

STATE AND COUNTY TAXATION BOOSTS RATES IN NEW TRIER

County Clerk's Figures Show But Slight Variation of Taxes for Corporate Purposes; Schools Get 55 Percent of Total Taxation

New Trier township will dig down and pay a tax bill of \$2,071,341.11 for the year 1925, county clerk's figures made public this week indicate. This is an increase of \$179,693.38 over the total tax for 1924. It is significant, in a survey of the figures in the accompanying tabulations, that the increase in taxes all along the line, are mostly in the instance of state and county, rates in which have increased materially, while rates for local taxing bodies, quite generally, have not been changed materially and in some instances have actually been lessened.

Wilmette, the figures show, has the largest increase in assessed valuation, the figure being \$320,073, with Glencoe second with an increase of \$251,283, and Winnetka, third with an increase of \$86,478. Kenilworth's assessed valuation was decreased by \$16,743. The large increase in assessed valuation for Wilmette is due in large measure to the annexation of the former Village of Gross Point, plus a natural, though rapid development in building activity. Glencoe's increase is also largely attributed to annexation of territory.

Kenilworth gets the largest percentage of increase in tax rate, or 8.73. Winnetka's rate of increase is the lowest for the four towns, with 3.87.

The totals of taxes for 1925 as compared with 1924 are as follows:

	1925	1924	Increase
Wilmette	\$689,349.81	\$608,702.95	\$80,646.86
Kenilworth	168,891.26	157,163.48	11,727.78
Winnetka	770,193.01	731,444.65	38,748.36
Glencoe	442,907.03	394,336.65	48,570.38
Total	\$2,071,341.11	\$1,891,647.73	\$179,693.38

Totals of Assessed Valuation, and comparative Figures for 1924 follows:

	1925	1924	Increase
Wilmette	\$5,673,661	\$5,353,588	\$320,073
Kenilworth	1,413,316	1,430,059	*16,743
Winnetka	6,375,770	6,289,292	86,478
Glencoe	3,531,954	3,280,671	251,283
Total	\$16,994,701	\$16,353,610	\$641,091

*decrease

Comparative rates for the four villages, including the percentages of increase over 1924, are as follows:

	1925	1924	Increase
Wilmette	12.15	11.37	6.86
Kenilworth	11.95	10.99	8.73
Winnetka	12.08	11.63	3.87
Glencoe	12.54	12.02	4.32

The Assessed Valuation and Tax Rates with comparative rates for 1924 are given as follows:

Levy	Winnetka		Wilmette		Glencoe		Kenilworth	
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924
State	.85	.65	.85	.65	.85	.65	.85	.65
County	.80	.58	.80	.58	.80	.58	.80	.58
Road and Bridge	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
Township	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Forest Preserve	.14	.13	.14	.13	.14	.13	.14	.13
High School	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Sanitary District	.55	.46	.55	.46	.55	.46	.55	.46
Village	1.98	2.00	2.10	2.07	2.19	2.27	2.00	1.57
Park District	.51	.56	.56	.58	.76	.68	.36	.35
Schools	4.00	4.00	3.90	3.65	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Total Rate	12.08	11.63	12.15	11.37	12.54	12.02	11.95	10.99

From the above tabulation it will be noted that rates for state and county are materially increased while those for corporate purposes show very slight variation, while those for schools are constant. It is significant, also that the schools receive 55 percent of total taxation.

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On Voters' Program



Francis Boutell, Republican candidate for President of the Board of Cook County Commissioners, has been invited to speak before the Citizenship School to be conducted by the Winnetka League of Women Voters Monday, March 8.

ASSESSMENT UNFAIR?

Victor Elting Protests Against Overburdening Southwest Section With Cost of New Road

Victor Elting, representing residents in the southwest portion of the village, addressed the Village council at its meeting Tuesday evening concerning the assessment for the proposed new through highway. Mr. Elting asserted that the cost of the new road, \$300,000, falls mostly on the residents of the southwest portion of the village, as the assessment is now spread, and urged that the village assume part of the cost of this highway as a public benefit.

He also suggested that some of the assessment be spread east of the railroad, as property all over the village will benefit when it is completed. He further stated that it had been laid out as a local improvement so that the costs are assessed to a limited area, whereas in reality it is a part of a chain which extends through several communities and constitutes a public benefit.

Calls Assessment Unfair

The case is now pending in court and Mr. Elting warned the council that, in his opinion, there is an excellent chance of defeating the case in court and delaying or preventing the completion of the highway. He referred to the spreading of the assessment on the southwest portion of the village, exclusively as unfair, and asked that the council voluntarily assume a portion of the cost of the improvement as a public benefit, and endeavor to have the assessment spread over more territory.

It was explained by members of the Village council that that body had nothing to do with spreading the assessment and could not even offer a suggestion in that regard, under the law. It was admitted that the Village could voluntarily assume a portion of the cost of the improvement, and the matter was referred to the committee on streets and alleys for further consideration.

BACK FROM WASHINGTON

Carleton W. Washburne, superintendent of Winnetka public schools and Willard W. Beatty, principal of Skokie school have returned from Washington, D. C., where they attended a meeting of the National Educational association. Mr. Beatty returning Saturday morning and Mr. Washburne, the following day, the latter returning by the way of Richmond, Va., where he had a speaking engagement.

EDWARD JOHNSON NEXT WINNETKA CLUB ARTIST

Celebrated Tenor to be Heard Before Music Club at New Trier March 18

On Thursday evening, March 18, will occur the next concert in the Artists' Recitals series, conducted under the auspices of the Winnetka Music club. Edward Johnson, the celebrated tenor, will be the recitalist. Mr. Johnson, it will be remembered, was to have opened the 1925-26 series on October 12, but he being unable to appear, his place was taken by Mme. Margaret Matzenauer.

Edward Johnson was born in Guelph, Canada, but began his musical career in this country. He was engaged for the principal tenor role of Oscar Strauss' "The Waltz Dream" by a group of American theatrical managers in 1907. He was thought to be the only singer on the stage at that time capable of mastering the technical difficulties of this part.

His success in this field turned his ambitions toward opera, so he went to Italy and studied under the famous Lombardi of Florence. He attained great popularity in that country, becoming the principal tenor-robusto of the opera houses of Rome, Florence, Genoa, Milan and other cities. Never before had a male singer of foreign birth won such popularity with the Italian music lovers.

Johnson's voice possesses the true Italian timbre in both its ardor and sonorous qualities. He sings with power, but is capable of reserves and is subject always to the discipline of musical understanding. His performance will be a delight to those who love a song and the artistry behind it.

"Gospel of Fair Chance"—Topic Sunday Evening

In the announcements of the many interesting features of the various Sunday services at Winnetka Congregational church, March 7, is the outline of the sermon in the evening at 8 o'clock, by the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin, who will speak from the text, Luke, 4:18-19, the sermon subject being, "The Gospel of a Fair Chance."

Among some of the most important points to be considered in this sermon and which promises much of interest, are these:

Are poverty, oppression, physical handicaps and other inequalities among men in accordance with the will of God? How much of human misery is to be endured and how much attacked? What should the Church do about it? Is it the Church's place to engage as an organization in the work of remedying social ills? Or should it leave that to individuals and social welfare organizations? Has the church a message for today regarding the social, economic, industrial and political maladjustments which we all recognize exist? In short, what are the social ideals of Christianity, and what are we going to do about their achievement?

Winnetkan to Broadcast Organ Program March 10

Mrs. Harper E. Osborn of 715 Linden avenue, Winnetka, will broadcast Wednesday evening, March 10, at 7 o'clock, the following organ recital from WPCC, the North Shore Congregational church:

- I Military Polonaise Chopin
- II Kamennoi-Ostrow Rubenstein
- III Air from Louis XIII Ghys
- IV A Southern Rhapsody Hawke
- V Faith Batiste
- VI Toccata in F. major Crawford