

ASSESSOR EXPLAINS THE TAX SITUATION

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he held in his hand. The questions were as follows:

Questions Answered

How is the assessor chosen? Answer: he is elected.

What is his salary? \$1,000.00.

Who pays it? Township board.

What assistance does he have? Chooses his own assistants.

How are the assistants qualified? How many descriptions does his office make? 8,027 for 1931.

What did it cost to spread the last quadrennial assessment? \$3-, 697.51.

Does his office maintain suitable card records? Are there unit foot values recorded on land maps?

Does he have uniform business, riparian, and other property valuation?

Does he have a uniform improvement valuation? Answer to the last four questions: the assessor's books are open for public inspection.

What percent of total valuation is taken for assessed valuation? 25 per cent for 1931.

What percent for 1927? 16% per cent.

How is the percent established? The assessors in the county meet and agree on the percentage.

How many protests did he have when the lists were published? Very few.

How many appeals were made? Only three at the proper time.

Who constitutes the Board of Review? How chosen? One is chosen by the County board and two by the County Judge.

What are the penalties for non-payment of taxes if an appeal is made and the case lost? 1 percent a month.

Assessed valuation in 1930, \$17-, 078,506.

Assessed valuation in 1931? \$18-, 454,915.

District 107—\$7,480,959. District 108—\$9,390,972.

While answering these questions Mr. Ringdahl was interrupted many times by members of the audience who presented their own case for explanation, on taxpayer claiming that the inside of her house had never been finished, although she and her family had occupied it for three years. She asked why the assessor had not entered the house, investigated the unfinished condition of the interior, and taken the matter into account in making the assessment. To which Mr. Ringdahl replied that people did not receive the assessor gladly into their homes for such investigations, and that he had learned from experience (not always pleasant) to remain outside. From this, individual complaints multiplied very fast, until a member of the League arose and addressed the chair, asking to be informed if the meeting would profit by such procedure and if it had been convened for the purpose of "airing personal grievances." The president responded that such was not the intention of the meeting, and Mr. Ringdahl was allowed to continue with answers to the questions, which, for better understanding,

were then put to him by the president.

Property Under-Valuated

Mr. Ringdahl stated that much of the property in Highland Park has for years been under-vaulated, and that it was necessary to make these valuations more even and just. And if such re-valuations come at a very bad time for most people, it is precisely because of the pressing times that they are found necessary.

He said that the 25 per cent on real estate which the taxpayers find so difficult in these times, is due largely to the very small personal property schedules filed in Highland Park, the highest being \$8,000.00, while Lake Forest schedules run as high as \$100,000.00.

Gives Good Account

On the whole, Mr. Ringdahl gave a just and reasonable account of the operations of his office and of tax operations in general. Each year the various taxing bodies hand in their tax levy ordinance to the county clerk. This is generally compiled in the spring, but it must be in by September 5 each year. Previous to this the township assessor hands over his tax books containing descriptions of every parcel of real estate to the county clerk. The assessment roll is then handed to the Board of Review. And this is the time when complaints can be made in regard to taxes. In fact, this is the time when they must be made, while the Board of Review holds the records for a period of several months. When these records are approved by the Board of Review, they are then handed over to the county clerk, and the clerical work of making out the tax statements follows.

For complaints, said Mr. Ringdahl, in conclusion:

1. Meet the assessor face to face.

2. Look at the published list.

3. See the Board of Review at the proper time.

Attend Meeting of W.O.N.P.R. Held in Libertyville Tues.

Mrs. Hoyne Anderson and Mrs. Robert McKnight attended a meeting in Libertyville on Tuesday of the Lake county chairmen of the Women's Organization of Prohibition Reform. Mrs. Stanley Field of Lake Forest presided. "We want every woman who is in favor of a change in the prohibition laws to sign a membership card during national repeal week, May 16 to May 23," said Mrs. Field.

Miss Edith Fyffe has secured a store on the north side of Central avenue, opposite the A. & P. store, through the courtesy of Mr. Goldberg, and Mrs. McKnight and her committee have a store on Roger Williams avenue. There will be a member of the committee in charge every day. Every woman in favor of repeal of the eighteenth amendment should sign a membership card. It doesn't cost a cent.

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Very Finest Beef Pot Roast, lb.	20c	Fresh or Pickled Beef Tongues, lb.	25c
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Specials for

Friday and Saturday

Fresh Dressed Long Island Spring Ducks, lb.	25c
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Fresh Dressed Frying Chickens, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 lbs., lb.	35c
Fresh Dressed Roasting Chickens, lb.	32c

Best Quality Rib Roast Beef, best cuts, lb.	32c	Extra Fancy Soft Shell Crabs, doz.	\$1.49
Best Quality Rib Roast Beef, 6th, 7th rib, lb.	25c	Jones Sausage Link or Meat, pkg.	24c
1932 Leg Spring Lamb, lb.	35c	Very Finest Creamery Butter, lb.	22c
Young Pig Pork	12 1/2c	Strictly Fresh All White Eggs, doz.	19c
Loins, whole or half, lb.	12 1/2c	Extra Large Fresh Shad Roe, pair	69c
Live Baby Lobsters, lb.	35c		

For Friday—Strictly Fresh Fish

PERCH, lb.	17c
TROUT, lb.	25c
PIKE, lb.	25c
HALIBUT, lb.	27c
LAKE SUPERIOR WHITE FISH, lb.	29c