

AUCTION SALEThursday, Feb. 17th
12:30 p. m.36135 Seven Mile Road
Between Farmington and
Newbury Roads13 cows; 2 heifers; 1 bull; 13
months old; Swiss-Holstein,
Jersey and Guernsey. All
young, some fresh.25 bush; 20 rods chicken
fence; chicken feeding
utensils; churn; crocks;
dishes; 3 living room suites;
1 nice piano dining set; bed-
room suite; ice box; kitchen
utensils; rugs; 9 trunks.Many articles not mentioned.
Remodeling home. Going out
of milk production. Raise
flowers only.**Terms: Cash****C. Van Hellenton
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**PRIMARY ELECTION
NOTICE**
**TOWNSHIP
OF LIVONIA**
Wayne County, Mich.Notice is hereby given, THAT THE
TOWNSHIP PRIMARY ELECTION will
be held on**Monday, March 7, A.D.
1938**for the purpose of nominating candidates
for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Highway
Commissioner, Justice of the Peace (full
term), Justice of the Peace (unexpired
term), one member Board of Review and 4
Constables.**LOCATIONS OF VOTING BOOTHS
ARE LISTED BELOW:**Precinct No. 1—At Community Hall on
Seven Mile Road, East of Farmington
Road.Precinct No. 2—At Sheldon and Son's Real
Estate Office on Plymouth Road in Rose-
dale Gardens.Precinct No. 3—In Community Room of
Church on West side of Farmington Road,
1 block South of Five Mile Road.**IMPORTANT NOTICE OF
CHANGE OF PRECINCT**The following is a description of the election
precinct No. 3 of Livonia township as
determined by the board of said township:
That area between the center of Six Mile
Road and the Center of Schoolcraft Road
and running east and west the full length
of the township.**RELATIVE TO OPENING
AND CLOSING OF POLLS**The polls of said election will be open at Seven
o'clock a. m. and remain open until eight
o'clock p. m. Eastern Standard Time, of
said day of Election.**HARRY S. WOLFE**
Livonia Township Clerk**Auditor General
Tells Sale Problems**(Continued from page one)
Once each month the Auditor General forwards to each county treasurer a statement of all taxes collected in that county by the Auditor General.**Theoretical Check**

You have, in theory, the promise that the tax books of every county treasurer in the state are identical with the tax books of the Auditor General. The Auditor General's clerks pick up each of the duplicate tax receipts issued by all county treasurers and enter on his books the statement of payments made to the Auditor General.

I repeat that, in theory, the premise is that books of the 83 county treasurers and those of the Auditor General are identical records. And it is for current items to transact the theory is the practical fact in normal times.

Not Normal Times

Now, I need scarcely remind you that the past years were not normal times. Indeed, they were very abnormal times, years of great crisis. And it is not surprising that those critical years, affecting every phase of the social and economic life of our people, wrought havoc in the ordinary processes of tax collections.

In the orderly days, the legislature facing our tax system was the annual tax sale held every May. Then all unpaid taxes outstanding for three years were offered and sold at public auction. But the Legislature of 1933 and 1934 in regular and special sessions attempted to relieve the tax distress of the people of the state. Annual tax sales were suspended; back taxes were divided into ten annual installments; interest and penalties were reduced or removed entirely.

What was the effect of these radical changes in our tax collec-

tion system? Where formerly one tax receipt was written by a county treasurer and a copy sent to the Auditor General, that single transaction was now multiplied ten times. The annual tax sale was suspended; and the cleaning up of the tax books was suspended; and there those unpaid descriptions accumulated year after year to clutter all the tax books of the state, as well as to my own office in August. So great was this rush in some counties that the Auditor General has not yet received all of the receipts issued in August.

Books in Use
It is quite obvious that when the Record is being prepared from books in the office of the Auditor General it is impossible to use those books for posting current receipts.Buried in Deluge
The last tax sale was held in May, 1932. That is six years ago. The installment payment of taxes began in 1933. That is five years ago. County Treasurers and Auditor General alike were buried in the 1935 Legislature, then attempted to resume the annual tax sale, providing for a sale in May of 1936.

Under the general tax law, the Auditor General is charged with preparing what is known as the Tax Record to be used at the annual tax sale. He uses his books which are identical with those of the 83 counties, to prepare this so-called Tax Record. He lists on this Tax Record all descriptions of lands on which the taxes are payable by law.

Work was Futile
Now, let us see what happened when the 1935 Legislature ordered the Auditor General to prepare the Tax Record for a sale in 1936. Here was an accumulation of four years of "dead wood," so to speak. Notwithstanding that the deluge of county treasurers' duplicate receipts were rolling in upon him like an avalanche, it became necessary in the course of time to cease entering these paid receipts in his books and divert most of the labor of his staff to compiling the Tax Record for the sale in 1936. He stacked the incoming receipts in bales in every nook and corner of his office rooms, the packages unopened. To me avail. There was no tax sale. After all that effort the Supreme Court found the act of the Legislature defective.**Millions of Receipts**
And now it is January 1st, 1937. I am elected Auditor General. What I found, I have just described to you. There were those millions of tax receipts which were their unopened bales stored in every available corner. There were more now stored there that had been issued by county treasurers in the summer of 1935, 18 months before!

Quarterly settlements with practically all the counties of the state were likewise approximately eighteen months behind. I submit to you that by February 15th of this year these quarterly settlements will be current—each settlement which portrays a clearer picture of state and local finance!

That is only part of the picture. The Legislature was again in regular session. And the Legislature ordered a tax sale for May of 1938.

This Act became effective January 1, 1937. Since January 1, 1937 we made every effort possible to post the accumulated receipts on our records. After the passage of the Act we surveyed "the situation and decided that in order to have the Record ready, it was imperative that work begin at once on the preparation of the Record.**Flow Unceasing**
You may remember that the flow of duplicate tax receipts from the 83 counties is unceasing. With the unopened bales stored everywhere, still the flow continued. And there was a Tax Record to prepare for May, 1938.

I submit to you that no Auditor General in the history of the state was confronted with anything like a comparable situation.

I feel compelled to tell you that if a tax sale is not held soon, the records will become so voluminous and the task of preparation so involved and stupendous that that whole structure will fall of its own weight and no sale of its parts involved will ever be held.

I feel further compelled to state that if a sale is not held at this time those people who have been scraping and scrapping and have paid their taxes are going to throw up their hands and say, "What's the use?" There will be an even greater tax strike and where are you going to get the money to run your counties and your townships?

Posted a Million Receipts

With this situation at hand what did I do? I tackled the job. My staff disposed of 1,025,500 tax receipts collected during 1936. Each receipt contained from one description to entire subdivisions, meaning several million book entries. Every receipt issued up to January 1, 1937, has been entered on the books. For half the counties every receipt has been entered that was issued up to July 1, 1937. The Tax Record for the May sale has already been shipped to 45 of the 83 counties. And what I have started to do, I am going to finish. Mind you, there have been many who have delayed the task physical examination to perform. The sale record will be in the hands of all county clerks and county treasurers prior to the date necessary for publication of the Act.

I need not remind you that the 1937 Legislature passed delinquent state legislation that fixed September 1, as a "deadline" for payment. You are familiar with the tremendous rush of tax-payers to the of-

CLARENCEVILLE

The mother of Mrs. Madeline Malone who has been critically ill is reported as slowly improving.

Walter W. Weller, a 21-year-old man who suffered a broken leg in a recent automobile accident is getting along on crutches. Mrs. James Brear, Mr. and Mrs. J. Himmelsbach attended a memorial at Dearborn Shrine Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Halleck of Dresden boulevard and Mrs. Laura Holloway attended the funeral of Mrs. O. Kurtz, Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie Holloway, mother of Roy Holloway, who has been ill winter in regaining her health.

Mrs. Mr. George Crook of Tuck Road, Sunday. Sunday, Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Essel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Barber of Pur-
ring Brook Road spent Sunday in Detroit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Highland Park spent Sunday calling on friends in Clarenceville.

Lynn Kurtz is suffering from the effects of a broken leg which he sustained when he fell from a truck recently.

Members of Trinity Shrine No. 4 are invited to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Michigan-Ontario Association Thursday, February 15, at 7 p. m. in Columbia Church, 17021 Michigan Avenue. The afternoon session will open at 2:30 p. m. and a ceremonial at 6:30 p. m. Trinity Shrine is now holding regular meetings in Farmington Masonic Temple.

Mrs. W. Marsh and mother, Mrs. Ward were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of Highland Park were Friday callers of community friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dohaney and

Mrs. Carl Waack attended the funeral Saturday of Mr. Lockwood.

The newly elected and installed officers are: Rebekah Edgewood, 1601 No. 250; Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Nobie; Grace Elizabeth Zimmerman, Vice Grand; Mrs. Hazelton, Recording Secretary; Jean Layn, Financial Secretary, Alecan White, Treasurer, and Miley Allen, District Deputy.

Mrs. M. McKinnon is confined by illness in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Elkins. The average curvature of the earth is two inches per mile.

Charging that her husband deserted her to become the sheik of a tribe in Arabia, Mrs. Lydia Martha Dawson of Los Angeles sued for divorce.

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