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THAT TAX TANGLE

If conditions regarding the lack of equalization of taxes between property owners in shore cities of Lake county and of real estate in the hinterland are as described it is time the injustice complained of by three hundred or more objectors from these cities, in their petition to the board of supervisors, be remedied. Their appeal points out that in several instances the courts have held that the disproportionate taxes on city property as compared with the assessments on rural lands is unfair and illegal, and when the property owners ask relief, they are asking no more than their rights under the law, they declare.

Property in the shore cities is taxed more heavily in proportion to its value than is country property back from the lake, and the funds thus raised, largely by taxation of the improved city property, are to a great extent expended in public work of one kind and another where it will do the country population the most good, because their representatives on the board of supervisors outnumber the supervisors from the shore towns and maintain control of the board and its finances, the petition alleges.

Notwithstanding decisions of the courts holding that this system of taxation is unfair and unjust, it has been continued in spite of all objections and court rulings, the petitioners claim. If these are the facts, then it is time that something were done to equalize taxes and get a fair deal from the county officials for the taxpayers who pay the largest taxes and get the least in return.

Action of the county board on this petition will be awaited with interest by the shore cities. If no action is taken, there are other legal means to secure justice, and it may be necessary to resort to such measures. It would not be impossible, with the large population in the shore cities, to get the majority of the voters in the county to favor establishment of a commission form of government in Lake county. Then, in all probability, the majority of the people would rule, rather than a majority of the townships. And there are other means. It is only a question as to which method might be adopted. The condition is serious and needs a severe remedy.

THE EQUINOX IS HERE

This is the season of gloomy skies and thoughts of winter and a possible coal famine narrowly escaped, the season when the householder takes inventory of his summer wages and wonders why summer cannot last all the year round. It isn't a happy season, these few days when the sun is hovering about the equator, undecided whether to start for one cold pole or the other, but inclined to take a chance on the south because he was north last summer and needs a change. The skies weep and the wind wails for the joys that are gone with the summer flowers and song birds, and impressionable man gets the blues and has another spell of grumbling about the weather and anything else that happens to arouse his ire.

But no equinox ever could hold its grip on the climate for long, and there is a silver lining to these September clouds, for just ahead is "October's bright blue weather" to exchange for that dark blue grouch, and away ahead the long vista of brilliant days that always marks these splendid north shore autumns.

Weather is like life. It has its ups and downs; its bad days are sure to come, but the good ones so far outnumber the bad that always there is cause for thankfulness that the law of compensation is unerring in its distribution of joys and sorrows. There's something in that term "equinox," equal day and night. And those who have traveled far through life's changing seasons know that the nights of trial and trouble and suffering and grief are more than equalled by the bright days of success and health and happiness. The night may be long, but "joy cometh in the morning." The wheel turns and things even up somewhere.

VETERAN R. R. MAN DIES HERE SUNDAY

John Evans, Retired Conductor, Reaches End of Life's Line at Home

John Evans, retired railroad conductor, died at 8:30 Sunday morning at the Railroad Men's home in this city, aged 67 years. He was born March 8, 1855, in

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. Harriett S. Gray and daughter Miss Helen returned last Monday from an extended motor trip through the east. They were gone eleven weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Loring of Rushville, Ill., motored here last week and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Babcock.

Mr. Jesse Johnson of the Highland Park State Bank is enjoying a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duncomb will leave Saturday for White Sulphur Springs, where they will spend a week. They will go from there to New York for a week.

Mrs. A. H. Stuppel and daughter, Alice, returned Saturday from England where they spent the summer.

Mrs. R. F. Payton of Chicago, formerly of this city is spending ten days visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Winter had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kleiner of Chicago.

Miss Caroline Howard is spending two weeks in Princeton, Ill., with friends and relatives before entering the University of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mead and daughter Iva, are leaving today for a month's trip in the west.

Mrs. Leo White has returned from motor trip to Fon du Lac, Wis.

Several Highland Park women will attend the Woman's Golf Tournament at White Sulphur Springs. Among those who will leave tomorrow are, Mrs. C. G. Alexander, Mrs. W. A. Alexander, Mrs. Martin Insull and daughter Miss Virginia, and Mrs. C. P. Mertens.

Miss Carol Fisher will attend Mt. Holyoke College this year and Miss Olive Fisher will be a student at Northwestern University.

Marriage licenses were issued Friday at Waukegan to Clifford Bullock, and Maud McCarthy, both of Highland Park and to Hamilton B. Page, and Helen C. Warner also of Highland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Jarvis are expected home from the east about November 15.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Merryweather and son, John, have motored east where John will attend Williams college. Mr. Withrow of Cincinnati will accompany them to Williams college, where he also will be a student.

Mrs. Theodore G. Erringer and three daughters of Minneapolis will arrive here Sunday and spend several weeks at the home of Mrs. H. J. Thayer.

Mrs. Richard Carqueville left last Friday for the west. She is visiting relatives in San Francisco and from there will go to Jerome, Idaho, where she will visit with her daughter Mrs. Joseph L. Fearing for two months. Mrs. Carqueville will visit relatives in Missouri on her return home.

Miss Louise Neff of Chicago is making a visit at the George Merryweather home on Park Lane.

Mrs. T. C. Williams has returned from a summer's stay with her son in Chester, N. H.

Mrs. C. M. Robertson has as her guests her sister, Mrs. Martha Marvin and daughter, Miss Gladys, of El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Marvin will be here until the first of the year, while Miss Gladys will spend a year here studying voice with Mrs. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crum of Newark, Ill., motored here Monday and are spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCaffrey.

There are some very good bill collectors in Highland Park, but we'll have to take our hats off to Mrs. W. E. Becker who drove to Fond du Lac, Wis., to collect a little bill. Her trip wasn't in vain either for she "brought home the bacon." "Some collector," we'll say.

Mrs. John Church and three children of Kamsach, Sask., Canada, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Free.

Mrs. J. S. Glidden returned to her home today from the Highland Park hospital where she has been for the past few days undergoing examination.

Mr. J. B. Morgan, father of Mrs. Merton Church, passed away at Enid, Oklahoma, Tuesday, Sept. 15. Mrs. Church was at his bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund H. Eitel and children returned Wednesday from Forrester Park, Michigan, where they have been enjoying the past five weeks.

Mrs. J. C. Morrison and daughter, Elizabeth, are leaving Sunday morning for Baltimore, where Miss Elizabeth will be a student at Goucher. Mrs. Morrison will visit in Washington and Virginia before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pierson have returned from a river trip to St. Louis. Miss Mildred Nafe left this morning for a visit with friends in Viola, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Winner and son Merrill and Miss Campbell of Williamsport, Pa., spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Gordon, 323 N. Green Bay rd.

Miss Norma McKenzie daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McKenzie is returning to Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. this week.

Several members of the Highland Park Woman's club will give a card party this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John L. Udell on Vine Ave., for the benefit of the Building fund of the Highland Park Woman's club.

Miss Alice Shreve and her sister, Mrs. J. Rubens and little daughter, have returned home after a year's stay in California.

Mr. H. Friebele will leave for Decatur, Ill., as a representative for the Knights of Pythias at their convention.

William Forrest and Tom Wyles are leaving this week for Dartmouth college.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moran of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of this city are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Ann, Elizabeth, born September eighth.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bartholomay and family are returning this week from a motor trip in the east.

Mr. A. K. Gore of Alamogordo, N. Mex., is visiting his son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Decker for several weeks.

Miss Frances Page who has been seriously ill for the past eighteen weeks is convalescing, and will soon be able to be around again.

Wallace McIlwain left last week to continue his work at the University of Illinois.

Rev. H. D. Dick and two daughters of Crystal Lake, Ill., spent last week visiting friends in Highland Park. Rev. Dick was formerly pastor of the Grace M. E. Church.

John Winters is leaving this week for Brown's University where he will continue his work.

Miss Helen Johnson of Richmond, Ind., is the guest of Mrs. William R. Ruffner and Miss Frances Holbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain returned last Thursday from a motor trip thru Minnesota.

Mrs. Samuel Holmes and children returned Friday from California where they visited Mrs. Holmes' parents.

Mrs. R. J. Martin and son, Richard, are spending a fortnight in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Butz and Mr. and Mrs. George Moore are sailing for Europe Saturday on the Olympic.

Mrs. F. A. Preston returned last Friday from Estes Park, Colorado, where she spent the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Dean are enjoying three weeks at Fort Mayer, Florida.

Mrs. A. A. Putnam is expected home Saturday from New York, where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. John Schopp and daughter, Florence, of Milwaukee, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. C. Conrad.

Mrs. Sangston Hettler is remaining at her home on Michigan Avenue until winter, when the town apartment at 411 Briar Place will be open.

Mrs. B. McTamaney has returned from St. Louis and Decatur, where she has been visiting for the past month.

Miss Francis Church will return this week to Oberlin, Ohio, where she will attend school.

Mrs. Mary Searcy has returned from a two month's trip to Colorado and Yellowstone Park.

Mrs. P. W. Chapman is on a ten day trip to the east.

The F. G. Gardners returned to their home at 319 E. Central Ave. last Friday after spending the summer at Pentwater, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Grove of New York City are visiting Mrs. Rix Jones. Mrs. Jones is Mrs. Jones' sister.

Miss Elizabeth Englund returned the latter part of last week from Deerfield, where she had been attending Mr. John Carolan.

The Misses Shields and their aunt, Mrs. H. C. Tillman, will live at the Moraine Hotel after October 1.

Paul Chapman is entering Hill's school at Pottstown, Pennsylvania; and Howard Chapman is entering Taft's school at Watertown, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Markell, Jr., of Chicago announce the birth of a baby boy born Friday, September 15, Mrs. Markell was formerly Miss Gladys Tucker of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Southerland accompanied by Mrs. William Strahan of Cincinnati recently returned from a motor trip to Detroit, where they visited friends and relatives.

Mr. W. B. Wrenn is on a business trip to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones have sold their home on Linden Park Place to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Randall of Moraine Road. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will live at the Moraine Hotel after October 10.

Mr. Darraugh Louderback left Wednesday for New York, where he will spend a few days. From there he will go to Harvard, where he will resume his studies.

Mrs. W. B. Wrenn and little daughter, Barbara, are spending several days visiting friends in Madison.

Miss Dorothy Gardner is attending Tyler Art School of Chicago.

Mrs. William R. Tapper and daughters, Jane, Mary, and Barbara, are leaving next Wednesday for Europe, where they will spend the next year.

Dr. E. P. Norcross and family recently returned from the summer's stay at Pentwater, Michigan.

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