

## WARN COUNTY TAX BOARDS ON RETURN CUSTOM

Walsman Urges Care in Approving Firms' Statements.

Warning to all county boards of review to use care in accepting tax returns prepared by agents for domestic corporations was issued today by Albert F. Walsman, State Tax Board member.

"It has been brought to the attention of the State Tax Board," Mr. Walsman said in a letter to all county auditors, "that the custom has grown of agents, accountants or others to whom has been delegated the task of making tax returns of domestic corporations, certifying returns that do not reflect the balance sheet as shown on the company books.

"This practice is contrary to law and a flagrant violation of the law when verified by the oath required on the form for statements of domestic corporations.

**Boards Are Warned**  
"The boards of review are hereby instructed not to accept such statements that are not fully subscribed and sworn to, and that do not appear to reflect the book accounts of the corporations, until the owners have approved and made an additional affidavit that the return reflects the true condition of the company as disclosed by the books, or have submitted the books to the board of review for comparison with the return."

Mr. Walsman said there frequently have been occasions in the past where accountants or financial

**ROSES TO BE SCARCE,  
STATE EXPERT SAYS**

Gardeners Advised to Clip Bushes at This Time of Year.

Among other things the severe cold of the winter did was to put a crimp in the rose production for this summer. It will be the lucky gardener who has the customary abundance of the flowers.

Frank Wallace, state entomologist, today advised growers of rose bushes to clip them all back to the live wood. That means there will be only isolated, if any, rose blooms this summer.

There will be some production on hybrid perpetuals and hybrid teas, but not nearly as many as usual, he says. It's time now to start trimming, he said.

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agents have reduced sharply such balance sheet items as machinery or equipment or inventories and have boosted depreciation charges.

"The practices at which this warning is directed are unfair to honest taxpayers and interfere seriously with the proper performance of the boards of review duties," Mr. Walsman said.

**OPTIMISTS TO ELECT  
HEADS, HEAR BANKER**

New Yorker to Speak at Weekly Luncheon.

An address by Case Edwards, New York banker, and election of directors for the coming year are to occupy members of the Optimist Club at the regular weekly luncheon tomorrow in the Columbia Club. The new board is to name officers for next year at its first meeting.

Mr. Edwards, who has made a close study of finance, monetary trends and inflation, is to be introduced by Clarence Robinson.

Nine directors, four for one-year and five for two-year terms, are to be elected. Candidates for one year are N. E. Boyer, Morton H. Deck, Henry Dithmer Jr., Roger N. Elmore, Leroy Hixon, Frank Mangold, W. M. Wright Jr. and Phil Zoercher.

Candidates for two-year terms are Joseph J. Argus, Ken R. Badger, Dr. Ralph Chappell, Robert E. Darney Jr., E. G. Delgado, Harry F. Flory, R. C. Miller, Thomas R. Kickley, Dr. G. W. Perlee and L. R. Zapf.

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