

JOURNALisms

Following editorial was lifted from the Douglas County Gazette, George Woodward, Jr., publisher, who is also a Douglas County Commissioner. We thought Editor Woodward's viewpoint would be of interest to many of our readers:

About These Taxes
Sitting every day on the Board of Equalization isn't much fun, but it's part of the job. People buy 6, 10, 20 or 40-thousand dollar homes, get their tax bill and wonder where the next payment is coming from.

Frankly, so do we. If you paid, for example, 10 thousand dollars for your home, your taxes would be, or will be, somewhere between 4 and 5 hundred dollars—over a dollar a day.

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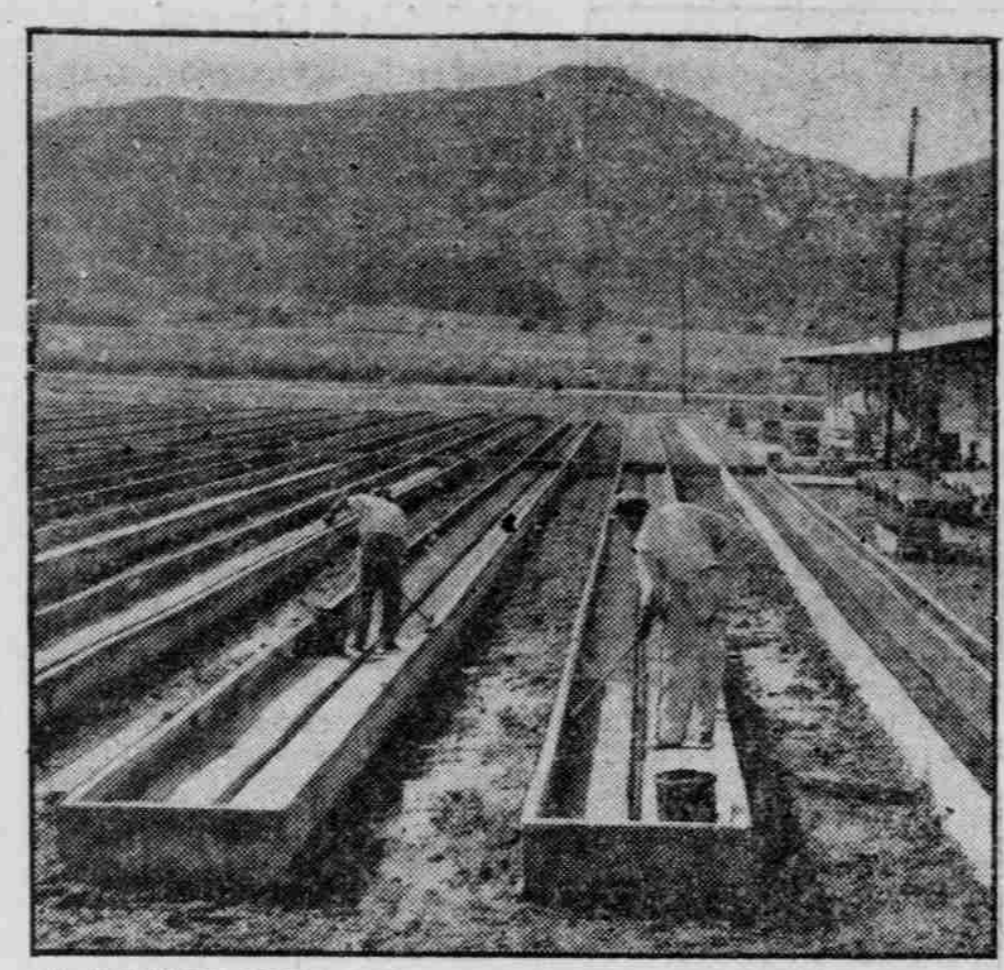
And sitting on this Board, day after day, hearing complaints of home-owners, brings to mind something else that we have written heretofore:

If John Jones has 10 thousand bucks, is a bachelor, doesn't need a home, and puts the 10 thousand in a bank, 9,999 times out of 10,000 he would pay absolutely no taxes on this amount.

If John Brown, also a bachelor, says "to heck with this 'putting in the bank business', I'll put my 10 thousand bucks into AT&T stock, P stock, or investment securities. I'll have my money readily convertible into cash and, at the same time, I'll make some money with this 10 thousand. And, if the Assessor should happen to discover the ownership, the most I would have to pay by way of taxes is 4 dollars per thousand for a total of 40 bucks."

If, however, John Black, Mrs. Black, and all the little Blacks, do what any family must do, take their 10 thousand and buy a house, then they're stuck for the between 4 and 5 hundred-dollar-a-year tax bill that goes with home-ownership.

There is absolutely no difference in the Jones 10 thousand, the Brown 10 thousand, or the Black 10 thousand—the only difference is that each has used it differently, with Mr. Jones simply depositing his in the bank, with Brown going to a stock broker and converting his



"TILLING" ASPHALT FOR FOOD—Puerto Rico, with a population of 2,000,000, and with only 10 per cent of its area classified as first-class farmland, may someday grow much of its now-imported food in chemical "gardens." Workers, above, line concrete troughs with emulsified asphalt as first step in constructing a hydroponic garden near San Juan. Troughs will be filled with gravel, and saturated with a water solution of 26 nutritive chemicals. One farm already under operation has been a commercial success in growing truck-garden crops.

into bonds, and the Blacks converting their money into a house.

Why the one guy, who buys the one thing that nearly everyone must have, is penalized on his investment in a home for himself and family in that he carries most of the current tax load is something we haven't been able to figure out.

If you are a home-owner who has been against a state sales tax or a state income tax then you had better stop to reevaluate your present position on the matter.

Especially should you stop and reconsider when we tell you this—that the big percentage of this country's wealth is not in homes, in cattle, in farm machinery, in real estate—none, in a large part it is in stocks, securities and money in the bank.

Frankly, and this is just our opinion, of course, we have always thought that a sales tax, omitting the necessities of life such as groceries, drugs, clothing and the like, is the most equitable form of taxation yet devised for this reason: That you pay, tax-wise, according to your ability to buy.

If you can afford a 500-dollar TV set fine, pay the tax when you buy it and forever remove it from the tax rolls. If your taste is satisfied by a 200-dollar set, then your tax would be less.

If you can afford a 4-thousand-dollar automobile, fine, pay the tax, and that ends the matter. However, if your taste in automobiles isn't quite this expensive and you settle for a 2-thousand-dollar number, you have saved the tax difference between the 2 and 4-thousand-dollar product—the guy who paid more pays more taxes.

How it's going to come out we don't know but we do know this—somewhere down the road the tax burden on the home-owner must be lifted.

NEHAWKA
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Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler and Barbara were guests for the day Sunday at the R. G. Yost home in Lincoln. They attended confirmation services of Donald and Dianne Yost at Grace Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pollard have named their son, Gary Lynn. He was born at Brown hospital in Nebraska City May 27. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Pollard of Nehawka and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Samson of Council Bluffs are grandparents. Terry Pollard stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Samson of Council Bluffs for several days and also with Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Pollard. Mrs. Fred Samson stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pollard for several days the past week. Mr. Samson came Saturday and they returned home Sunday. Other guests at the Harold Pollard home were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Samson, Council Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Campbell, Omaha, Mr. Richard Ingwersen, father of Mrs. Sheldon Mitchell, fell while in Lincoln Monday and broke his hip. He was taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. George Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Pollard attended the annual picnic dinner of the Congregational church of Weeping Water at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris, Sunday.

Mrs. Alton St. John received

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ceived word that their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Field and family will move June 15 from Oroville, Calif. to Belden, Calif.

Mrs. James Kitchen, Mrs. Donald Downing and Pamela, Lincoln; Mrs. Kermit Gardner, Chicago were guests for the day Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Pollard.

Oren Pollard spent several days the past week helping his son, Oren Raymond of Schaller, Iowa with the wrecking of their home which will be replaced with a new one.

Mrs. Hall Pollard received word of the death of her cousin, Martin Johnson of San Francisco, on May 16.

NEHAWKA VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS
April 27, 1954
Meeting called to order by Chairman Rutledge.
Present Rutledge, Switzer, Edmonds, McReynolds and Powell.

Minutes of last Meeting read and approved.

Motion by McReynolds, seconded by Switzer the following Bills be approved. Carried.

Bills

Nelson Quarries, Cr Stone	\$167.50
M. McDonald, April Salary	175.00
Jack Hines, Painting Auditorium	17.16
Adams Drug, Glass	3.00
Nehawka Bank, Water Collection	16.93
Plattsmouth Journal, Frig. Minutes	6.00
F. B. Lemon, Reading Meters	7.50
Randall Switzer, Salary and Mgr.	50.00
A. A. McReynolds, Treas. Salary, 9 Months	18.75
W. S. Power, Clerk Salary, 1 Year	25.00
W. S. Power, Postage School Dist. 103, Beer License	2.50
G. A. Edmonds, Water Commissioner, Salary & Comm. Salary	190.00
G. A. Rutledge, Street Exp. Mileage and School Dist. No. 103, U/C On Tob License	25.00
	1.50
Total	\$746.74

Receipts

Water Coll.	\$338.01
National Fire Ins. Co., Occupation Tax	5.00
Aetna Fire Ins. Co., Occupation Tax	5.00
Travelers Ins. Co., Occupation Tax	5.00
Aud. Rent, 2 Dances	12.09
Farm Bureau Aud. Rent	10.00
Chair Rent	1.50
Carl Wessel, Dog Tax	1.00
M. N. Tucker, Dog Tax	1.00
County Treas.	\$680.00
Total	\$1059.11

No further business appearing. Motion to adjourn carried. Approved.

G. A. RUTLEDGE
Chairman
W. S. POWER
Clerk

April 27, 1954
At 9 p.m. meeting for the purpose of organizing new Board. Meeting called to order by Acting Chairman Rutledge, W. S. Power, Clerk.

New Members present, G. A. Edmonds and A. A. McReynolds. Absent R. R. Andersen.

G. A. Rutledge was elected Chairman for the following year and with consent of the Members present, appointed A. A. McReynolds, Treasurer; G. A. Edmonds, Water Commissioner; G. A. Rutledge, Street Commissioner and W. S. Power, Clerk.

Position of Auditorium Manager left open account. No selection made for the position.

Motion to adjourn carried. Approved.

G. A. RUTLEDGE
Chairman
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May 4, 1954
Meeting called to order by Chairman Rutledge. Present Rutledge, Edmonds,

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Dr. R. R. Andersen newly elected Member was given the oath of office by Chairman Rutledge.

Minutes of last 2 meetings read and approved.

Bills

Consumers Public Power Dist.	\$120.66
G. W. Weik, Street Work	49.25
C. C. Trotter, Labor on Pump	13.15
Fred Miller, Hauling Salt	5.00
Fred Miller, Hauling Salt	3.95
Eugene Hicks, Cement foundation for Tank	14.25
Claude O'Conner, Labor Auditorium	37.75
Total	\$214.14

Motion by Edmonds, seconded by Power, Bills be Paid Carried.

Receipts

Mopac RR Co., Occupation Tax	\$ 10.00
Royal Ins. Co., Occupation Tax	5.00
Connecticut Fire Ins. Co., Occupation Tax	5.00
Lincoln T Co. & Tele. Co., Occupation Tax	15.00
Consumers Public Power Dist., Occupation Tax	25.00
School Dist. No. 103, 1/2 Election Expense	33.35
Dog Tax Collections	18.00
F. B. Lemon, April Rent	15.00
Tank Water Sales	1.25
Total	\$128.05

Moved by Andersen, seconded by Edmonds Village Board stand responsible for lights furnished Nehawka Athletic Field for 1 year carried.

Motion by McReynolds, seconded by Andersen the Nehawka Bank be the official depository for Village Funds for the ensuing year carried.

Motion by Andersen seconded by Edmonds that the Board investigate rumors that any and automobiles owned and housed in the Village are not properly taxed and also several buildings located on the Missouri Pacific R.R. Co. Right of Way not taxed as personal property. Motion carried.

Chairman Rutledge with concurrence of members appointed Trustee Andersen Manager of the Auditorium for 1 year. Motion to adjourn carried.

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AMBULANCE MONUMENTS

County Retail Sales Up From Previous Year

Business in Nebraska during April was on the bright side, with retail sales up six per cent over March and 1 per cent over a year ago.

The June issue of Business in Nebraska, a bulletin published by the Department of Business Research, College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska, reported that business indicators "appear quite stable at a slightly higher level."

The dollar volume of business for March was up 6 per cent over a year ago and nearly five per cent over February, the bulletin said.

Compared with a year ago, building activity was up three per cent, food stores nearly the same, automotive sales down three per cent, and department, variety, clothing and drug stores up five per cent.

Sales in Cass county climbed 3.6 per cent above April of 1953, but were down 1.6 per cent from March of this year. Nine of the thirteen counties studied showed increased from a year ago, with nine also showing increases over the previous month.

OFF-SHORE SWIM ANNOYS
Daytona Beach, Fla. — A. W. Johnson, 63, likes to swim and indulges himself in a swim a half-mile from shore. On the complaint of lifeguards, that

every time Johnson swims so far from shore, a crowd gathers on the beach, lifeguards have to devote their attention to Johnson rather than to persons close to shore who might need real assistance, Johnson has been arrested on a disorderly conduct charge and summoned to court.

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