WOODLAWN ELECTION

The voters of Woodlawn really exercised their right to vote last Tuesday. Out of 172 voters, 170 cast their votes.

The following 5 men were elected trustees for the next two years:

Lewis Williams
Ralph Gerdin
Al. Lombardo
Joseph Hoffman
Henry Hildebrand

Police Judge
Trulin Spencer

Marshall
Louis A. Bartlett

According to previous custom, the trustee having the highest number of votes is appointed Mayor. If this custom is carried out, Lewis Williams will be our new Mayor. However, the new trustees have a right to appoint any one of the trustees as Mayor, so until after the first meeting of the new trustees, this appointment is not definite.
IS THERE A FIRE IN YOUR FUTURE?

Every four minutes a home burns in the United States. Please help us keep your home from being next.

It has often been remarked that everything to be known about Fire Prevention has been told over and over again for years. That's true, but citizens soon forget and go back into their careless habits so easily that safety measures must be stressed over and over. Also we are living in a great age. Every day new gadgets for labor saving, both in home, factory and stores, are appearing and each one carries with it a new danger unless citizens are taught safety measures in handling them.

From the days of the Dark Ages fire has been mankind's greatest servant and from the day it was first used it has also been our greatest enemy. Uncontrolled, fire kills and wipes out whole communities. Let's all join in controlling King Fire. Read and practice the lessons you will find in the Siren and you will not become one of his victims.

LESSON

SMOKING IN BED is a suicidal practice. If you must have that "last smoke" before retiring, do it in an upright position, while you're wide awake... and ALIVE to enjoy it.

FIRE PLUGS TESTED

The Volunteer Fire Department tested pressure in the fire plugs in Woodlawn. It was determined that any plug in the city, with the aid of a pump, will supply a 1 1/2 inch hose with sufficient pressure. A hose that large will throw plenty of water. The Fire Department is pleased to know that sufficient water is available even on top of the hills, to take care of any emergency needs. If more water should be needed, pumps from Newport will supply water from plugs near Water Works Rd.

RABIES

Dogs in the city were ordered tied up a few weeks ago because of an epidemic of rabies. Three dogs in the community had to be destroyed. The marshal reports that most citizens gladly cooperated in keeping their dogs tied. A few people had to be convinced of the seriousness of the situation before cooperating. The situation has apparently cleared up.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The annual Halloween party given by the Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Department was held Friday evening, Oct. 28th. This year the Women's Auxiliary sponsored and handled the affair.

The whole affair was bigger and better than the previous Halloween party.

Some 200 children and adults took part in the parade, while many more people joined in the party after the parade, and enjoyed the refreshments.

The night was ideal, clear and not so cold, and the large bonfire provided enough heat to make the entire area comfortable.

Many people from outside the community were present.

Prizes were awarded for the 10 best costumes.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING

At the last meeting of the Woodlawn V.F.D., final arrangements were made to help the Women's Auxiliary with the Halloween party.

Mr. Schneider from the Highland Heights Fire Department
was present, and answered ques-
tions asked by members, concern-
ing fire fighting and equipment.
Next meeting will be at Wood-

down Inn, Monday evening, Nov.

14th.

V.F.D. STAG

The stag party given by the
V.F.D. at Maple Grove Inn last
Sunday afternoon was attended by
most men of the community, to-
gether with all the candidates.
Every one had a very enjoy-
able time and the affair was
very successful.
Delicious chili and other
refreshments were served.
The Volunteer Fire Depart-
ment thanks everyone for their
cooperation.

CITY TRUSTEES MEETING

The regular monthly meeting
of the Woodlawn trustees was
held at Mayor Bartlett's home,
Monday evening, Nov. 7th.
It was decided to offer for
sale the lot owned by the City
of Woodlawn. The lot is lo-
cated at the top of Burnet Ave.
The minimum selling price is
$500.00. Bids will be accepted
from anyone interested in buy-
ing the lot. The lot of course
will be sold to the highest
bidder over $500.00.
The city will buy an engine
and pump to be mounted on the
fire truck. A demonstration
of the equipment will be held
at 2 P.M. Sunday, Nov. 13th.
The board attempted to set the
tax assessment on the four new
houses in Woodlawn, but be-
cause of the unequal tax
assessment of Woodlawn prop-
erty now existing, it was im-
possible to arrive at a fair or
equal assessment on the new
houses. The board therefore
agreed to attempt an equal-
ization of all Woodlawn taxes.
Four members voted for
equalization. Mayor Bartlett
stated that he wished to go
on record opposed to any ad-
justment of taxes and there-
fore voted "no!"

SUCCESSFUL BINGO

The women's auxiliary wishes
to thank all who helped to make
their Bingo a success. The Bin-
go was held at the Party Mart,
Cincinnati and all tickets were
sold.

AUXILIARY MEETING

Next meeting of the women's
auxiliary will be held Nov. 21st,
at 8 P.M at Woodlawn Inn. All
members are urged to attend to
help plan the Xmas party that
will be given.

STAG COMMITTEE

The ticket committee of the
V.F.D. recent stag party re-
quests that all tickets be
accounted for and settled at
the next meeting, Monday night
Nov. 14th at Woodlawn Inn.

LOCAL MEN UNSUCCESSFUL

Louis Bartlett and Larry
Knarr were unsuccessful in Tues-
day's election.
Mr. Bartlett was running for
State Representative and Mr.
Knarr for Constable.
Both men expressed their
thanks to those who supported
them.
In the city of Woodlawn, Mr.
Bartlett received 149 votes
out of 170 cast.

OMITTED

Because of the last minute
rush of election news, we were
unable to include the history
of Woodlawn in this edition,
but will continue in the Decem-
ber edition.

SCHINDLER BROS. GROCERIES
34 E. 9th St., Newport, Ky.
"TONY'S BEST COFFEE"
EDITORIAL

Too bad the city doesn't have a building in which to hold its meetings. Last Monday night's meeting, like many other city meetings, should be attended by more of the citizens. Not only is it quite a show, but more citizens should voice their opinions on the different issues before the board. But, since the board has to meet in a private house, it is impossible to have a large attendance.

All decisions are not reached as easily and calmly as they appear on paper. It sometimes takes many heated arguments to settle a question. Last Monday's meeting lasted from 7:30 until after 11 o'clock and there was never a dull moment.

The tax equalization question reopened an old argument left over from last year. Each year a board of equalization is appointed to study the property assessments and to adjust complaints from taxpayers. Any changes that this board thinks should be made are recommended to the city trustees. The trustees can make the recommended changes or decline as they see fit.

Last year the equalization board found that some assessments were unequal as much as 100%. In other words, some people with homes valued at $5,000.00 are paying as much as other people with homes valued at $10,000.00. Since our taxes are based on the value of our property, the equalization board considered this pretty far out of balance. And, since the assessments haven't been studied or adjusted for many years, the board recommended an adjustment.

However, the city trustees saw fit to refuse to act on any adjustment. Their main reason for not making the adjustments seems to be the fact that the tax rate is so low, it doesn't make much difference whether or not the taxes are equal.

It certainly is granted that the tax rate is low, but that doesn't seem to justify over-taxing some people and undertaxing others. This condition was not intentionally brought on. It is merely the result of not making adjustments for so many years.

Now that there are four new houses to be assessed, this would be a good time to equalize all taxes, especially since it would be impossible to put a fair assessment on the new houses, under the present tax condition.

This does not mean raising taxes. The city will receive the same amount of taxes. It does mean that some people will pay more taxes while others will pay less according to the value of their property. The only increase the city will receive will be the taxes from the four new houses.

Monday night the trustees appointed a 3 man board of equalization, plus 2 other men to reappraise Woodlawn property. So if you see someone looking at your house in the near future, it will probably be the appraisers.

There will be 5 appraisers, each one will make his own secret appraisal of your property. These 5 separate appraisals will be added together and divided by 5. The result will be the appraisal of your property. By taking the average of the judgment of 5 different men, the appraisal should be about as near correct as possible. Then your property is assessed approximately one third of its appraisal at .75 cents per $100.00. For example:

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Total = $25,200.00
Total divided by 5 = 5,040.00

5040.00 is the appraised value of your property.