collection will be \$810,311.

Of that amount, the county will receive \$113,789.52. The school districts share will be \$77,099.34 for Birmingham; \$386,524.97 for Bloomfield Hills and \$13,859.77 for Hickory Grove. The county will receive \$8,290.07 for special education. The remainder is city funds spread earlier this year.

The taxes were sent out today and are payable without penalty until Feb. 15 at the Bloomfield Hills offices, Long Lake, just east of Woodward. A four per cent penalty will be added from Feb. 15 until March 1, when delinquent taxes will be turned over to the county.

IN LATHRIP, taxes are payable Dec. 1 to Jan. 19, but the bills won't be mailed until about Dec. 10 due to mechanical trouble. The penalty rates and dates are the same as in Birmingham.

The taxes must be paid at city offices, 19600 Forest drive.

The assessed valuation is \$8,385,925; state equalized, \$16,068,204.

Figures on amounts due were not available due to malfunctioning of the city's adding machines.

THE TOTAL tax collection due in Bloomfield township is \$3,806,800.11.

Of that amount, the county will receive \$657,617.45. The township will get \$398,010.51 and the schools will receive \$2,709,335.15. The remaining amount is for miscellaneous items.

On a millage basis (per \$1,000 assessed valuation), the county will get \$10.37; the township—\$6.37. The school millage will be split between five districts: Birmingham gets \$61.84; Bloomfield Hills—\$57.29; Hickory Grove—\$43.63; Pontiac—\$45.22 and Avondale—\$63.05.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS residents are being assessed \$4.40 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for fire and police protection.

The total assessed valuation in Bloomfield township is \$63,599,600. Taxes may be paid from Dec. 10 to Feb. 15 at the Bloomfield township treasurer's office, 4250 Telegraph road. After Feb. 15, a four per cent penalty will be added on.

After March 1, delinquent taxes plus penalty charges will be turned over to the Oakland county treasurer's office for collection.

THE TOTAL tax that will be collected in Southfield township (villages of Beverly Hills, Birmingham Farms and Franklin) will be \$1,376,127.74.

Of that total, the county will get \$248,997.46 with \$18,163.74 for special education. The schools will receive \$870,752.94 with \$69,889.19 additional as the voted increase. The township will receive \$33,245.78. The remainder is for miscellaneous items.

Assessed valuation is \$27,935,680. Southfield township taxes will be payable from Dec. 1 to Jan. 21 without penalty. From Jan. 21 to March 1, delinquent taxes plus penalty charges will be charged.

Taxes can be paid at the Southfield township office, 18500 W. 13 Mile road and at the Detroit Bank and Trust company. The bank branches are at Woodward and 14 Mile; Woodward and Hamilton; the Wabecok office at Cranbrook and Maple; and the office in Franklin.

IN WEST Bloomfield township the total tax collection is \$1,620,572.48.

Of that amount, the county will receive \$279,024.85; township—\$173,117.61; schools—\$1,149,266.04; remainder—miscellaneous.

Of the millage spread, the coun-

ty will receive \$5.48 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; township—\$1.40; schools—\$8.12. There are seven school districts in West Bloomfield township, each receiving the same amount.

The districts include Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington

Dec. 1, 1960 THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC 5-A

township, Pontiac, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield township and Waterford township.

The total assessed valuation is \$27,808,255.

The taxes are payable at the West Bloomfield township office, 4480 Orchard Lake road. The dates and penalties are the same as for Bloomfield township.

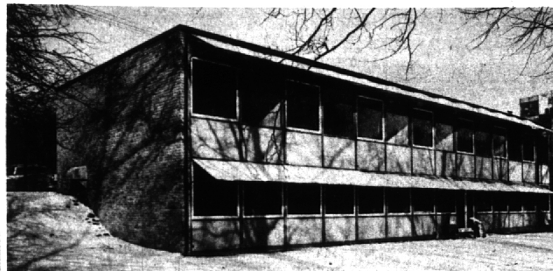


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