

KNOW YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

County Equalization Factor Important to Your Tax Rate

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles prepared by D. Hale Baker, President of the Michigan Institute of Local Government.

In our first article we said that the thing of first importance in the assessing of property for tax purposes is that the assessor or the city assessor places a value upon each item of property on the same basis as that used for all other items of property in the township or city that uniformly through out the township or city is the thing of vital importance.

The next step in the process is county equalization. The function lies with the county board of supervisors. Each board of supervisors has a valuation committee which does the initial work, but the result of the committee's work is not official until it is approved by the board itself.

It does not go back into Township and see whether John Doe's farm is valued properly as compared with the valuation placed on Richard Roe's farm. In other words, it does not deal with the relative value within the township or the city. It may take a look at the values placed on John Doe's farm and Richard Roe's farm but if so, it does it only as it is useful in ascertaining whether the total valuation placed upon X township by its supervisor and board of review is in proper relationship to the total valuation placed upon all the other townships and cities of the county.

The supervisor or city assessor equalizes as among the individual property owners of his unit, the county board of supervisors equalizes as among the townships and cities of the county and does not concern itself with the matter of uniformity with each township or city. Its chief objective is to have uniformity throughout the county by township and city units.

IF X TOWNSHIP has been assessed at 40 per cent of cash value, and Z City at 60 per cent of cash value, then the county board's job is to bring some of these up or some of them down until they all are on the same basis, and does not make too much difference whether they bring them up to 40 per cent, all to 50 per cent or all to some other percentage, if they are all brought to the same level.

These takes guts. To say to Suburbia Today To Be Included In Feb. 4 Issue

A story by James Thurber heads the list of contributions to the February issue of Suburbia Today which will come tucked in the February 4 issue of the Farmington Enterprise.

Mr. Thurber brings to life "A Moment with Mandy"—a peppy account of his conversation with a precocious eight-year-old who won't, it seems, take either yes or no for an answer. There's another gay feature in which romantic novelist Faith Baldwin asks the intriguing question: "Should Guy de Maupassant—Even in Leap Year?" and answer the question in a way which will interest everybody who's ever proposed.

From Leap Year proposals, Suburbia Today jumps to more mundane considerations. In the article, "Does the Atom Bomb do You," Dorothy Hayes explains how the citizens of her town saved their area from destructive urbanizing—the posed invasion of motels, drive-ins, and hotdog stands.

Indoor gardeners will welcome Earl Bourgaine's new ideas on what to do with the seeds, roots and tops of many common vegetables and fruits. For further information he'll look at "Turnips in the Parlor."

Our cartoonists subject this month is an ever-timely one—getting to work. Why, they decide commuting can be a practical joke. The future of Suburbia is discussed by eminent economist geographer Dr. Jerome P. Pick and by "The Super City" Dr. P. Pickard forecasts the arrival of mammoth combines, of city and suburb which most of us will live to see.

There is a return of the Age, says George Jaffe, "in Farmington and one brother." "Want a Community Skating Rink?", and surveys the great increase in ice skating interest, how sweeping the country.

This month's food pages show six kitchen-tested, east-to-prepare recipes from the near and far countries of the world, such as Creme Senegalese and Epicurean Beef a la Paris.

Finally, there is an assortment of special suburban happenings in "Getting Around," with perhaps a note from our town.

Orchard Meadows Sub

DANIEL HICKEY GR 6-1889

Last Tuesday night, Joan Brown in the midst of all her activities of busily making preparations for her forthcoming trip to California (incidentally today is her departure date), took time off to play hostess at Bridge. Once again, the champion, Flo Fitzgerald was the proud possessor of the first place award and Marilyn Van Hout of Westborough, went home with a newly acquired bud vase, the second place prize.

Tonight, Thursday, January 25, there will be a volunteer March of Dimes worker canvassing your neighborhood.

ONCE AGAIN the Crumps have a grown man in the house. Vic has just returned from a flying trip to a special training school in Philadelphia. Phyllis and the four little Crumps made the trip out to the airport to see their daddy off and they were also there to greet him on his return home.

Mary Lou and Bob Meyers opened their home on Sunday night to entertain friends of theirs from Franklin Knolls for an evening of bridge. From all reports, the Meyers are becoming quite the authorities of the game.

This last snowfall brought many of the winter sport enthusiasts into the open over the past weekend. On Friday night Marilyn and Bill DeHaan and Ginny and Rod Burt along with Pat and Gene Hill traveled out that sort of a snow to Mount Christie to spend a wonderful evening of skiing.

On Sunday, the Hickeys felt the need of some fresh air, so accompanied by their daughters they hurried up to Mount Holly to watch all of the skiers participate in the Slalom Races. There were skiers entered from all over Michigan in the event.

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes, and but one tongue, to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak.

—Socrates.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 1960, at 2:00 noon at 936 Ann Arbor Road, in the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, Michigan, public sale of a 1959 Ford Fairlane 4 Door, Motor, C9F282525, will be held for cash to the highest bidder. Inspection of the motor car may be had at 30711 Grand River, in the City of Farmington, County of Oakland, Michigan, the place of storage. Dated January 20, 1960, Public Administrator of the Plymouth Office, by F. A. Kehrl, Vice President.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN.
A meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, was held in the office of said Township at the Town Hall in the City of Farmington on the 22nd day of January, 1960.

The following members were present: Hall, Cairns, Avery, Brown, Bessette, Hugh, Wilcox. The following members were absent: none.

The following resolution was offered by member Cairns and supported by Wilcox:

RESOLVED: That it is the intent of the Township Board for the Township of Farmington to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Farmington, in accordance with the provisions of Act 164 of the Public Acts of 1943, in the following particulars:

SECTION XIV — AMENDMENTS, is amended by the insertion of the following paragraphs:

Application to the Township Board for rezoning of specific pieces of property by the owner, his heirs, or their agents or other interested parties shall be accompanied by a certified copy of its equivalent in the amount of seventy five (\$75.00) dollars made payable to the Township of Farmington. Such check shall be retained by the Township of Farmington to defray the cost of processing such zoning change.

It is further resolved that within 10 days from date hereof public notice shall be given of said intent to amend this ordinance in the manner above provided by publication of a copy of this resolution of intent in the Farmington Enterprise, Newspaper of general circulation in this said Township.

It is further resolved that the Township Clerk shall be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to submit a copy of this resolution forthwith to the Township Zoning Board, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, for its recommendation.

CURTIS H. HALL, Township Supervisor
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, Township Clerk
(Jan. 28, 1960)



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