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County Tax Rates

The Indiana Taxpayers Association has released one of its regular stories on the property tax, and it contains a lot of very interesting information.

Unit tax rates on \$100 of assessed valuation range from \$1.68 in Lawrenceburg township, Dearborn county, to \$12.86 in New Chicago, Lake county. The rate for 1960 in Adams county units will range from \$2.68 in Blue Creek township to \$6.25 in Decatur-Washington. Increases in tax units in the county varied from a decrease of 12 cents in Blue Creek to an increase of 70 cents in Union township, as follows:

Blue Creek	\$.12	Union	\$.70
French	.47	Wabash	.17
Hartford	.23	Washington	.36
Jefferson	.33	Berne	.35
Kirkland	.32	Decatur-Root	.34
Monroe	.47	Decatur-Washington	.39
Preble	.54	Geneva	.33
Root	.23	Mohr-Monroe	.43
St. Mary's	.26	Monroe-Washington	.29

Blue Creek township was the only unit with a decrease in Adams county this past year. The county as a whole will increase \$203,100 in the amount collected. Only six counties in the state will decrease—Brown, Jay, Ohio, Tipton, Union, and Wayne. Neighboring Wells county will increase by \$55,713, while Jay will decrease \$12,513.

The property tax was established in Indiana more than 100 years ago, when all wealth in the state was in property, and only property owners had money.

At that time, farmers produced most of the wealth in the state on their farms, and therefore taxing the farm was the only sensible answer to raising taxes.

But in the past 100 years the economic picture in the country has changed completely. Wealth today is not expressed solely or even principally in individual real and personal property ownership. Most wealth today is controlled through corporate structures. The stocks themselves are not taxed by the property taxes.

Today, the retired widow who owns her own home pays taxes year after year. The farmer with eighty acres who must work on another job may well pay more taxes on his farm than his city boss, who owns stocks and bonds, pays.

People keep asking their government units, local and state, to provide more services. These services, in turn, must be paid for. A tax which is more equitable than a property tax to all of the people affected must be found.

TV Programs

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV
Channel 15
MONDAY

6:30—*Mos & Andy*
6:45—*Doug Edwards-News*
7:00—*Shotgun Slade*
7:15—*The Tex Willer Party*
8:30—*Father Knows Best*
9:00—*Danny Thomas Show*
10:30—*June Allyson*
11:00—*Phil Wilson News*
11:15—*Twenty-third Century*

TUESDAY

7:30—*Peppermint Theatre*8:00—*Home Sweet Home*8:15—*Captain Kangaroo*9:00—*Coffee Cup Theater*10:30—*On The Go*11:00—*I Love Lucy*11:30—*December Bride*12:00—*Love Of Life*12:30—*Search For Tomorrow*12:45—*Guiding Light*12:45—*Anna Colone's Woman's Page*1:30—*As The World Turns*2:00—*For Better or For Worse*2:30—*Houseparty*2:30—*Family Fare*2:30—*Verdict Is Yours*4:00—*Brighter Day*4:15—*Secret Storm*4:45—*Edge Of Night*5:00—*Crime Date*5:30—*Amos & Andy*6:00—*Tom Cullen News*6:15—*Doug Edwards-News*6:30—*Shotgun Slade*7:15—*The Tex Willer Party*8:30—*Father Knows Best*9:00—*Danny Thomas Show*10:30—*June Allyson*11:00—*Phil Wilson News*11:15—*Twenty-third Century*

MONDAY

6:00—*Gatesway To Sports*6:15—*News Jack Gray*6:25—*The Weatherman*6:30—*Yesterday's News*6:45—*Huntley-Brinkley Report*7:00—*All-Star Wrestling*7:30—*Weds & Marriage*8:00—*Wells Fargo*8:00—*Peter Gunn*8:30—*Shane*8:30—*News and Weather*10:30—*Sports Today*11:30—*Jack Parr Show*

TUESDAY

6:30—*Continental Classroom*7:00—*Today*7:30—*Drug School*7:30—*Cartoon Express*

MOVIES

WPTA-TV
Channel 21
MONDAY6:00—*Peppermint Theatre*8:00—*CBS News*8:15—*Captain Kangaroo*9:00—*Coffee Cup Theater*10:30—*On The Go*11:00—*I Love Lucy*11:30—*December Bride*12:00—*Love Of Life*12:30—*Search For Tomorrow*12:45—*Guiding Light*12:45—*Anna Colone's Woman's Page*1:30—*As The World Turns*2:00—*For Better or For Worse*2:30—*Houseparty*2:30—*Family Fare*2:30—*Verdict Is Yours*4:00—*Brighter Day*4:15—*Secret Storm*4:45—*Edge Of Night*5:00—*Crime Date*5:30—*Amos & Andy*6:00—*Tom Cullen News*6:15—*Doug Edwards-News*6:30—*Shotgun Slade*7:15—*The Tex Willer Party*8:30—*Father Knows Best*9:00—*Danny Thomas Show*10:30—*June Allyson*11:00—*Phil Wilson News*11:15—*Twenty-third Century*

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