

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD N

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the amount of \$900.00 and the second tract in the amount of \$2000.00 plus \$400.00 for improvements. The total for both is \$3300.00. Mr. Wulfkuhle said he purchased all of his land, the total acreage being 200, of which the land on which reduction is asked is a part, for \$5500.00. No decision this day.

Asking for property adjustment on real estate, appeared Estelle Duffee. These properties are described as follows: N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 127, Ohio Street, assessed at \$450.00; Lot 4, Block 3, Haskell Place, assessed at \$450.00; E 20^A of N 40^A of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 7-13-19, assessed at \$600.00; 88 3/4^A in NE cor of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-13-19, assessed at \$1820.00. The farm land, Mrs. Duffee says is all timber land and pasture, both being very poor. The properties in town are vacant lots, which she says are too highly assessed. The Board agreed to view this property.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Boardman from Baldwin City, asked for a reduction on the assessed valuation of their new home in Baldwin. They moved from Minnesota to Baldwin a year ago last December. Lot 108 is assessed at \$135.00; Lot 110 at \$180.00 and Lot 112 at \$225.00 plus new improvements in the amount of \$2400.00. The total for all lots and improvements is \$2940.00. Mr. Boardman said he purchased this lots at the Judicial Tax Sale at \$5.50 each. At the present valuation and rate, he said his taxes would be around \$117.00 per year, whereas he thought that \$80.00 per year for taxes would be a large amount to pay. He thought he could get \$20.00 per month for his house if he should ever rent it. Board plans to view this property.

Another appeal for an adjustment was made by Darrell Holt, 762 Locust on his property at 1336 New York. The lot is assessed for \$290.00 and the improvements for \$1410.00, making a total of \$1700. He paid \$1100.00 for it, and is purchasing same on contract. The house needs some repair and because of the neighborhood it is difficult to get a renter. This was placed on the viewing list.

Paul Watson, Manager of the local Miller-Jones Shoe Store, appeared to present the complaint of this company in regard to the personal property assessment of stock for 1941. Mr. Watson said the assessment is higher this year even tho the stock was actually smaller than last year. The company returned an inventory in the amount of \$1955.00 while the county deputy assessor assessed this stock at \$3300.00. Mr. Watson admitted that this was based on the factory cost of shoes, whereas the deputy assessor turned them all in on wholesale price. The Deputy Assessor, Frank Holliday was called in for discussion on this matter, and stated he failed to see where the Miller-Jones Shoe Company had any basis for a complaint whatsoever. The Board placed this aside for further consideration.

A committee, representing the Lawrence Women's Club, said committee being Mrs. C. D. Young, Mrs. Clarence Topping and Mrs. Geo. F. Varner, met with the Commissioners to present their request for a reduction in the assessed valuation of their property, located at 1941 Massachusetts. This property is described as Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 2, South Lawrence. The women argued that according to the State Tax Commission they are not suppose to be on the tax roll anyway, but they are willing to pay some taxes if the assessment would be cut to their purchase price of the property, namely \$8000.00 for both the improvements and the lots. The total assessment of the property now is \$12,485.00. The ladies claim that the old Board promised them to cut the total valuation to \$8000.00, but failed to do so, and reduced only the improvements to that amount. Since the lots are assessed equally with other lots in that vicinity, the Board could see no justification for reducing these, unless all the lots in that neighborhood were reduced. The women spoke of the operations of the club and its work as it benefits the community. The Board assured them that it would give this matter due consideration and look into the matter as carefully as it could.

Clyde Stewart from Baldwin asked the Commissioners to give some consideration to the reduction of the assessed valuation of property in the name of Luna H. Stewart, located at 1106 New York Street, Lawrence, and legally described as Lot 192, The Elms. The lot is assessed for \$360.00 and the improvements for \$1080.00, making a total of \$1440.00. Mr. Stewart thinks the taxes are too high in comparison with the income. At the present time, they are receiving \$17.50 per month for rent. At one time, it brought \$25.00. He said that a real estate agent thought he would have to take less than \$1500.00 for the property if it were sold. This was placed on the viewing list.

The Commissioners listened to the complaint of H. L. Stover, 1305 East 13th Street, who claims that his property has been assessed too high. The improvements are incomplete and have been assessed for \$400.00; the lot is valued at \$125.00. This property is legally described as Lot 113, Fairfax Addition. Mr. Stover is building this house himself. The Board assured him that it would view this property before a decision was reached.

The Board adjourned to meet Saturday, May 24, 1941.

ATTEST:

T. R. Gerhart
T. R. Gerhart,
County Clerk.

L. H. Griffith
L. H. Griffith, Chairman of the Board of
County Commissioners.

May 24, 1941.

All members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met in regular adjourned session this 24th day of May, 1941.

Several routine matters were gone into.

Milton Beach and Mrs. Karl Kreider met with the Board to discuss the lease for one of the buildings at the Lone Star Park. The lease so approved and signed is as follows:

LEASE

THIS LEASE, made this 24th day of May, 1941, by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, party of the first part, and the Lawrence Girl Scouts' Council, Incorporated, of Douglas County, Kansas, party of the second part:

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, in consideration of the rents, covenants and agreements of the said party of the second part, hereinafter set forth, does, by these presents, let, lease and rent to the said party of the second part, the following described property situated