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A LETTER FROM MR. HAR- BAUGH REGARDING PER- SONAL PROPERTY AS- SESSMENTS

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

In connection with the present assessment for 1932 personal property schedules have been mailed to all persons in New Trier township who own personal property. The names of these persons were obtained from various sources and it is believed everyone is on the list. Returns have been coming in rather slowly and a deadline has been established, as announced elsewhere in this issue.

In all cases where no schedules have been returned, an estimate will be made and a penalty of 50 percent added. The county assessor has advised the local assessor that he did not think the estimates or values returned for 1931 were high enough; that New Trier township is a very wealthy township and should show very much higher valuations, and he proposed to have an assessment for New Trier township which would not be a joke.

A representative of the county assessor, Mr. Walther, told me that quite a number of people from New Trier township came into the county assessor's office and said that I had encouraged them not to file a schedule. I, on the contrary, have always advocated and advised that a schedule be filed, and would like to meet any one in the township who was ever advised or encouraged by me to refrain from filing a schedule.

When the 1931 personal property assessment was in contemplation, the township assessors were told they could either mail the schedules, or deliver same in person and at the same time make a field check, but that they would not be obliged to do both. Because of the meager appropriation for my office—\$2,400—I elected to mail the schedules. Our of this \$2,400 must come the expense of envelopes, postage, office rent, office equipment, office help, telephone, etc. It might be barely possible that the local assessor would have between \$800 and \$1,200 left to cover his time, which means not only the time spent at his office in Wilmette, but the time at home and at his office in Chicago, and the amount left is entirely inadequate to cover the time necessary to give to the office during the course of the year.

Mr. Jacobs now insists that out of the appropriation for New Trier township shall be deducted the cost of the men he proposes to send into New Trier township to make a field check and the estimates returned by these field men he will, undoubtedly, want the local assessor to adopt as his own figures, or he will use them in spite of the local assessor. In the 1931 re-assessment of personal property, itemized, signed and sworn schedules were arbitrarily raised by Mr. Jacobs and the resultant flood of objections filed in the board of appeals has swamped that office. Unquestionably the same results will follow such proposed arbitrary action this year.

The local Assessor desires to have a fair and equitable assessment in New Trier township. He is not infallible, but he believes his views and ideas of values are as good as those of most average men, and he has in mind that it takes time to get the public personal property tax conscious. He believes that an analysis of

the records will show that New Trier township has always paid a high percentage of personal property tax, both in amount and number of items, as compared with any other township in the county, and that its record for 1932 payments is the highest in the county.

This letter is written for the purpose of informing the taxpayers of New Trier township how they and their local assessors are regarded by the county assessor, and, in the event the local assessor is superseded in his functions as such assessor, the reasons underlying same. If not interfered with, your local assessor proposes to complete his assessment as rapidly as consistent with the work involved, to make as fair and equitable estimates as possible from available information, where no schedules are filed, and to induce everyone to file a fair schedule, and, in so doing, he does not propose to be a rubber stamp for the county assessor.

George R. Harbaugh,
New Trier Township Assessor.

HATS OFF TO COAST GUARD!

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

The people of Wilmette should be proud of the work that the U. S. Coast Guard is rendering to the citizens of the north shore.

In behalf of George Twitchell, Reginald Green and myself, I wish to express my thanks to the coast guardsmen and their fine captain who helped us when the boat in which we were sailing overturned in Lake Michigan on May 29. These men are more deserving of compliments than they get and I believe that the people of the north shore as a whole will agree with me.

They are headed by Captain Jacobson and are a fine group of men. Lake Michigan is treacherous and it takes men with courage to patrol it. So let's stick up for them, citizens, for they're a good factor in our civic life.

William Akely,
615 Lake avenue,
Wilmette.

June 6, 1933

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

It is with interest that I read in your June 1st edition the featured article on the subject of this so-called impure "dipped milk."

First of all, would it not be a splendid idea to have the health commissioner, Dr. Seifert, make an analysis of some of this "dipped milk" and also some of that which is purveyed by the "milk trust," who are undoubtedly the ones behind all of this propaganda, and then publish in the columns of your paper the exact findings of both?

As far as the milk becoming "re-contaminated" is concerned, I am willing to take my chances with the gallon glass jug which I use and which is sterilized every time we go back to get more.

The milk is by far richer and tastier than that which is bottled by the large pasteurization plants, and certainly does not leave any suspicion of having been mixed with water after standing for a length of time.

I am just wondering what the farmer does about pasteurizing all of his milk and cream which he uses on the farm for himself and his farm hands. Do they all have this so-called expensive "pasteurization equipment?" It might be well to

Miss Ruth Smith Bride of Frank Hruby June 10

The marriage of Miss Ruth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Smith of 1437 Wilmette avenue, and Frank Hruby, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hruby of Cicero, Ill., will take place this Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, in the rectory of St. Francis Xavier church. The Rev. James Shevlin will perform the ceremony. About sixty guests will attend the wedding and the reception and supper following at the Georgian hotel.

Miss Margaret Howell of Crystal Lake will be the bride's only attendant, and Joseph Wolf of Cicero will attend Mr. Hruby as best man. The bride and bridegroom are delaying their honeymoon until July when they will go on a motor trip through the east. They will be at home after Saturday at 1635 South Gunderson avenue, Berwyn.

During the latter part of May Miss Smith was given a linen shower by Miss Dorothy Braun and a personal shower by Miss Mona Walsh of Highwood.

WILL CHANGE RESIDENCE

The H. O. Crews family are moving from 1219 Ashland avenue to the Arthur B. Seibold home at 522 Forest avenue. The Seibolds have gone to their summer home in Michigan and in the late fall will go to Florida. Miss Margaret Patterson of St. Louis, Mrs. Crews' niece, will be a guest at the Crews home for several weeks. Halbert Crews, who is in his first year law studies at the University of Illinois, is returning home this week-end for a few days' rest before continuing his work at summer school.

publish statistics relative to the "communicable diseases" which originate on farms where there is no sanitary pasteurizing equipment.

I am glad that we have a small strip of land near Wilmette where we can buy some things without the interference of dictatorship sponsored by a group whose business is being threatened by widespread, keen and legitimate competition.

Fifteen cents on a gallon is a lot of money, even in these days of "inflation," and especially so when one is not regularly employed, as is the case with me. This saving means that during the course of a month we can have four and one-half gallons more of good rich milk.

I trust that these few remarks of mine will evoke further comment on the subject and, if possible, bring to light the true facts concerning these so-called contaminated products which are being dispensed by these new competitors of the larger milk companies.

A. E. Bredemeier,
220—18th street.

Kenilworth, Illinois
May 31, 1933

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

For the past several months time cards have been removed from various letter boxes at street intersections in Kenilworth, and have caused great inconvenience to patrons and to this office. These cards show the time of day the carrier will call for mail from each box and it is important that they remain in the space provided for on each letter box. Certain persons have been removing these cards almost as fast as they are replaced and I request that your paper discourage this through some announcement.

There is a fine of \$1,000 or three years' imprisonment for tampering with a letter box, contents or lock.

Respectfully,
Douglas S. Crooks, postmaster.