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TAXES:—

Local taxing units including the county, city, school and library board and the townships have adopted budgets and fixed the tax levies and rates for 1923. In a few cases the tax rate per hundred dollars is higher, but this does not mean that local taxes will be increased for the taxpayer, as in many instances the lower valuations mean lower taxes, even in view of the slightly increased rates. The net valuation of taxable property last year was fifty-one million dollars as compared to forty-two million dollars, the valuation upon which next year's rates are based. Several of the townships were forced to increase the rate on account of the decreased values, but not many of these taxing divisions will raise more money in 1923.

In the city of Decatur the rate will be the same as this year, which means a considerable saving to the taxpayers, figuring on the lower valuation. In the county the road repack rate will yield only \$105,000.00 in 1923 as compared to \$117,000.00 this year and although the county general fund, including bridge improvements and repairs, bonds and interest payment and regular county expenses will yield more money next year, the increase will more than be spent for the building of new bridges. The budget of the general expenses for 1923 is several thousand dollars lower but the increase in the bridge fund boosts the rate over the 1922 figure. Bridges must be built and next year at least fifty thousand dollars will be paid out for new bridges, the Lewton bridge north of Decatur being the largest project and the estimated expenditure for this structure is thirty thousand dollars.

Although the rate of the Decatur school board will be four cents higher, less money will be expended in 1923, which outlays includes the paying of teacher's salaries and the paying of the bonds and interest for the new high school, and the building of the new gymnasium and auditorium. A community must have good schools and the only way to get them and then maintain them is to pay for them.

Summed up the different taxing units of the county are being about as economically administered as is possible and at the same time progress and maintain those improvements including schools, public institutions, county hospital and the highways we already have.

The Decatur Casting Company, one of our most flourishing manufacturing concerns, employing one hundred

people, has been notified by the Indiana Inspection Bureau that the four inch water mains which the city contemplated laying to the foundry will not suffice and that six inch mains will be required in order to provide ample fire protection and give the Casting Company an insurance rate in keeping with those within the city fire limits. At present the water mains running to the Casting plant are considered "dead ends" of the line, but the council some time ago agreed to extend the lines and lay a four inch circuit main around the building, but since this will not meet the requirements of the fire inspection bureau and insurance companies we are confident that the city council will acquiesce with the request and demands of the inspection bureau and give the Decatur Casting company the fire protection it is entitled to.

Then if "Yeomanland," the City of Childhood, is established in Decatur we certainly ought to have the new federal building and postoffice if there is any way to get it. Press reports state that congress is figuring on passing the omnibus building bill through which the funds would be provided for the building of new postoffice buildings. The federal government before the war purchased the Niblick lot in this city on Liberty Way, opposite the court house as a site for a postoffice building and other towns are going to get federal plums we believe Decatur should be given a little consideration. Let's have our congressman see what can be done.

Our commerce department says this country sent about four hundred thousand tons of coal to Europe in July, while the strike was staring the country in the face. A little later Americans were paying big prices to bring coal from Europe.

Ask why the government can't regulate that kind of waste and nonsense, and you will be told, "It is wrong to interfere with business and natural competition."

Saturday is registration day. Qualify on that day to ballot at the November election. This is a permanent registration and you will not be required to do this again unless you move into another precinct.

Read the article on registration in today's paper. It should be of interest to every one who wishes to take part in the conduct of affairs which interest you. Greater interest in elections is always of benefit to a community or a state or country.

Every good citizen who has the right to vote should take enough interest in public affairs to qualify. Register next Saturday.

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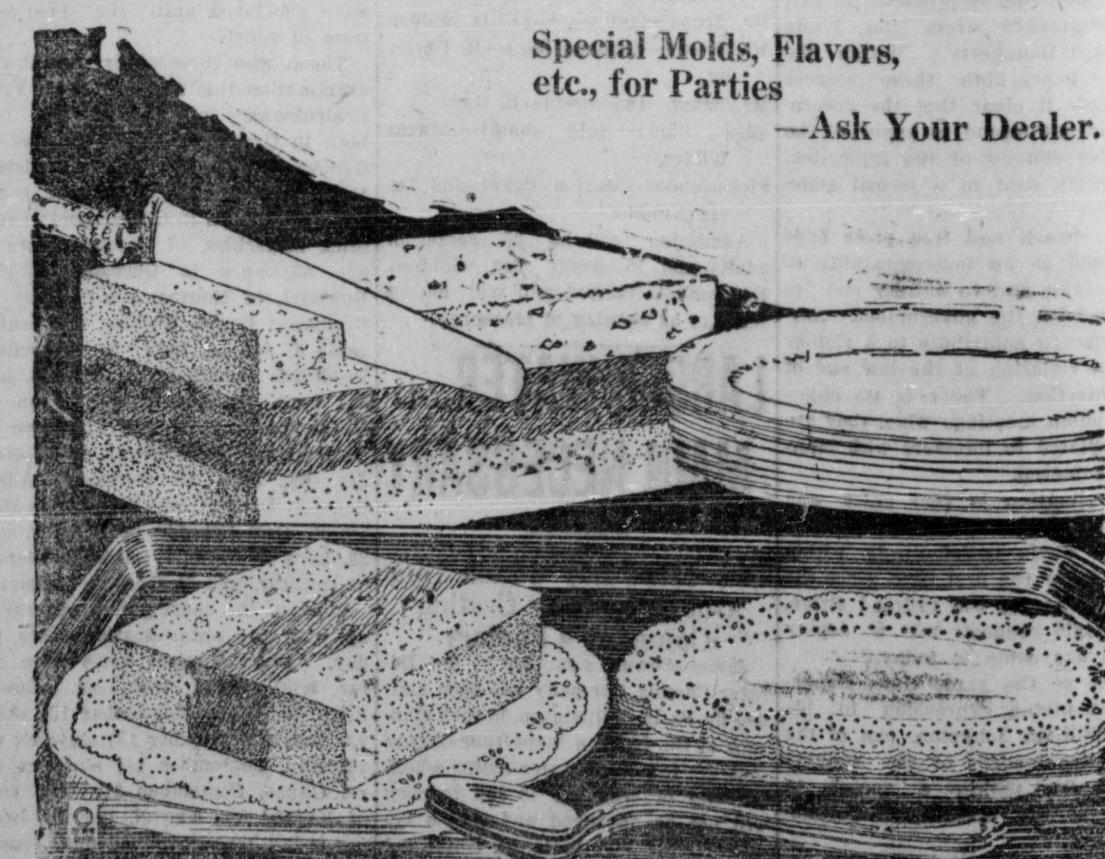
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