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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.

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 Fosnaugh, 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 submitted 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 11:30 a. m.

In the Rose Ann Smitley vs. Joyce V. Smitley case, a summons was issued issued returnable Sept. 25. A temporary allowance and restraining order hearing will be Sept. 19 at 9 a. 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 Beiler, administratrix of the Howard Beiler estate, vs. the board of county commissioners, Wendell Abbott, Gerald W. Vizard and a d

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NICHOLAS II—
Last Russian Czar
DROPPED THE GOLDEN SCEPTRE
AT HIS CORONATION—
THEN OVER 3,000 PERSONS
WERE KILLED AT HIS
CORONATION FESTIVAL—
489 OF HIS OFFICIALS WERE
ASSASSINATED OR WOUNDED—
HE LOST HIS FLEET TO JAPAN—
HE LOST HIS THRONE IN
THE RED REVOLUTION—
AND WITH HIS ENTIRE
FAMILY WAS HIMSELF
MURDERED IN 1918!

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HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY
CONTROLLED WITH
CHEMICALLY-TREATED
IRRIGATION WATER—
—Arizona—

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.

Estate 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 the notice of publication were filed in the Amos A. Liechty 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 property was filed in the Alverta May McCullom estate.

In the Ottilia Yoder estate, the estate was opened with a bond of \$5,000 filed. The last will and testament is now offered for probate.

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 Kenney 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 The COUNT by A. A. FAIR [Erle Stanley Gardner]

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CHAPTER 11

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 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 to 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'd have got both of them at the one time, but Dean Crockett had one of them locked up when I grabbed the first one."

"Now, that's better," Inspector Thad Giddings said, seating himself. "Sit down, folks, let's be comfortable."

"What do you know?" Sellers said, grinning.

"That is a complete fabrication," Jasper said with dignity. "In view of the accusation, I am going to insist that I be permitted to get in touch with my lawyer."

"Any objection to our looking around?" Sellers asked.

"For what?"

"To see if you've got a jade idol of that sort kicking around here."

"I can assure you I don't have anything of the sort."

"How about that safe?"

"There's a time lock on it. It can't be opened until nine o'clock tomorrow morning. That is for my protection in case of burglars. That is all."

"Any objection to our coming back in the morning to see what's inside?"

"I . . . I can assure you there is no such jade idol in there."

"How about the rest of the place?" Sellers asked.

"I have no objection to you looking around," Jasper said. "I can assure you, however, that this charge is entirely without foundation and any search would be completely fruitless."

Sellers moved over toward the desk.

"I have nothing to conceal,"

Jasper said, "but I feel that this is unwarranted—this entire procedure."

"We're getting somewhere," Sellers said to Giddings. "Open up the desk. Let's take a look."

"If that desk is opened, you're going to open it," Jasper said, "and I don't think you have a search warrant."

"I'll soon get one," Sellers told him. "On the strength of what you've said I can get it."

"No, you can't," Jasper said. Sellers looked at Giddings and frowned.

Giddings looked at Sylvia. Abruptly Sylvia caught some signal from Jasper and clamped her lips shut in a firm, determined line of silence.

"Now, wait a minute," Sellers said. "Let's do some thinking. Donald Lam was here earlier in the evening, and he got beaten up. . . . He was looking for something. . . . he was on the wrong track. 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 told him. "The evidence is there all right."

"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 whole joint."

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

Sellers walked over the office looking around.

Jasper, now sure of his ground, said, "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 envelope, 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

up with the jade idol. "Well, well, well," he said. "What do you know! What do you know!"

Jasper stared at the jade idol as though he had been seeing things.

"Framed!" he screamed. "Framed! You planted that. That's a plant! That's a frame! That—"

His voice trailed away into silence.

"What do you know," Sellers said. "So it's a plant, is it? You can tell it to the judge—I'll set you money this is the missing idol from the Crockett collection."

Sylvia was on her feet. "You double crosser!" she shrieked. "You told me you'd taken care of that. You told me over the phone that you had all the evidence removed and—"

"Shut up!" Jasper shouted, with such concentrated venom in his voice that Sylvia caught herself in mid-sentence.

"It's all right," Sellers said, beaming at the two of them. "We don't need your story any more. We've got all we need on both of you right now."

Sellers picked up the phone, dialed headquarters, said, "This is Frank Sellers. I'm out at the residence of Mortimer Jasper, 6288 Carrollton Drive. . . . I think the guy is a fence. . . . We've discovered a jade idol in his wastebasket. It's green jade with a big ruby set deep in the forehead. I think it's the missing Crockett idol."

"Giddings is here with me. I want a radio car sent out to sew the place up. I'm coming into headquarters with Sylvia Hadley and a private detective named Lam. I'm going to make an affidavit and get a search warrant as soon as we get that idol identified. I want Mrs. Crockett alerted so that we can have her identify the idol. . . . You got that? All right, have everything in readiness. I want this place sewed up tight until I get back with a search warrant. I think we're solving the Crockett murder along with the theft."

Sellers turned to Giddings and said, "You go call a prowl car. Tell them to keep an eye on this guy. Tell them to get here fast, to handcuff him and arrest him if they have to, for having stolen property in his possession, but I'd prefer to wait until we've had a positive identification. However, tell the radio officers to ride herd on him and not to let him out of their sight."

Jasper's face was a sickly green. "The Crockett murder," he said. "Oh, no!"

Donald is sticking out his neck again: "I hurried over to the sedan in the driveway. I put on gloves and tried the door. It was unlocked. . . ."

The story continues tomorrow.



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TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Caddenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Star Performance
7:30—Eye Witness to History
8:00—Science Fiction Theatre
8:30—To Tell the Truth
9:00—Lightning Playhouse
9:30—Andy Williams
10:00—Phil Wilson News
11:00—Good Luck Mr. Yates

WEDNESDAY

Morning
7:30—Peppermint Theatre
7:45—Willy Wonderful
8:00—CBS News
8:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:00—Peppermint Theatre
9:15—Captain Kangaroo
9:30—Our Miss Brooks
10:00—Breakfast in Ft. Wayne
10:30—Sam Levenson
11:00—I Love Lucy

Afternoon

12:00—Love Of Life
12:30—Search For Tomorrow
1:45—Guiding Light
2:00—Ann Colone
2:25—News
2:50—As The World Turns
3:00—For Better or for Worse
3:30—Houseparty
3:45—Big Pay-Off
4:00—Verdict Is Yours
4:30—Brighter Day
4:45—Secret Storm
5:30—Edge Of Night
6:00—Dance Date

Evening

6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Caddenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards-News
7:00—Sea Hunt
7:30—Wednesday Playhouse
8:00—Eye Witness to History
8:30—Trackdown
9:00—Millionaire
9:30—I've Got A Secret
10:00—Arthur Godfrey Special
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—Nancy Steele Is Missing

WKJG-TV
Channel 33

TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway to Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Laramie
6:45—Dorothy McGuire & Molly
7:00—VIP Report
7:30—Bob Cummings
7:45—David Miven
8:00—Rescue 8
8:30—Whirlbirds
9:00—News and Weather
9:30—Sports Today
10:00—The Jack Paar Show

WEDNESDAY

Morning

7:00—Today
7:30—Ding Dong School
8:00—Treasure Hunt
8:30—The Price Is Right
9:00—Concentration
9:30—Tic Tac Dough
10:00—It Could Be You
10:30—Afternoon

Evening

6:00—News and Weather
6:30—Farms and Farming
6:45—Yesterday's Newsweek
7:00—Editors Desk
7:15—Faith To Live By
7:30—Queen For A Day
7:45—Blondie
8:00—Young Dr. Malone
8:30—From These Roots
8:45—Truth or Consequences
9:00—County Fair
9:15—Burns and Allen
9:30—Boyz
9:45—NBC News

Evening

6:00—Gateway To Sports
6:15—News Jack Gray
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Wagon Train
6:45—The Price Is Right
7:00—Kraft Music Hall
7:15—Pat Hasteron
7:30—This Is Your Life
7:45—Jim Bowie
8:00—Border Patrol
8:30—News and Weather
9:00—Sports Today
9:15—The Jack Paar Show

WPTA-TV
Channel 21

TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Fun 'N Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Bronco
8:30—Wyatt Earp
9:00—Riflemen
9:30—State Trooper
10:00—Alcoa Presents
10:30—Troopmaster 21
11:00—Mr. D. A.

Morning

10:00—Mom's Morning Movie
11:30—Susie
12:00—Across The Board
12:30—Pantomime Quiz
1:00—Mus Bingo
1:30—Get Happy
2:00—Day In Court
2:30—Gale Storm
3:00—Beat the Clock
3:30—Who Do You Trust
4:00—American Bandstand
4:30—Mickey Mouse Club

Evening

6:00—Fun 'N Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Big Picture
8:00—Court of Last Resort
8:30—Ozzie and Harriet
9:00—Flights
9:45—Sports Desk
10:00—Donna Reed
10:30—SOS Coast Guard
12:00—I Spy