

Taxes Certified By State; Yeh!

Its official Redford Township's total state equalized valuation is \$258,266,420. The state audit confirmation of locally prepared tax collection has been received. The audit confirms a real property accounts for \$194,312,205 and personal property amounts to \$74,126,190. Tax yield breakdown was similarly confirmed, as follows:

Wayne County operation, \$1,806,643 on 6.07 of general allocation and one mill of extra voted.

A two mill township general levy yields \$236,532. Also being collected for township expenses is .35 mills, or \$398,932, for police and fire departments. And a .25 mill Middle Rouge Interceptor levy yields \$67,066. TOTAL SCHOOL YIELD is \$8,116,801.

Grand total tax levy upon township properties is \$9,660,672.

Valuation breakdown by school districts is: Redford Union: \$91,029,764 South Redford: \$174,410,573 Clarencville: \$2,426,083 Operational millages levied in each of the three is as follows: Redford Union: 6.20 mills (\$60,105) plus 25 mills voted for operating (\$2,275,744) and 6 mills for bonded debt retirement (\$540,178).

South Redford: 6.90 mills (\$3,206,192) plus 16 mills voted for operating (\$2,796,993) and 3.20 mills for bonded debt retirement (\$559,393).

Clarencville: 8.90 mills (\$2,332) plus 18 mills voted for operating (\$43,669) and 9.05 mills for bonded debt retirement (\$21,950).

ALSO IN CLARENCVILLE, Schoolcraft community college levies \$1,224 worth of taxes, 1.75 mills were voted for Oakland County special education (\$4,245), and Oakland Intermediate district millage of .20 yields \$485.

Wayne County Intermediate schools received \$7,975 from .03 mills levied on the combined RC and South Redford

Census Snoopy--McDonald

Warning that the 1970 census "may ask totally unnecessary personal questions which invade right of privacy under the threat of fine or jail," Congressman Jack McDonald (R-Mich.) introduced legislation Monday that would sharply limit the scope of questioning. McDonald's bill, H.R. 14361, would limit questions to seven categories. It was referred to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

UNDER THE McDonald bill, answers would be mandatory only in the classifications of name and address, relationship to head of household, sex, date of birth, race or color, marital status and visitors in home at the time of census.

Questions of a more personal nature could be answered by the resident on a voluntary basis. McDonald told the House:

"AS THE DIRECTOR OF the 1960 census in Wayne County, Michigan, I became acutely aware of the drift in census-taking away from the basic idea behind the decennial count—which was to provide an accurate population count of Congressional Districts for the purpose of redistricting to assure equitable representation in the House of Representatives.

Two Stricken, Hospitalized; One Critical

Two prominent men in Redford Township have suffered severe illnesses requiring hospitalization.

Elmer Hazelton, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, will likely spend the Christmas holiday in the hospital.

Township Police Detective Lieutenant Richard Pettibone was recently released to recuperate.

Hazelton reportedly suffered recurring stomach ulcers and his condition is described as critical at Plymouth General Hospital, room 104.

Visitors are not allowed, except relatives.

Mrs. Ruth Young, chamber secretary, is substituting for him in the chamber office.

Pettibone suffered a heart attack. He is not expected to return to duty for two months. Detective Sergeant Dale Johnson is filling in.

Bennett Sponsors Senior Citizens Bill

State Representative John Bennett, 34th District, (Redford) has co-sponsored legislation urging the U.S. Congress to cost of living increases. Announcing the drafting of the resolution, House Concurrent Resolution, No. 47, Bennett said:

"The price of everything we buy from hamburger to cough drops has been constantly increasing. Many government economists predict that prices of consumer goods will be increasing at the rate of 6 percent a year by the end of 1968.

"As the prices go up, the working men and women do not stand still, they demand more wages to meet the increasing prices, and usually they get higher wages through bargaining rights granted to them by the National Labor Act.

"But where does this leave the retired senior citizen who is living on a fixed income? Our economic system penalizes senior citizens because they have no bargaining rights to bargain for an increase in their social security payments.

"During their working years, the retired senior citizens and their employers contributed dollars to the social security system which were worth one hundred cents, but now they receive retirement benefits in dollars that may be worth less than 50 cents in purchasing power. And, the value of the dollar is still declining at the rate of 6 percent each year.

"It is apparent that the economic system under which we live penalizes the retired senior citizen and simple justice demands that legislative action should be taken to provide for automatic cost-of-living increases in social security payments each year.

"Therefore, I have co-sponsored the resolution with Representative Dale Kildee of Flint, urging the United States Congress to pass a new law to provide for automatic cost of living increases each year in social security payments and provide the retirees with some measure of economic justice."

A young, middle-aged family man in a middle-income bracket is the typical trailer buyer, report officials of the Detroit Camper and Travel Trailer Show, which is scheduled for the Detroit Artillery Armory, W. Eight Mile near Northland Center, from Feb. 24 through March 3.

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