

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD M

May 19, 1939.

All members of the Board of Equalization and the County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

The first complaint heard this day was from Philip Roser, who asked that the valuation placed on new improvements made during the year 1939, in the amount of \$800.00 be deducted from his total valuation. The property owned by Mr. Roser is the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 8-14-19, on which for this year a total valuation of \$3400.00 was placed by the deputy assessor. The valuation on property described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 8-14-19, in the amount of \$1290, for land only, was brought up for discussion, also. Before giving an answer, the Board wished to view the property.

The appeal of William Young for a reduction in the valuation placed on his property, described as: West Lawrence, Block 38, Lot 110, in the total amount of \$360.00, was taken under consideration by the Board.

Harry Unger asked the Board to reduce the valuation of his land described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14-13-18, in the total amount of \$6000.00 to \$5600, the same as it was assessed in 1937. The Board took this under advisement.

Mrs. L. L. Dyche, 1617 Mass. Street, appealed to the Board to reduce the valuation on her property in Babcock's Enlarged Addition, Blk. 12, N 25 ft. of Lot 11, Lot 12 and W 8 ft. of Lot 13. She claims that, although, she knows she has a good house, she did not pay as much for it as other people did on the same block, who have property of like value. She says her house has been built for 25 years, while others on the same block have lower valuations on much newer homes. Before taking any action, the Board informed her that it would like to view said property.

Mrs. M. F. Lienard, 825 Ohio Street, requested that the Board give consideration to the reduction of the valuation placed on her property which is the S 2 feet of Lot 99 and Lot 101, Ohio Street. She claims she paid \$800.00 for the property, while on the assessment rolls the valuation is \$20.00 for the S 2 feet of Lot 99, and \$1570.00 for Lot 101. The Board placed this on the viewing list. Mrs. Lienard also asked if the Board would consider reducing the assessments on certain furniture she had had stored at 1306 New Hampshire for a number of years. This does not include the current year's assessment. She said that for several years the deputy assessor placed the value of this furniture on the rolls at \$150.00, with no change in this figure during any year, and during the time she was living away from this city, practically one-third of said furniture was stolen from the house. She also says this furniture is old, and the value of it is not as high as placed thereon by the assessor. She now has this property at her home at 825 Ohio Street. The Board, also, took this under consideration but was in doubt it could give her any relief on this matter.

Asking that the valuation be reduced on property described as the N 133 ft of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Blk. #3, Earl's Addition, less tracts to Hertzel and Carey, appeared Mrs. Emma H. Hertzel. The valuation on this property is now \$1450.00. She claims that she paid only \$600.00 for the property. This was placed on the viewing list.

Mr. E. P. Addey appealed to the Board to reduce his property's valuation of \$4815.00, which was fixed by the Deputy Assessor. The legal description of said property is: Moreland Place, less N 10 feet of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 4. He stated that the purchase price was \$4500.00. The Board set this aside to view.

On a personal property matter, appeared Port Early. A 1933 Packard Coupe was assessed in this county, when Mr. Early feels that since the car was up until a short time ago, part of Mrs. Nellie Middlekauff's Estate in Sedgwick County, that it may have been assessed in that county. If so, this would make a double assessment on the car. The Board suggested that he write to the Trustees of this estate to see if same were assessed there, and it, also, directed the county clerk to write to the County Assessor of said county to determine if the above named property was on the rolls in that county.

In the interest of Chas. F. Oehrle, came W. W. White, asking for relief on the valuation of property in University Place, Lots 1, 2 and 3, placed on the assessment roll in the amount of \$2,550.00. Mr. White stated that the condition of the house, he feels, merits some reduction, and he, also, feels that the valuation of said property is out of line compared with other properties of like value in that neighborhood. No decision this day.

The Board of Equalization adjourned to sit again as said Board on the 20th day of May.

Sitting as the Board of County Commissioners, the Commissioners entertained a delegation from the Lone Star Lake Association, namely: Clifton Ramsey, George Hedrick, Prof. Ernest Boyce, Charles Radcliffe, Art Weaver, and Fritz Mayn. County Engineer, E. E. Trueblood was, also, present. Ed Abels from the Douglas County Republican and Henry Albach from the Lawrence Democrat, also, attended this meeting. Because, it has been reported that the CCC camp, under the jurisdiction of the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, is to be moved around the 1st of July, the Commissioners find it necessary to find some method whereby the work on the lake may be done until it is completed. The Chairman of the Board stated that said Board finds it difficult to get the services of the National Park Service, due to the fact that it has not, yet, secured complete title on all the land that has been included in the lake project. Until this title is complete, the National Park Service will not be interested in the matter. Clifton Ramsey stated that he thought as soon as the fences were complete on certain properties, the county can secure a 100% of these titles. The Chairman said that the purpose of this meeting was to ask the Lone Star State Lake Association's further cooperation in getting these things lined up as they should be, so that the county may complete its part of the arrangements with the Park Service and get a camp in there. The Board feels that it is the responsibility of the Association to get these titles cleared up. Clifton Ramsey replied that about 90% of these deeds could be on record within a week. This meeting adjourned with the intention of having another one in the near future.

John Callahan, Clerk of the District Court, reported that he needed some plastering done in his office. The Board instructed the county Clerk to make the necessary arrangements to have this work done. Mr. Callahan, also, mentioned the fact that he need a new Inverse Index for his office. The Board informed him that it has asked for several bids on this.

The Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

T. R. Gerhart
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County Clerk.

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