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Final Tax Rate

The tax adjustment board, last local authority to exercise its influence on the local tax rate, met Monday, and approved the following rates, which are still subject to action by the state tax adjustment board:

Berne	\$6.07	Jefferson	\$3.71
Decatur-Root	6.24	Kirkland	4.04
Decatur-Washington	6.25	Monroe	4.19
Geneva	5.73	Preble	2.96
Monroe-Monroe	5.09	Root	3.39
Monroe-Washington	5.05	St. Marys	3.60
Blue Creek	2.68	Union	2.98
French	4.59	Wabash	4.59
Hartford	3.35	Washington	4.22

These rates will be advertised in the Decatur Daily Democrat one time, with a breakdown so that everyone may see just how the complete tax rate for any unit is composed. We suggest that you clip these out, and save them; compare the rates this year with those proposed next year; study the proposed budgets next year. Perhaps you can find where some should be trimmed.

At Columbia City the tax adjustment board likewise left the budget untouched—Columbia City's rate will be \$7.22 next year. Churubusco will have a rate of \$8.05. The Blackford county council cut the budget over there slightly, as did most of the county councils. The Fort Wayne rate is \$6.526 per \$100 valuation, nearly 28 cents per \$100 valuation higher than Decatur's; and of course Fort Wayne property is valued more highly, too.

It is interesting to note that the only rates lower in Fort Wayne than their comparative rates in Decatur are the school rates and the library rates. This means that a larger unit for each than Decatur is possible with a gain in efficiency. In other words, a larger school district here would probably mean less expensive school costs and more efficient annual operation with resulting savings.

Numerous rumblings have been heard concerning certain budgets; perhaps it would be well to consider some of these budgets before next summer. It could be that a considerable amount of money can be saved. Next year is an election year. No doubt county budgets, especially in offices where officials will be up for election, will be carefully pruned.

If any ten taxpayers affected by the tax levy object within ten days after publication of the county rates, the state tax board will hear their complaints.

PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WEDNESDAY

Evening
6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Calenbergs News
6:45—Doris Edwards News
7:00—Theater Performance
7:00—Eye Witness to History
7:00—Science Fiction Theatre
8:30—To Tell The Truth
9:30—High Jinks
10:00—Wednesday Playhouse
10:30—Andy Williams
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—Good Luck, Mr. Yates
WEDNESDAY

Morning
7:30—Peppermint Theatre
7:45—The Wonderful
8:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:00—Peppermint Theater
9:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:30—Theater
10:00—Breakfast in Ft. Wayne
10:30—Sam Levenson
11:00—I Love Lucy
11:30—Top Dollar
Afternoon
12:00—Love Of Life
12:30—Search For Tomorrow
12:45—Guiding Light
1:00—Ann Colone
1:15—The Big Sweepstakes
1:30—As The World Turns
2:00—For Better or For Worse
2:30—Houseparty
2:45—The Big Sweepstakes
2:50—Verdict Is Yours
1:00—Brighter Day
1:15—Secret Storm
1:30—Edge Of Night
1:45—Dance Date
Evening
6:00—Gateway To Sports
6:15—Tom Calenbergs News
6:30—Doris Edwards News
7:00—Theater Performance
7:00—Eye Witness to History
7:00—Trackdown
7:30—Theater
8:30—Promenade
10:30—Mr. D. A. Foy
WEDNESDAY

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Evening
6:00—Fun 'N Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—State Trooper
8:00—Theater Performance
10:30—Promenade
11:00—Mr. D. A. Foy
WEDNESDAY

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Morning
10:00—Mom's Morning Movie
11:30—Susie
Afternoon
12:00—Across The Board
1:00—Quiz
1:30—Music Bingo
1:30—Get Happy
2:00—Day In Court
2:30—Theater
3:00—Best of the Clock
3:30—Who Do You Trust
4:00—American Bandstand
6:30—Mickey Mouse Club
Evening
6:00—Fun 'N Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Big Picture
8:00—Eye Witness to Last Resort
8:30—Oscar and Harriet
9:00—Fights
9:45—Sports Desk
10:30—Donna Reed
11:30—The Coast Guard
12:00—I Spy

WKJG-TV

Channel 33

TUESDAY

Evening
6:30—Gateway to Sports
6:45—News, Jack Gray
6:45—Larson Weatherman
7:30—Fibber McGee & Molly
6:00—VIP Report
7:30—Bob Cummings
8:00—Lucky Niles
9:30—Rescue 8
10:00—Whirlybirds
10:30—News and Weather
11:00—The Weatherman
11:30—The Jack Paar Show

20 Years Ago
Today

Sept. 15, 1939—Decatur public schools closed again today at 10:30 o'clock because of the extreme heat, and no classes were held this afternoon.

Dale D. Moses was elected president of the Adams county dairy herd improvement association. Other officers are: Homer Arnold, vice president; Peter B. Lehman, secretary-treasurer; Henry Aschleman and George Fosbaugh, directors.

The Historical club will open its 52nd year with a luncheon Wednesday noon at the home of Mrs. John Schug.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shroyer are planning a fishing trip of several weeks at Munuscong, Mich.

COURT NEWS

Divorce Cases

In the Anna M. Richards vs Kenneth E. Richards case, an affidavit of inability to pay costs was sustained for the plaintiff. She was granted the right by the court to apply for temporary support. A notice was ordered issued, returnable Sept. 18 at 2:30 p. m.

On a plea from the plaintiff, the trial date for the action of Jean Anderson vs Clifton Wayne Anderson was set for Oct. 2 at 1:30 p. m.

Venued From Allen County
The plaintiff filed a motion to dismiss with prejudice in the Harry Hartman, by Gerald Hartman and Lillian H. Hartman vs Larry N. Parker, Neil A. Parker, and Homer Parker case.

Complaint For Wrongful Death
A demurrer by the board of county commissioners, and also by the defendants, Mabel and Gerald Vizard, along with a motion to strike part of the plaintiff's complaint was taken under advisement by the judge in the Alice Mae Beitler, administratrix of the Howard Beitler estate, vs the board of county commissioners, Wendell Abbott, Gerald W. Vizard and

In the Rose Ann Smitley vs Joyce V. Smitley case, a summons was ordered issued returnable Sept. 25. A temporary allowance and restraining order hearing will be Sept. 19 at 9 a. m.

Estates Cases

In the Reuben J. Ringger estate, a petition for issuance of letters of administration was filed. A bond of \$7,000 was filed. Order requesting private sale of livestock at market price was approved.

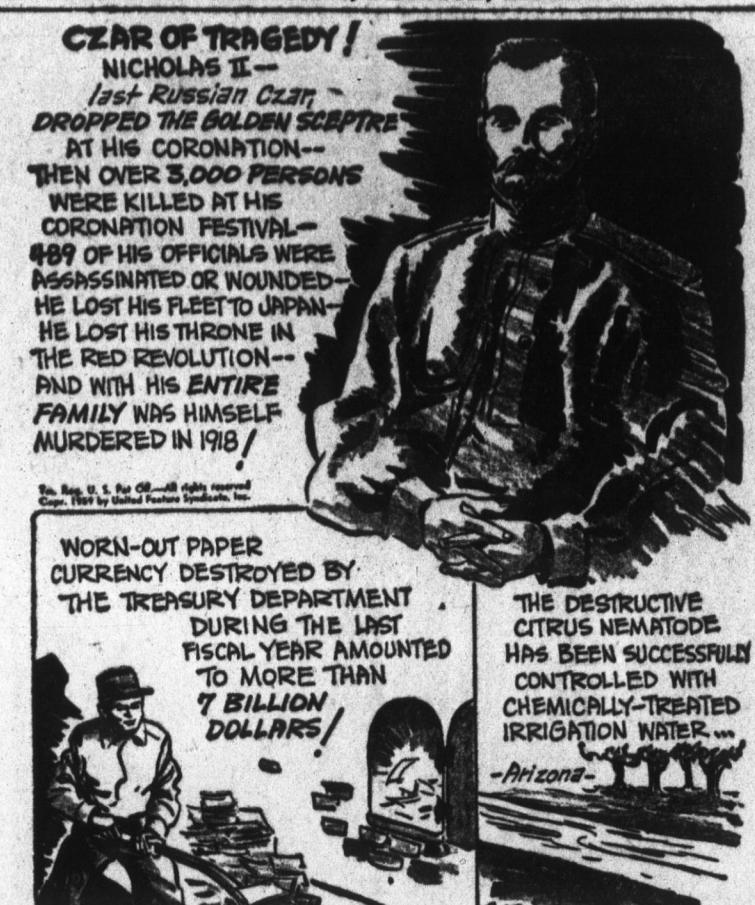
The proof of mailing and the notice of publication were filed in the Amos A. Leichty estate.

The final report was submitted, with the executor ordered to make payment in compliance with terms of the final report.

In the Joe Sapp estate, an order approving the report of the real estate sale was filed. The deed was ordered delivered upon payment of full purchase price.

In the Roy McDaniel estate, the executor's final account was filed. A notice was ordered issued, returnable on Oct. 2.

A petition to sell personal pro-



Mabel I. Vizard. The attorneys have two weeks to file briefs for final determination.

Petition

The petition by the city of Decatur requesting the appointment of appraisers was filed.

Estates Cases

In the Noah W. Frye estate, the report of sale of the real estate was filed. The deed was ordered delivered upon full payment.

The estate of Anna Winans Kennedy was opened. The bond was waived as the last will and testament was offered for probate.

In the Stewart W. McMillen estate, an amended order determining the value of the tax due was filed. The sum of \$42.56 was additional taxes paid, making the total of \$20,070.71 in taxes.

The James F. Parrish estate was closed.

The estate of Oscar Steiner was valued at \$44,779.32 with \$287 due in taxes, and \$23.92 for the county in services and fees.

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A NEW MYSTERY COUNT of 9 by A. A. FAIR [Erle Stanley Gardner]

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CHAPTER 31
YOU JUST gave Sylvia Hadley the thousand bucks on the strength of her say-so?" Sergeant Frank Sellers asked Mortimer Jasper.

"That's right. I relied on her honesty," Jasper replied.

"How long had you known her before you gave her this thousand and bucks?"

"Not very long. I tell you I really know very little about her."

"How did she happen to come to you with this story?"

"I met her."

"Where did you meet her?" Jasper tried to look at Sylvia for a signal. Sellers grabbed him by the shoulders and spun him around.

"She came to me," Jasper said. "She had heard I was interested in certain objects of art. She wanted to know if it would be worth a thousand dollars to me to get a very old, very beautiful piece of jade."

"You lying dog!" Sylvia screamed at him. "You commissioned me to get those jade idols from the Crockett collection and promised me a thousand bucks apiece! You didn't give me the thousand dollars until I gave you the first idol. I've got both of them at the one time, but Dean Crockett had one of them locked up when I grabbed the horse. He had the cart before the horse. He thought Sylvia was the—Now, wait a minute. Did he? He's not that dumb. He's been bird dogging something."

"And he got beaten up," Giddings said.

"No doubt about that," Sellers said. "He got beaten up."

"I know nothing about it. I had nothing to do with it. I have never seen this man before," Jasper said.

"But the officers came here with Lam?" Sellers asked.

"That's right."

"And you told them you'd never seen him before?"

"Right."

"So," Sellers said to Giddings. "he knew that he was getting involved in things. He's had an hour or two to clean things up. We probably aren't going to find anything incriminating in the first place."

"I can assure you, you won't," Jasper said. "But not because I have cleaned things up, as you know."

Sellers walked over the office looking around.

Jasper, now sure of his ground, said, "Not without a search warrant, Officer."

"I can phone up and get a search warrant and we can wait right here and see you don't touch anything," Sellers said.

Jasper grinned. "Do that. On the information that you have so far, try getting a search warrant."

Sellers kicked the wastebasket out into the open.

"Looks as though you'd been cleaning out a lot of files after you knew that you were in trouble," he said.

He looked down at the torn envelopes, the crumpled letters, and then suddenly something caught his eye. He shot his hand down into the wastebasket, felt around for a minute, then came

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