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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	Monroe-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.

Leaders Tab Sen. Kennedy Top Contender

NEW YORK (UPI)—Democratic insiders rate Sen. John F. Kennedy the strongest contender for the Democratic presidential nomination but Sen. Stuart Symington commands surprising strength too, a survey indicated today.

A poll of state Democratic leaders across the nation placed the Missouri Democrat a close second behind Kennedy even though Symington's campaign plans are undisclosed. Kennedy announced his candidacy Saturday.

Much farther behind came Sen. Lyndon Johnson and Adlai Stevenson (I), and Sen. Hubert Humphrey—in that order.

Query Party Chairmen
United Press International queried party chairmen or national committeemen in 39 states on the status of the race after round one of the bidding.

Few of the party leaders were willing to name a single favorite this far in advance. But in 34 of the 50 states they specified the three men who in their opinion were top contenders as of now. The total of mentions for each candidate or expected candidate was revealing:

Kennedy was named 31 times. Symington got 25 mentions. Stevenson and Johnson, who deny their candidacy, tied with 16. Humphrey, the first Democrat to announce, got only seven.

Five Pick Kennedy
Of those willing to specify a single favorite, five picked Kennedy. Two each mentioned Symington, Johnson and Humphrey.

Others considered it too early to single out one front-runner. Thirty-four out of 37 believed that despite the upcoming preference primaries the turning point for the nomination would not come until the national convention itself.

On the other hand, 36 out of 37 believed Vice President Richard M. Nixon's choice as GOP nominee already was firmly decided.

Twenty-four out of 29 listed him as the GOP candidate whom they feel a Democrat could most easily defeat.

Ex-State Senator Dies At Jonesboro

JONESBORO, Ind. (UPI)—Palmer R. Edgerton, 75, former Indiana state senator from Grant County, died Saturday evening in his home here. Edgerton, a Republican, was senator from 1944 to 1950. He was a trustee of Purdue University for 17 years.

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Marriage Licenses
Frederick A. Longrich, 20, of route 1, Monroe, and Betty Jean Baker, 19, of route 1, Decatur.

William Jones Diefenbach, 45, of Bloomfield, Ia., and Frieda Liechty, 40, of Berne.

Roger Bryan Eley, 22, of Decatur, and Marilyn Jo Jefferies, 21, of Decatur.

Ronald S. Truex, 27, of Lima, O., and Rue Lois Truex, 26, of Lima, O.

Stanley Dwight Allison, 22, of route 2, Monroeville, and Mary Jane Smith, 21, of Decatur.

Estate Cases
The value of the estate of Lula Lawson was listed at \$13,920 by the inheritance tax appraiser's report filed with the county assessor.

In the Genevieve Berling estate, the inheritance tax schedule listed the heirs of the estate as: Diana Berling, \$100; Lena Ulman, \$50; Rev. Father Berling, \$100; Matilda Berling, \$1,000; Edward F. Berling, \$1,000; William H. Berling, \$1,000; Agnes Berling, \$1,000, and St. Mary's Catholic church, \$52,696.90.

Complaint Case
In the J. R. Watkins vs. Mrs. Theda L. Arnold and Russell Jauriqui case, a cost bond was filed by the plaintiff, because as a foreign corporation, they must do this to proceed with any legal action.

Divorce Cases
A complaint for divorce and affidavit of residence was filed by Christine Hofstetter against Robert Hofstetter, with the summons being returned Jan. 7.

In the Marjorie Hoffman vs. Norman Hoffman case, a motion by the plaintiff to continue the cause of action was granted with an exception filed by the defense.

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Terms Inflation A Rotting Of Dollar

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Howard Buffett has come up with a better phrase for the all-American grand, larceny commonly known as currency inflation. Buffett calls it the rotting of the dollar.

This maker of punchy phrases used to be a Republican member of the House of Representatives from Nebraska. Buffett is a conservative, a right winger.

Right winger Buffett is on fire right now because he believes the U. S. government is according shabby, shameful treatment to about 40 million good citizens. These 40 million good citizens are the owners of about 40 billion dollars worth of U. S. savings bonds.

These are the little bonds which the government began to put out in 1935 for purchase by the little people of the United States, the common man. Writing in the weekly "Human Events," Buffett estimates that the rotting of the dollar has cost these little investors about 21 billion dollars of their principal and interest. That is more than half, in terms of value, of their entire stake.

Inflation Does Plenty
Their bonds still are worth the same number of dollars, of course but the rotting dollar is worth something less than 50 cents. What government-sponsored currency inflation has done to the little investor, the common man, over the past 20 to 25 years is plenty.

Government, of course, controls the return the little investor may have on his savings bonds. The last Congress authorized the Treasury to hike the interest rate a bit and the treasury did so, a rise from 3.26 to 3.75 percent. That was a miserly rise and, unfortunately, Buffett contends to the little investor.

To demonstrate this unfairness, Buffett compared government's treatment of the little investor with its treatment of four other groups hard hit by the high cost of living whose income also depends directly upon Congress. Congress recognized the impact of inflationary costs on these other groups. Congress was relatively generous with them, for example:

Examples Listed
—U. S. Congress. Salary hikes and fringe benefits since 1940 have increased each congressman's income by 125 percent.

—Federal Civil Service employees. Their income (medium grade) has increased since 1944 by 149 percent.

—Social Security recipients. Since 1940 their take has gone up 111 percent.

—Aide to dependent children beneficiaries. Since 1942 these have been favored with a hike of approximately 196 percent.

—U. S. savings bond investors, the politician's beloved common man. Since 1942 he has had a approximately 196 percent.

These are Buffett's figures. They represent his calculations of the spread of discrimination by Congress between the citizen who saves his money and puts it in U. S. savings bonds and the citizens who draw their income directly from the treasury in the form of salary or benefits.

The great bond holders are in the low income group. They are not organized into a massive pressure group to put the whammy on Congress for a better deal.

Funeral Held Today For Mrs. Brouwer
Funeral services were held this morning at the First E.U.B. church in Fort Wayne for Mrs. Clarabelle Brouwer, 83, of that city, an aunt of Mrs. Max Knave, Jacob, Paul and Maxine Hodel, all of Decatur.

Mrs. Brouwer died at 4:05 a.m. Saturday at the St. Joseph hospital. The Rev. Erwin E. Priznik officiated at the funeral. Burial was at the L.O.O.F. cemetery at New Haven.

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Kenneth Lawson On Most Wanted List

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Kenneth Ray Lawson, a menacing psychopathic desperado, was placed on the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals today.

Lawson, who has been nicknamed "Kenno" and "Cigar Man" by the underworld, is described by police authorities as "a shrewd, daring and very dangerous criminal."

He has been the subject of a nationwide search since he and four companions escaped from Tennessee state prison at Nashville last April 22.

While Lawson is essentially a highly accomplished burglar, the FBI warned that he has threatened the lives of police, carries carefully concealed hand guns and has become desperately violent when cornered.

The 32-year-old fugitive who often sports a crew-cut has been diagnosed as "a psychopathic personality with a superior intelligence," the FBI said.

While in the service, Lawson served two years in a disciplinary barracks for desertion and escaped and was dishonorably discharged from the Air Force.

He had a police record in Mt. Clemens, Mich., before being arrested at Limestone, Tenn., in August, 1956, for the burglary of a hardware store. While his sentence was being appealed, Lawson and an accomplice were trapped inside a supermarket in the midst of a burglary.

Lawson's daring was exemplified by a previous break-out from Brushy Mountain Prison at Petros, Tenn. According to the FBI, he was halted from sealing a prison wall by a guard's gun fire, but broke across the yard through a hail of bullets to gain freedom over a second wall.

Recaptured, he made his subsequent escape from the Nashville penitentiary through cunning. He and his companions built a false wall in a railroad freight car in the prison grounds and were transported to freedom.

Lawson was last spotted in El Paso, Texas, on Aug. 24 when he successfully eluded a police pursuit.

The newcomer to the most wanted list is a native of Esser, Va. He stands between 5' 10" to 6' and weighs from 170 to 185 pounds. He has a medium build, light brown hair, ruddy complexion and blue-gray or hazel eyes.

Lumps Plaster
It isn't so much what you use as how you use it that sometimes makes the difference between success and failure. If you add your plaster to the water, instead of adding the water to the plaster, your mixture will be free of lumps.

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