

The Board informed Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Pontius that it wished to consult with the County Attorney before giving an answer to their request for reduction of the assessed valuation of the Lawrence Women's Club.

Ralph Starling of the Starling Furniture Company met with the Board to discuss the assessed valuation of property described as Lot 50, Mass. St., which is now owned by Charles Thudium. He says that, although, the building has a new front, the rest of it is very old and in very bad condition. At the present time, the building is renting for \$30.00 per month. Mr. Starling stated that his interest in this matter is due to the fact that he is anticipating on purchasing the building from Mr. Thudium. He feels that in the present condition, the valuation of \$12,980 is far excessive. He suggested that the Board lower the valuation around \$1000 or more. He claims that the building needs about \$5000.00 worth of repairing on it. The Board informed Mr. Starling that unless the building was out of line with adjacent properties, it would be unable to act on adjusting the valuation, at this time. However, the matter would be taken under consideration.

L. H. Williams, 2121 N. W., contends that the valuation of \$3475.00 placed on his property described as: Haskell Place, Lot 19 and North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 18, Block 3, is excessive according to adjacent properties of like value. However, he stated, also, that he purchased said property for the amount of \$3700.00, which is more than that of the assessed valuation. He asked that the Board view the property and lower valuation on same. The Commissioners assured him, the request would be taken under consideration.

Requesting that the valuation be reduced on property described as: North Lawrence, Add. #10, Lots 3, 9 and 10, appeared Thornton Hemphill. The total of the property, after new improvements were added this year, is in the amount of \$950.00. He request that the valuation on the house be reduced to \$300.00. He says this new house was built on the old foundation and is of cheap structure. The Board told Mr. Hemphill that it would view said property in the near future.

In the interest of Josephine Brannum, owner of property at 321 N. J. St., described as: New Jersey, Lot 35, came W. A. Brannum, husband. He stated that he had had a real estate agent check up on this property, and said agent reported that it was hardly possible that Mr. Brannum could receive \$500.00 for the property. It is in a undesirable neighborhood. At the present time, they are receiving \$12.00 per month rent, but do not receive this amount every month. The total valuation of said property is \$925.00. The Board said it would view said property.

Representing the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Kansas City, Mo., appeared Attorney Arthur J. Stanley and a representative of the company. They presented a formal complaint, protesting assessments again certain Coca-Cola signs in Douglas County. They claim that these signs are purchased by said company and donated to the various dealers handling its products, and that said company never asserts claims or exercises titles to any of them after the signs are delivered to the dealers. They asked that the property in question be removed from the assessment roll of Douglas County. The written complaint was placed in the special 1939 Equalization file. No action this day.

Mr. L. W. Lee, 1652 Illinois Street, made an appeal to the Board to reduce the assessed valuation of property at 321 Ala., which he had just recently purchased. Said property is on the tax roll as Lanes Place Addition, Blk. 14, Lot 6, in the total amount of \$6150.00. The purchase price of the property, he said, was \$5000.00. According to adjacent properties of like value, he claims that his residence is too excessive. The Board recorded this for viewing.

Ralph Gimblet applied for relief from the valuation placed on new improvements on his property, by the deputy assessor. The new assessment placed the total valuation of property, Lot 38, Conn. Street, at \$2925.00. There seemed to be a little misunderstanding during the time he met with the deputy assessor to discuss this new valuation. The assessor placed \$2500.00 total on the building while Mr. Gimblet thought he had meant that amount to include the lot, also. The Board informed him that it would view the property in the very near future.

Representing the HOLC, in regard to the assessed valuation of property known as the Simmond's property, Lots 165, 167 and 169, Mass. Street, appeared Mr. M. R. Gill. The total valuation as it now stands is \$15,910.00. Due to the salable condition of the house, which is low, because of much need repair, Mr. Gill asked that the valuation of same be reduced considerably. He stated that if the valuation were cut half in two, it would not, even then, be too low. Unless it can be re-zoned for business, he did not see the possibility of selling this property at all, and that unless the valuation could be reduced he believed the government contemplated on destroying or removing the buildings from the ground. The Commissioners expressed their desire to view this property before they took any action.

Mrs. Mary R. Garvin, 2129 N. W. Street, asked that a reduction be given to the assessed valuation of her property described as: Haskell Place, Lot 17 and South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 18, which is now on the assessment roll in the amount of \$2475.00. The Board said it would view the property before giving an answer to her appeal.

The Board of Equalization adjourned to meet again May 16, 1939. At this time the Commissioners resolved themselves into the Board of County Commissioners to take up regular county business.

The application of William Wilks for admittance to the State Hospital as a voluntary patient, was accepted and signed by the Board, upon motion of Jas. F. Brass, seconded by Chris Schaeke - and unanimous vote of all commissioners.

All members of the Marion Township Board, namely: John Elm, Charles Jones and C. E. Forth with John and Cecil Brecheisen met with the Board in regard to the Brecheisen Road in said township. The Township Board is definitely not in favor of the road. The Trustee stated that there was no need of doing any work on this road, as said road has been getting as much care as any other road in the township. In fact, he claims that there are other roads in the township that merit the expense of some work more than this particular road. Both the County Engineer and County Attorney were called in on this meeting. No action this day.

The Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

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County Clerk.

*Earl T. Black*  
Earl T. Black, Chairman of the Board of  
County Commissioners.