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## REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL:-

Assuming that the state tax board's order for the reassessment of real estate in Indiana is legal and will withstand any attack that may be made upon it, the result of the board's action will be far reaching. Under the law real property is appraised for taxation every four years. New property, that has not been appraised, may be added to the records and improvements may be listed during the taxing periods. But a sweeping order to revalue all of the real estate in Indiana is out of the ordinary.

Real estate was assessed in 1922, and had the order not been issued there would have been no reassessment until next year. All budgets, whether made by township, county or state officials, were figured on a basis of present valuations. The officials estimated the amount of taxes that would be collected and this also was true in connection with fixing tax rates for another year.

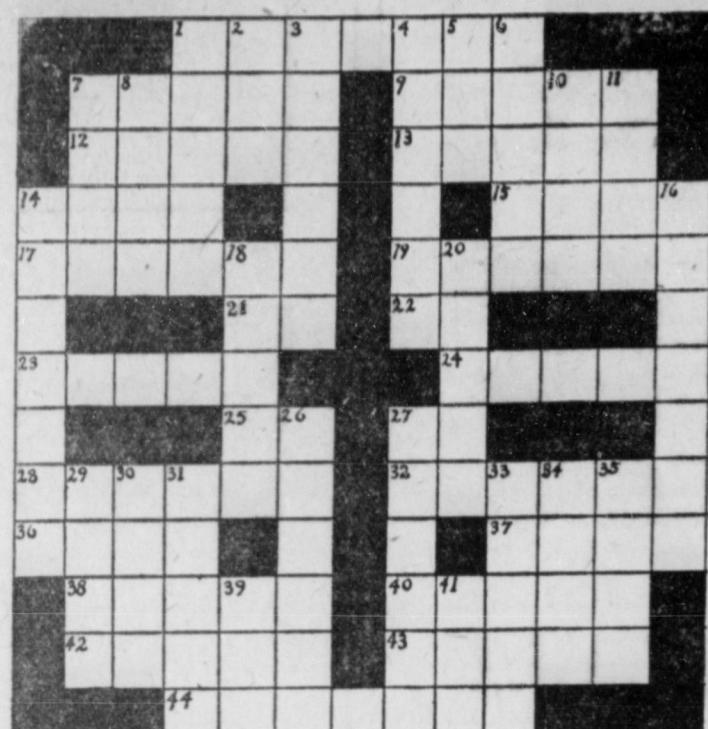
The reassessment will be made with a strong presumption in favor of lowering valuations. It is for that purpose that the order is made a year before the law contemplated such action. This may mean a shrinkage of millions in values. Either there will be less revenue or a material increase in tax rates. Some property, notably agricultural, is worth less than it was in 1922. Other properties are worth as much as they were when the assessment was made. Some classes of real estate property have even increased in value. It would be wrong in principle to begin cutting valuations everywhere because a new assessment has been ordered. Property rarely is, but under the law always should be assessed for what it is worth but getting that value this year, with so many clamoring for decreases, may be difficult. Indianapolis News.

There is a movement on now to do away with county infirmaries and establish one or two more state infirmaries, the argument being that this can be done at a maintenance cost of about one-half what it now costs per person to take care of the unfortunate. It is perhaps true that this could be done if we don't figure on the cost of construction, but if we build two homes in the state now we will invest millions of dollars and each county will sacrifice on the properties held by them. It may be worth thinking about but we certainly ought to have more definite knowledge than we had on the state reformatory which cost three or four million and is not near finished.

Tomorrow is the day fixed by law for the opening of the session of the legislature and for sixty days the people of Indiana will be uneasy. Here's hoping they do a better job of it than they did two years ago, but since that record was approved by the recent election, the law makers and those boasting for big appropriations, feel they have the license to go ahead. It is probable they will talk a lot about economy and then about the last week appropriate enough money to make us all groan for a couple of years.

Every property owner between Decatur and the Allen county line has

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 32



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**Horizontal.**

1—Bellitter  
7—Beast of burden  
9—Aquatic mammals  
12—A kind of window  
13—A Jewish month  
14—A broad smile  
15—A name  
17—To move back  
18—Whirl  
21—Along  
22—Negative  
23—To move to and fro  
24—Mandate  
25—Mountains (abbr.)  
27—Close to  
28—Two-seated carriage with double top  
29—Piano  
30—Master  
32—A sensualist  
35—African antelope  
40—Mohammedan sacred writings  
42—More recent  
43—Fee  
44—Discolored

**Vertical.**

1—Commonly used solution for preserving  
2—Before  
3—Fluid state  
4—Concubine  
5—Horn  
6—Cavalry sword  
7—Threesome person  
8—Acid compound  
10—Melted rock  
11—Direction used in proofreading  
14—Cartilage  
16—To invert  
18—A dictum  
20—Adolescence  
20—Treacherous plain of arctic North America  
27—To arouse  
29—Expression of hearty ascent  
30—River in Africa  
31—Attracts  
33—Made a mistake  
34—Rich soil  
35—Sticky  
39—Not subject to discount  
41—Single in kind

**Solution will appear in next issue.**

promised to attend the meeting Friday evening when the proposed road improvement will be discussed and plans made for securing the right-of-ways, provided the proposals are satisfactory to all concerned as it is believed they will be. Thats real cooperation.

The banquet, annual election and general meeting Monday night is an important meeting and should be a very delightful affair. A hundred business men will gather to discuss plans for the coming year. Its a splendid thing for the community, everybody in it and all who take part in the efforts to step ahead.

An eastern college man figures it out that high prices will continue ten years and then start to descend. If we have to stand it ten years we ought to be so used to it that any change even for the better will be a worry.

The Red-Headed Woodpecker's Dress  
In a forest a selfish old woman once lived  
Too selfish to see what was right; Her bonnet was red and she wore a black dress  
But her apron always was white. One day an old gentleman stopped at her door  
When she was baking, some bread He looked very weary and asked, could he rest,  
And if he might, kindly be fed.

The woman broke off a small piece of dough  
Auk baked it but when it was done  
Twas so lovely and large she laid it away  
And took a much smaller one.

But this second piece grew large as the first  
So she hid it also, away.

And took the tiniest, tiniest bit,  
Just what on a pinhead would lay.

But when it was baked it too was as large

As each of the others had been;

Yet so selfish was she that she could not see

This was one of the wonderful men.

So she gave him a piece of a dried up crust.

The size of a small carpet tack.

Then, selfishly, after the stranger was gone.

She wished or even that back.

"If I were a bird," she said to her

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TO GET POST

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legislature opening.

The session will develop into a matter of blocs, hold-outs and compromises among various factions in the eighty-four republican representatives was freely predicted.

The republicans have eighty-four members and the democrats sixteen in the house. The republican majority admitted to be "a little unwillingly" is split into a klan and non-klan group.

Family Night At First  
M.E. Church This Evening

Tonight will be family night at the mid-week prayer service at the First Methodist church. The program is especially interesting and all families of the church and all members of those families are requested to at-

tend. Friends of the church are invited to be present, also.

Taxi. Murray Hotel. 57. 308112x

NOTICE OF TIME TO PAY DRAIN-  
AGE ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the assessment sheet containing the several assessments against the lands in Adams county, Indiana, on account of the construction of the Henry E. Drift, a drain has been placed in the hands of the county treasurer of the said county for collection. The board of county commissioners of Adams county, Indiana, made and entered into an order that said assessments shall be paid in ten annual installments, with interest at six percent per annum, the first of which shall be due and payable on the first Monday in May, 1925, and one installment on the first Monday in May each year thereafter until all are due; and said board has further fixed the 5th day of May, 1925, as the day before which the owner or owners of any tract or parcel of land, desiring to pay in full the assessment and discharge said tract or parcel of land from the liability of such assessment, shall have the right to do so. All persons affected by said assessments, desiring to pay such assessments in order to discharge their lands from liability to such assessments, may do so by paying the amount of said assessment to said county treasurer on or before said 5th day of May, 1925.

MARTIN JABERG,  
Auditor Adams County, Ind.

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Removal Sale starts Saturday, Jan. 10th. See Thursdays paper for ad. Morris 5c &amp; 10c store.

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## Resolution No. 1

Be it resolved, That I will put aside all extravagant habits and expensive follies, and shall, hereafter, place all of my earnings excepting my necessary expenses and a nominal amount for recreation and advancement in a savings account drawing compound interest.

Be It Further Resolved, That I shall at once start a savings account by making a deposit with the

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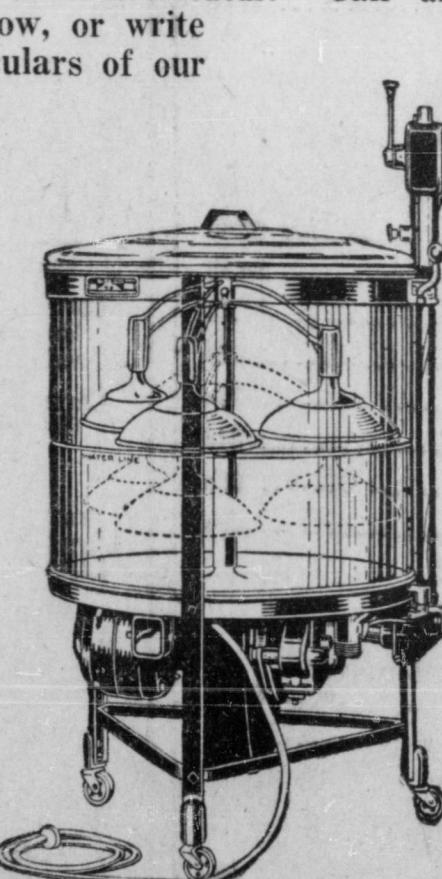
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