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books such as follows: \$59,000.00, mdse, warehouse and lower floor; \$13,000.00 for furniture (second floor) and \$30,000.00 for dry goods on the first or main floor, making a total of \$102,000.00 (retail).

Reconvening once again in their regular chambers, the Board instructed the County Clerk to make appointment with Mr. Brown, Mgr., for the purpose of discussing a reduction in the assessment of stock; which reduction of \$5000.00, the Board has decided to make providing the appeal of the Montgomery Ward is not carried to the State Board of Equalization.

The Board adjourned to convene as a Board of County Commissioners.

With Mildred LeSuer, Accountant, the Board discussed the budget for the Welfare Fund. Said budget calls for the sum of \$268,190. After some discussion, Ed Johnson moved that the Welfare budget in the amount of \$268,190 as set up this day be adopted. M. N. Penny seconded the motion. On vote, called by Chairman Griffith, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

Adjournment was taken to meet again as a Board of Equalization on Saturday, May 22, 1943.

ATTEST:

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

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

May 22, 1943.

As a Board of Equalization, all members of the Board of County Commissioners, and the County Clerk met in the regular meeting rooms of said Board.

Mrs. Daisy Williams, acting as agent for her son Byron Williams, appealed to the Board for a decrease in the valuation of the house, legally described as Lot 166, Blk. 55, West Lawrence, address being 644 Mo. This is a small three-room house, and is now renting for \$25.00 per month furnished with all bills paid. The house is about 35 or 40 years old. The Board placed this on the viewing list.

As per appointment, I. S. Brown, Jgr. of the Montgomery Ward and Company in Lawrence, met with the Board.

The Board informed Mr. Brown that it was willing to reduce the assessment on the merchant's stock for the Montgomery Ward Company in the amount of \$5000.00, providing that the company did not appeal the case to the State Board. In the event that it should, the Commissioners would allow no reduction but stand on the present assessment of \$50,000.00. Mr. Brown stated that he did not believe it was the intention of his company to take the case to the State Board, and, although, he had no authority to accept the offer as presented, he would wire to the Tax Department in Chicago, and get an answer as quickly as possible. The Board informed Mr. Brown that this action by the county board was not taken because said Board felt the assessment was too high, but it is willing to make such concession if the county would not have to fight this appeal in Topeka.

The Board decided to make no change in the assessed valuation of property belonging to Mrs. A. J. Anderson as to her appeal previously presented to the Board.

With Lee Newman, Deputy Assessor in Palmyra Township, the Board discussed the house belonging to Loren Wade in said township, said house having been moved from Baldwin. Newman thought that an assessment of \$500.00 but no more would be fair for the property. The Board decided to view this before placing a value thereon.

Asking for a reduction on the assessed valuation of two vacant lots, described as Lot 5 and Lot 6, Blk. 8, University Place, appeared L. J. Pritchard, 1729 Miss. These lots are assessed for \$480.00 each. Pritchard said he paid \$300.00 for these lots and purchased them from Dr. Esterly. After checking the records, it was found that these two lots are in line with all the other lots in that neighborhood; therefore, the Board informed Mr. Pritchard, that it could not make any change in the valuation.

The Board adjourned to meet Monday, May 24, 1943.

ATTEST:

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

May 24, 1943.

As a Board of Equalization, all members of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk met to hear complaints on personal property assessments for 1943.

Again, appeared Daisy Williams, agent for Bryon Williams, in regard to her request for a valuation reduction of his property at 644 Mo. The Board informed Mrs. Williams that it had viewed the property and was of the opinion that the assessment on the improvements was too high; therefore said improvements have been reduced from \$1110.00 to \$800.00 with the lot value of \$90.00, making a total of \$890.00. However, at the time of viewing the property, the Board discovered that a garage remodeled into a residence located on the property in the name of Fred Williams at 646 Mo. was not on the tax roll. In the opinion of the Commissioners, this remodeled garage should be assessed for \$400.00, and accordingly this amount was added onto the improvement valuation of the property at 646 Mo., legally described as Lot 2, Block 3, Lane Place. The total of this property now stands on the tax roll in the amount of \$4400.00.

The Board adjourned for a trip for the purpose of viewing certain properties, then returned again to the Commissioners Room.

The Board reduced the improvements on Lot W High Street, Baldwin City, in the name of Phillips-Whitley Chev. Co., from \$3200.00 to \$1600.00, with lot value of \$450.00, making a total of \$2050.00.

A reduction of \$140.00 was made on the assessment of the house, owned by Mary Cornwell,