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MARINE CORPS Air Reserve detachment personnel permitted to visit the farmington area last week and turned over a collection of toys to governmental and Goodwill representatives for distribution to needy children in the area. The gifts were turned over by the Marine Corps Reserve members on behalf of Farmington area Marine Air Reserve

members who collected the gifts. Shown in the picture are, left to right, Fred Menke, Sgt. John Crigio, Mayor Robert Lindbert and Lt. James Laurent. The Marine Corps Reserve's "Toys for Tots" drive has become an annual event of the organization, with similar drives being conducted by Marine Corps Reserve members across the nation in their respective localities.

County, School Taxes Figured On State Equalized Valuation, Not Assessed Valuation

County and school tax bills for 1957 have now been mailed out to property owners in both the City and Township of Farmington and will be due without payment penalty in January and February, respectively.

During the past few weeks, some confusion has been expressed regarding the manner in which taxes are figured on individual homes and parcels of land and the tax rates being charged based on property valuations.

First, it should be pointed out that county and school taxes are assessed on the basis of the state equalized valuation of property and not on the assessed valuations on property as set by the City and Township. The state equalized valuation of property for both governmental units is almost double the assessed valuations set by local assessors. The state equalized valuation of a piece of property is determined by multiplying the city or township assessed valuation by an established state equalization factor. The state equalization factor for the City of Farmington this year is 1.988175 and for the Township it is 1.98222.

Looking Ahead
By DR. GEORGE S. BENSON

000.00. Payments to states for welfare clients, public health, education, Indian affairs, school lunch, vocational rehabilitation.

VETERANS BENEFITS: \$4,827,000.00. (Compensation pensions, hospitals, medical care, education, unemployment benefits, insurance, indemnities, loans, etc.)

A Big Bite All this adds up to \$21 billion, or more than \$400 per year on the average for every American family. How much of this would now be allowed and deposited in the pocketbook of taxpayers if this kind of government spending had never been started or had been halted after it had served some emergency purpose? If you study the history and the constant expansion of each of these categories of Federal expenditures you cannot help but reach the conclusion that billions could be saved and put back into taxpayer's pockets by a determined effort to hold down and eliminate many of these spending functions.

Our failure as citizens to exercise adequately our responsibilities in government has permitted these services to expand and waste our hard-earned money, and to boost the next item in the 1956-57 budget, which is INTEREST ON DEBT: \$7,156,000,000. This item won't be lowered until we have drastically reduced Federal spending, so that a part of the tax revenue can go toward reduction of our costly national debt of \$290 billion.

With the same assessed valuation, a state equalized valuation of \$7,852.08 (\$4,000 x 1.98222). The County tax rate for 1957 in both the City and Township is \$4.68 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation with a voted special education tax rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 state equalized valuation also being assessed. Total school taxes for 1957 are \$22.50 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation (\$10.32 for operation and \$12.18 debt).

To determine the amount of tax on an individual piece of property, you would first divide the state equalized valuation of this property by \$1,000 and then multiply the figure obtained by the individual tax rates for \$1,000 state equalized valuation. This can be done separately to determine each individual tax assessed or together by first adding all the tax rates to get the total tax rate.

FOR EXAMPLE, a property owner with property having an assessed valuation of \$4,000 in the City and a state equalized valuation of \$7,852.08 would pay (7,852.08 x \$4.68) or \$37.18 in county taxes. His special education tax would be (7,852.08 x 50 cents) or \$3.93 and his school tax (7,852.08 x \$22.50) or \$176.67. Total taxes on this piece of Township property would be \$217.35.

Taxes in each case run slightly higher since both the City and Township are allowed to add a small percentage to individual tax bills to cover "excess roll."

BECAUSE of the slight addition allowed for "excess roll" and the fact that the state equalized valuation on property in both the City and Township is within .05 per cent of being double the assessed valuation of property, a simplified method for figuring taxes within a few dollars can be used.

To get an approximate figure on taxes, one need simply to double the assessed valuation on his prop-

erty, divide that figure by \$1,000 and then multiply the figure obtained by the tax rates.

For example, a piece of property having an assessed valuation of \$4,000 would then have a state equalized valuation of \$8,000. You would thus multiply each of the individual tax rates by 8 to determine the approximate taxes to be assessed. The county tax figured this way on this particular piece of property would be (8 x \$4.68) or \$37.44 and the special education tax (8 x 50 cents) or \$4.00. The school tax would be (8 x \$22.50) or \$180.00. The approximate total tax figured this way is \$221.44. This is only \$1.53 higher than what the tax figured out to be by using the long form for city and \$4.00 higher figured out in the long form for the township.

Since both the City and Township use different methods in figuring taxes and their methods are still different than the method used here, figures obtained may vary slightly for your property, but will be very close to correct.

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New Upholstery Fabrics Lightweight; Smooth

Smooth, lightweight, crisp and clear is the formula for new upholstery fabrics, say fashion experts.

Jacquard designs—small, neat but highly decorative—dispel surface monotony and introduce the warm human note. As pile fabrics get more reserved and simplified, flat weaves grow more intricate and decorative.

Newest woven designs are contemporary enough, traditional enough to qualify as accessories to almost any decorative setting. In keeping with the current trends in furniture to mix and absorb outstanding features of diverse design periods, upholstery patterns take more and more inspiration from several sources at the same time. Color continues to be strikingly important, say the fashion experts. Gold, blues of every hue, magentas, oranges, yellows and bright greens are most prominent. But whatever the color, it's the intensity and brilliance of the over-all palette that brings so much extra decorative appeal to this season's crop of upholstery designs.

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