

PAY TAXES AT HOME PLEA OF COLLECTOR

Township Collector Hale Cites Advantages of Paying Taxes in the Township

By E. T. SELBY

Sanborn Hale, tax collector for New Trier township, last year turned over to the supervisor of the township, \$19,235.83, a very handsome sum of money indeed, which accrues to the township due to solely the fact that the taxpayers of New Trier paid their taxes to the township collector instead of to the county collector, thereby avoiding the necessity of a tax levy to conduct the township affairs.

Last year, approximately one-half the total general and personal taxes due from New Trier township residents were paid to the township collector, thereby enabling the township to benefit to the extent of more than \$19,000. By this token, it is very evident, that those who did not pay their taxes to the township collector, but who paid them to the county collector, could have materially added to the financial gain of their township by having made their payment to Collector Hale. Mr. Hale is entering upon his third year as township tax collector. The first year he collected something like \$920,000. Last year, he collected a little more than \$1,050,000, and this, in the face of the fact that he did not receive his books until about five days later than he did the year before.

Learn to "Pay at Home"

The splendid increase is indicative that the taxpayers are more and more appreciating the importance of paying their taxes to the township collector, and Mr. Hale is very hopeful, and will leave no effort on his part undone to bring it about, that this year will witness a corresponding increase in the number who pay their taxes locally, instead of paying them to the county collector, and thereby giving the township just that much more available cash.

The tax laws provide that the township collectors shall have their books, on which to begin the work of making collections, after the first of January, and March 10 is normally the date on which the collector is required to return his books to the county collector. There is always delay, however, in getting the tax books made up and into the hands of the collector, and Collector Hale says that it now appears he will get the books this year, in February, perhaps not until the latter part of the month. Therefore little time will be available for his getting out the bills and for the taxpayers to get in their returns. This announcement is made at this time that all taxpayers of the township may understand any unseemly delay in getting their tax bills, and also that they may again be reminded of the importance of making their payments, when they do re-

ceive the bills, to the township tax collector.

Employs 17 Workers

Mr. Hale last year had seventeen people employed in the collection of the taxes, and he himself worked an average of fifteen hours a day. It's a strenuous task, especially in the short time allotted the collector, but Mr. Hale is again making all arrangements to handle this great volume of business in the same expeditious manner which has characterized his official work in this department the past two years.

Taxpayers may greatly facilitate this work, Collector Hale points out, at the same time greatly facilitating the return of tax receipts to themselves, if they will enclose with the remittance a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They are also requested to note any change of address, or correction in the spelling of names on either the original or duplicate portion of the tax bill, but under no condition must the original and duplicate bills be separated, until returned by the collector, Mr. Hale advises.

Should there be any taxpayer, whose transaction with Collector Hale during the rush of tax collections last year, he feels, was in any way unsatisfactory in the matter of receiving usual prompt replies to queries, Mr. Hale asks that they kindly overlook any apparent short-coming on his part in that direction, and attribute it to the one and only cause, that of being rushed beyond the possibility of attending to every detail with utmost promptness. It will be recalled that last spring he did not receive three of the tax books until March 10, the very date on which he is required by law to make his returns to the county collector, but in which he was able to obtain a short extension of time. And that meant fast and furious work.

Large Sums to County

The record which Collector Hale made last year and which he will be enabled to exceed this year to the financial gain of the township, if the taxpayers will only pay their taxes to the township collector, show that Mr. Hale last spring paid over to the county collector, in state and county taxes, \$143,694.11, as well as the following items:

- To the treasurer of the sanitary district, \$47,818.43.
- To the treasurer of the forest preserve, \$12,022.98.
- To the township supervisor for road and bridge taxes, \$23,377.97.
- To the treasurer of the Village of

Wilmette, \$54,591.63.

To the treasurer of the Village of Kenilworth, \$16,583.28.

To the treasurer of the Village of Winnetka, \$77,725.92.

To the treasurer of the Village of Glencoe, \$37,283.73.

To the treasurer of the Wilmette Park district, \$12,534.35.

To the treasurer of the Kenilworth Park district, \$2,762.94.

To the treasurer of the Winnetka Park district, \$17,852.20.

To the treasurer of the Glencoe Park district, \$11,617.62.

To the treasurer of Township 42, Range 13, \$572,503.97.

To the treasurer of Township 41, Range 14, \$1,018.25.

And to the supervisor of New Trier township, \$19,235.83.

With all this volume of business, handled in the record time, each book in the township collector's hands, was accurately balanced to the penny, as the amount shown collected by the county auditors, another record of which Mr. Hale is justly proud.

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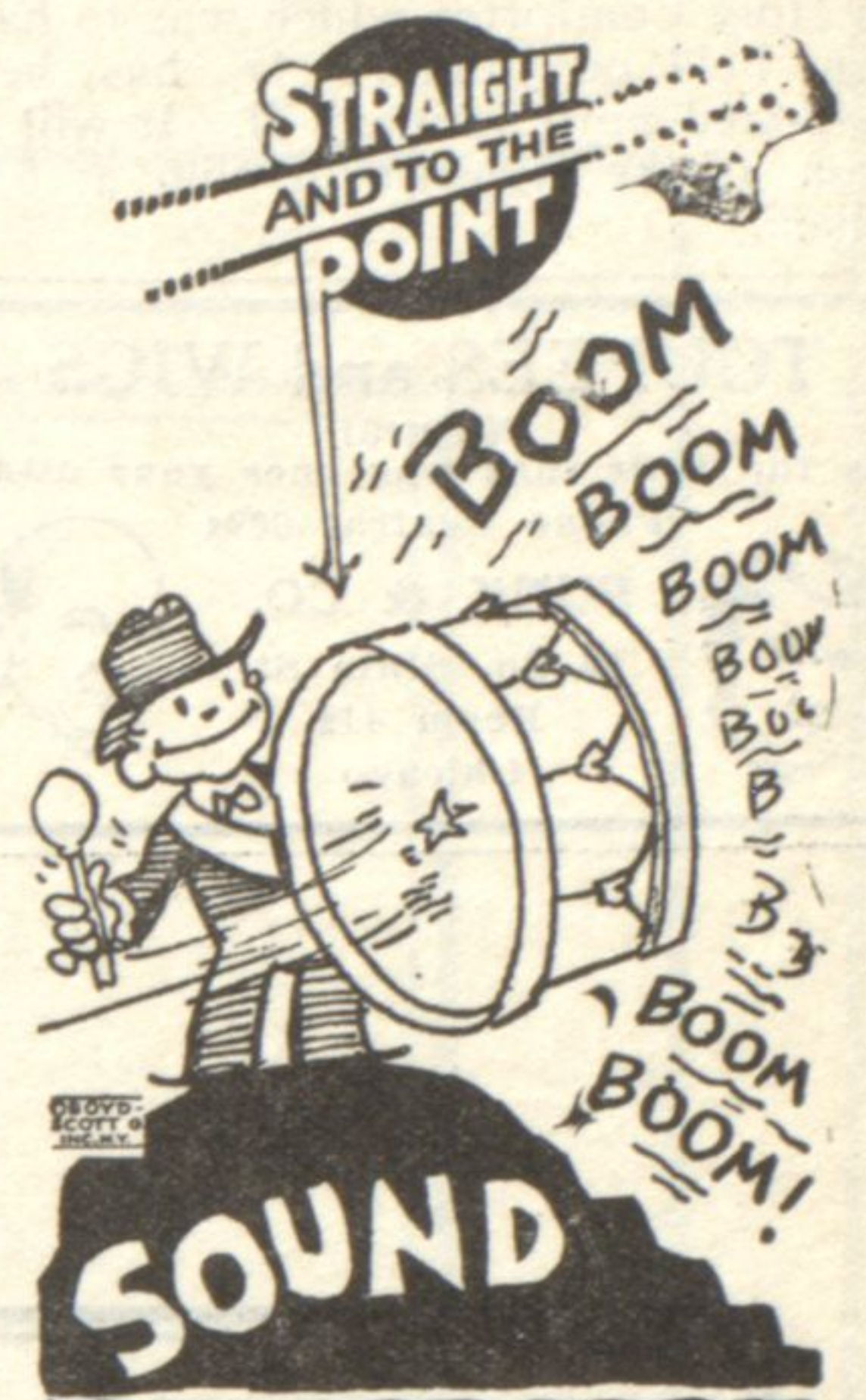
The house at 611 Rosewood avenue, Winnetka, belonging to Richard Matthiessen has been sold to Mrs. R. R. Schwall of Evanston. This is a seven room stucco Dutch colonial home. Mr. and Mrs. Matthiessen have already moved into their new residence on Rosewood north of Pine which has just been completed. Miss M. DeGolyer of Hokanson & Jenks, Inc., represented both the buyer and seller.

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