TAX FACTS

So many comments have been heard on the new property assessment in the City of Woodlawn that it is felt some explanation is in order.

In the fall of 1948 the Equalization Board made a study of the property assessments in the City. As a result they felt that the individual assessments were entirely out of line. Much of the older property was assessed too high, while the new property was mostly assessed too low. They therefore felt that they could not conscientiously sign a report stating that in their opinion the property was assessed in proportion to its true value. They did not sign the report.

This year when the question came up of appointing an Equalization Board the same problem presented itself. It was even more of a problem this year since there were four new houses to be assessed. It would be necessary to assess them too low to keep them in line with the other new property in the city. If they were properly assessed in line with the majority of the property in the city, they would be too high compared with the other new property. There was only one solution, that was to reassess all of the property that was out of line.

A Committee of five men was appointed to do this job. This committee spent considerable time (two Sunday afternoons and evenings until Midnight and many other evenings), without cost to the City, to do the job. This committee conscientiously set down what they considered to be a fair value on each piece of property in the city. Unfortunately however, everyone did not think so and they were the recipients of severe criticism in a few cases. It cannot be denied however that the new assessment was much more in line than the old one.

Three of the members of this Committee were members of the Equalization Board. The Board therefore, being thoroughly familiar with the new assessment values and having actually set them up after considerable study, adopted these values as the basic
of the new assessment.

There was no intention of securing additional revenue through this reassessment. The total comparable valuation of property previously assessed in the City was $174,190.00, while under the new assessment it will be $176,350.00. At seventy-five cents per hundred valuation this will amount to $16.20 more taxes over the entire city. Even this amount would have been adjusted by lowering each piece of property enough to take up the difference, but it was felt that the amount of work required to change all these figures would not justify the small difference involved, and it would also throw all the assessment values into odd figures.

Actually 128 pieces of property were considered. Of these 128, the assessment was raised on 45. Of the 43 raised, 26 were more or less to even out odd assessment values and amounted to less than $1.00 per year increase in taxes. On only two pieces of property will the increase in taxes amount to over $3.00 per year.

The assessment remained the same on 32 pieces of property, and it was actually lowered on 53 pieces of property.

Now, what happens to the tax money? The approximate income of the city for the present year will be:

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Stationery & Stamps $10.00
Bonds 37.00
Dues No.Ky.Utilities Dis. 50.00
Street Repairs 100.00
Incidentals 19.00

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character;
If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home;
If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation;
If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

LAFFS ? ? ?

An Indian guide in the Pacific Northwest was given a watch by an appreciative New York banker for favors received. One day the watch stopped ticking and the Indian took off the back to see if he could locate the trouble. He poked around in the works and finally found a dead bug. Hurling the watch away in disgust, he grunted: "No wonder him no work. Engineer dead."

When the Church caught on fire the Preacher cried "Holy smoke"

"Jim," said his mother. "I wish you would run across the street and see how old Mrs. Jones is."
"Yes'm," said Jim.
A few minutes later, he returned. "Mrs. Jones says it's none of your business how old she is."
V.F.D. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department was held at Woodlawn Inn, Monday evening, December 12th.

Final arrangements were made for assisting the women’s auxiliary with the Xmas party.

Purchase of fire hose was again discussed.

Fred Gullett, Lawrence (Speck) Wentworth and Dick Wentworth were welcomed into the organization as new members.

Election of officers was held. The new officers are:

Pres. Louis A. Bartlett
Vice Pres. Don Purcell
Secretary John Schiller
Treasurer Henry Roth
Trustee Lewis Williams
Fin, Secy. Jerome Kendall

Because of the holidays, the next meeting was postponed until Monday evening, January 9th, at Maple Grove Inn. At this meeting there will be installation of officers and a stag party.

CHILDMEN'S XMAS PARTY

The annual Xmas party for children was held at Becker's home, Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th. Santa Claus was there and gave a very good performance which delighted all the children. Carols were sung around the Xmas tree. The fire department and auxiliary will be glad to know that very many favorable comments were heard concerning their efforts for the pleasure of the children in the community. The lighted Xmas tree stood near Water Workd Rd., between East and West Crescent Aves, during the holidays.

WE'RE THANKFUL

According to the Ft. Thomas Men's Club which distributed baskets to needy families at Xmas, every community in Campbell County applied for some of these baskets except Wilders and Woodlawn. Apparently there are no indigent families in these two cities.

NEW ROAD

According to local newspapers, suits have been filed in Campbell County Court, to obtain rights of way from property owners along the old street car route. This indicates that the new road is sure to by-pass this community. A big step in the wrong direction for us.

A COMPARISON

Recently five men of the city made an honest effort to equalize the taxes of Woodlawn. These men worked hard and spent a great deal of their time on this job without pay of any kind. The result was as good a job as any one would have done. There were a few complaints from citizens, about as many as was expected. Someone remarked that our taxes were getting as high as other towns. In case you have been wondering about this, let me make this comparison.
Our home in Woodlawn was reappraised and the value set at $9400.00. On this property, we pay Woodlawn City taxes of $17.63 per year. Across the street from our home, we own an unimproved vacant lot, which is out of the city of Woodlawn. On this vacant lot we pay city taxes of $45.24. Almost three times as much taxes on a vacant lot in another town, as we pay on our home in the city of Woodlawn.

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BECKER & HUBER

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

E. CRESCENT AVE. Ph. Co. 7560

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CITY MEETING

The first meeting of the new year was held at Lou Bartlett's garage, Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd. This meeting was opened by the retiring Mayor Lou Bartlett.

Mr. Joe Strub purchased the city lot for $600.00. The city advertised for bids on this lot some weeks ago. There were no other bids received. All other outstanding old business was terminated by the retiring board of trustees before the new board members took over the meeting.

At the close of old business, Mr. Bartlett outlined a few of the major improvements accomplished during his long term as Mayor of Woodlawn, and offered his services, whenever necessary, to the new board. Mr. Bartlett thanked and commended all members of previous boards who had served with him. He then extended his best wishes to the new board who took over the meeting from that point.

The first business of the new board was to acknowledge the good work done by Mr. Bartlett and extended him a rising vote of thanks, Mr. Ralph Carr, retiring trustee who served with Mr. Bartlett for many years, was also given a rising vote of thanks.

The following were then appointed to office for the next two years:

Lewis Williams - Mayor, newly appointed
Ralph Gerdine - Vice Mayor, newly appointed
Henry Roth - Treasurer - reappointed
Morris Weintraub - City Attorney reappointed

John Schiller, City Clerk, was renominated but declined to serve. Mr. Schiller offered to serve until the board appoints a new Clerk.

The board will attempt to have the street and especially the sidewalk cleaned up at the corner of Baum Street and Water Works Rd., where the new houses are being built.

Two sewers on Water Works Rd., near Baum St., were reported clogged up. These will be taken care of.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Future meetings of the Woodlawn Board of Trustees will be held at Joe Hoffman's house, 1114 Water Works Rd. First Monday of each month. 7:30 P.M.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at Woodlawn Inn, Jan. 16th, at 8 P.M.

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WOODLAWN INN

Speck Wentworth - Manager
Wine-Beer-Liquor
French fried-Sandwiches
Open till 2 A.M.
Patronize your local merchant who helps pay your taxes

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Real Estate - Insurance
City and Farm Property
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109 E.8th St. Newport
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ANOTHER POKE AT THE EDITOR

A citizen complained bitterly to me about the condition of Baum St. The dirty condition of the St., the weeds and trash on the sidewalk stating that it was embarrassing even to have out-of-town visitors. She particularly denounced the laxity of the city in allowing the contractor who is building the new houses on the corner of Baum and Water Works Road to break our sidewalk and curb, to allow dirt to be spread all over the streets and sidewalk and in general, accused the builder of showing no regard for the neighborhood.

She further stated that she would be glad to pay more taxes if the city would occasionally clean up the streets and sidewalks and control new building, etc.

There is no denying that this citizen is one hundred per cent right and I stated that since there is a new board taking over after the first of the year, she should take her complaints before that board. I further stated that I thought she would get action from the new board.

This was a personal conversation between this citizen and myself, no one else took part in or heard this conversation. So, it must have been through this same citizen that Mayor Bartlett heard of this conversation. But, as is always the case, things got rather twisted in the retelling, and by the time Mayor Bartlett referred to it in his talk before the Board of Trustees, he made it sound like one man did the accusing and complaining.

The citizen who actually brought about this conversation was not even referred to as a complainant.

Mr. Bartlett mentioned no names, but it was clear that he referred to this conversation, and directly to me, since I was the man who took part in this conversation.

I don't deny my part of the conversation and I back up this citizen's complaints, but why make it appear that I was the only complainant? I mention this as an attempt to keep things straight.

Let's not put too much faith in rumors and second-hand information. Read both sides of these issues in the Siren.

While on the subject of Baum St., we might mention further, that there have been many complaints from citizens about the condition of this street, especially in the vicinity of the new houses. Some members of the board of trustees have themselves complained and have urged that something be done.

BACK HOME

Mrs. Helen Fuhs is back from the hospital and convalescing at her home on Burnet Ave.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Miss Lorraine Bruener to Mr. Thomas Velkely
Miss Florence Bruener to Mr. John Cole.
Both young ladies are daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Bruener, 28 West Crescent Ave.

THANKS

From Mrs. Susie Pross, comes a card of sincere thanks to the V.F.D. for the flower she received at Xmas time.

SOCIAL

Mr. & Mrs. Sam McFarland of W. Crescent Ave, spent Xmas with relatives in Bowling Green, Ky.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF 'THE SIREN'

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WHAT IS A BOY?
(copied with omissions from C.O.F)

Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood, we find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors, but all boys have the same creed: To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest with noise (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

Boys are found everywhere - on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face. Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

When you are busy, a boy is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding jangle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression he becomes a savage, sadistic, jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it. A boy is a composite digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-size atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a firecracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the little boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, trains and fire engines. He is not much for company, schools, books without pictures, music lessons, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults, or bedtime.

Nobody else is so early to rise, or so late to supper. Nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, dogs, and breezes. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half-eaten apple, 3 feet of string, an empty Bull Durham sack, 2 gum drops, 6 cents, a sling shot, a chunk of unknown substance, and a genuine super-sonic code ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature - you can lock him out of your work shop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up - he is your captor, your jailer, your boss, and your master - a freckle-face, pint-sized, cat-chasing, bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magic words - "Hi Dad"

FOR SALE

Beer pump & coil box - $15.00, 12 E. Crescent Ave.

Girl Scout Uniform - size 14. Call He. 2065

Household - Thor electric mangle. Good condition - Reasonable price.

Midwest Cabinet Radio, walnut, modern. Call. Co.4909

Two - 18 mos. size, blue wool snow suits. $5.00 for both. Call. Co.3674

Walnut, 7 tube push-button floor model, Zenith radio. Also electric record player attached. Both in good condition. Will sell both for $20.00 Ax.6098

Ladies Jr. size 9, all-wool gray winter coat with hood. Will sell for $5.00 Ax.6098