

**S'field GOP Women To Discuss Booklet**

**SOUTHFIELD.**—The Republican Women of Southfield will hold a general meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Southfield Community House, 24366 W. Ten and a Half Mile Road, east of Telegraph Road.

A group discussion of politics and government will be held, centering around the booklet "A Better Citizen", which was prepared by Ely Peterson, State Republican Vice-Chairman.

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**Tax**

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same, the state has worked out a formula to make assessments conform. This is called equalized assessed valuation. In Bloomfield Township, the formula calls for the equalized valuation to be figured at 1.95 times the assessed valuation.

The equalized valuation of your home then becomes \$8,500 X 1.95 or \$16,575. So your tax rate is approximately 16 1/2 X \$2.02. Figure out the penny it amounts to \$24.28.

**YOUR PROPERTY TAX** goes to support three governmental agencies: county government, township government and school district.

The amount each receives from the 15-mill basic tax is determined yearly by the Oakland County Allocation Board.

In 1961 the allocation board allotted from the 15-mill basic 5.25 mills to the county, 8.35 mills to the school district and 1.30 mills to the township.

Including the additionally voted millage, the county receives 5.75 mills, the school district 22.47 mills and the township 3.30 mills.

Translating this, the county received \$95.62, the school district \$273.66, and the township \$55 of your tax dollar.

**BECAUSE IT HAS** been developed with homes like your own, Bloomfield Township is the fortunate "Cinderella" of all Oakland County townships. Its property has the highest assessed valuation of any township.

Its total equalized assessed valuation is \$134,172,821.

This means the 1.30-mill apportionment from the 15 mills brings a revenue of \$174,424. The two extra mills bring an additional \$208,000, making a total income from property taxes of \$432,424.

In addition the township receives from the state a share of the state sales tax, intangible tax and liquor tax based on the proportion of township population to state population.

In 1961 this brought in \$178,214, making a total tax revenue to the township to \$616,638.

**ALTHOUGH IT IS** not yet completed, the township budget for 1962 will be based on its 1961 income figure of \$116,638.

Where the money will go can be estimated from its 1961 budget.

Last year salaries and operational expenses for the police department amounted to \$132,400. It will be higher in the new budget, possibly, as the township hopes to increase its police force by three men.

Salaries and operation costs for its fire department were \$132,700. This department may also get extra men and its figure will be increased.

**BUILDING** department salaries and expenses totalled

\$32,250. Treasurer's totalled \$30,500.

Supervisor's administrative costs were \$83,300. Under this comes such items as social security deductions of \$5,500; legal fees of \$7,500; salary cost of \$32,000 for the department; a \$3,000 telephone bill and other items in the cost of maintaining governmental offices at the township hall.

Cost of operating the clerk's department last year was \$42,900. This included \$13,000 for the purchase of additional voting machines.

**ANOTHER COST** in 1962 will be for the erection of a fourth fire station. A third fire station was built from last year's income. Cost of the buildings are specifically covered by a half-mill of the two-mill voted increase to the township. The half-mill will net \$67,000 for this purpose.

Another half-mill of the extra two-mill township taxes was voted specifically for improvement of township roads. The township will use approximately 10 per cent of this \$67,000 for special road costs such as lighting at major intersections and erection of speed signs on major thoroughfares. The other 90 per cent, or approximately \$60,000, will be used on a matching basis with the Oakland County Road Commission to improve primary roads in the township.

(Road maintenance comes from county funds and is not a part of township expense.)

**IF YOUR \$30,400** home is located in one of the newer subdivisions, you have no additional local taxes to meet as the township requires roads to be paved and sewage and water to be provided by the developer. Those costs have been included in the price of your home.

However, if you live in a section where sewers are being installed, you may pay a \$200 tap-in fee for the Everrett sewer. The tap-in fees from developers and residents meet the \$140,000 per year payment the township must make for 30 years as its share of the cost of the interceptor.

**IN ADDITION,** the cost of a lateral connecting to the interceptor averages approximately \$40 to each homeowner in the lateral district. A special tax assessment district is set up for the payment, extended over a period of 5 to 10 years.

If your subdivision desires to improve its roads or have special street lighting, too, are paid for by special assessment districts.

These are costs of capital improvement to property and no part of your \$28 property tax which pays the major part of your county and township government's expenses and almost the entire amount of your school district's cost of education.

**This & That**

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semi-covered desert . . . sparsely covered with a variety of small trees, shrubs, and floral vegetation. During the latter half of April and most of May most of Arizona's desert areas are veritable gardens . . . with just about every shade of the color spectrum in evidence.

I asked George Wilk "how much grazing area is required for each steer", and he answered: "It varies with the amount of rainfall. Good rains cut down the area required, perhaps an average of less than 20 acres. But in dry years the area required may run up to from 50 to 100 acres." The lands used by most of the large ranchmen are leased from the government.

**ANOTHER PHASE** of cattle raising I learned about is that the rancher always raises cattle of a sort of "middle man", one who fattens the ranch cattle at special "smorgasbord pens", from thence they go to the feedlot.

Incidentally, the code of business practices between a rancher and "middle man" goes like this: "Regardless of exactly how many you have or what the market may be at the time of sale. Is it a deal?"

If George says "Yes", they don't even sign any papers . . . they simply shake hands and this traditional custom seals the deal. Nary a lawyer or legal document on the cattle ranch's landscape.

"Boss" wrangler in this ranch is 63-year-old Everett Bowman . . . straight as a ramrod, with a most warming smile and a laugh that almost echoes into the next mountain valley. And . . . oh yes . . . Everett (as everybody calls him) is a lifelong western cowboy, and for two years during his younger days held the title "World Champion Cowboy". He participated in many rodeos, of course. What rodeo activity is most punishing? Everett smilingly replied: "Trying to stay on a Brahma bull for 10 seconds."

**NOT ALL RANCH GUESTS** go horseback riding, though perhaps a majority of them do risk placing their city-trained anatomy in western saddles. At the Flying E Ranch there are two types of rides; one is "fast riding", and covers more territory than the other one, which is a "slow ride." An average of two hours in the saddle daily is the usual routine, and for the most part over terra firma that




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**Twinning & Heredity**

**Q. Are twins more likely to have twins than persons who are non-twins? In other words, is twinning inherited?**

**A. Yes, in some cases. It seems that two-egg twinning (but not one-egg twinning) is hereditary and that the heredity involved is limited to the mother's side. One investigator found that mothers (but not fathers) of twins are more often twins than expected. There is also a higher twinning rate among children of the sisters of the mothers of twins. Gets rather involved, doesn't it?**

**Height Increase**

**Q. I have been a college professor for almost 30 years. During this time "average" freshman must have increased in height by several inches. Do you have any supporting information?**

**A. Yes, and your observation is quite correct. Men entering college in the 1950's, although averaging about a year younger than those entering around 1900, averaged 2 inches taller—70 instead of 68 inches. College women averaged about 6 1/2 inches in height in 1900 but their average height had increased to almost 6 1/2 inches by the 1950's.**

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