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## SUPERVISORS IN BUSY SESSIONS

### Again Endorse Proposed Westchester County Tax Bill.

#### NO CHANGE IN EQUALIZATION TABLE

The Board of Supervisors adopted the table of equalization of taxation and assessment Thursday with but few members dissenting.

There were no changes made in the table as it was presented by Supervisor S. Fletcher Allen and his committee.

The board fixed the salaries of the assistant engineers at the Court House at \$1,350 per annum and the streamen at \$1,014 per annum. This was done because the recent changes gave them a day off each week which meant a day's pay less.

Clerk Harvey B. Green was directed to advertise for bids for 1500 tons of coal for the Court House plant.

Chairman E. P. Barrett was directed to appoint a committee of three to draft suitable resolutions of respect and condolence on the death of the late Elisha Haight, formerly supervisor from New Castles, funeral services for whom were held that afternoon.

The board adopted a resolution approving the bill now before the House of Representatives which provides for the pensioning of government employees. A copy of the resolution will be sent to Congressmen Benjamin I. Taylor and Woodson R. Oglesby. The bill gives the employes, after twenty years of service, 40 per cent of his salary, and after thirty years, 50 per cent of his salary.

The Board of Supervisors in meeting Monday refused to withdraw their support of the proposed Westchester County Tax Bill now before the Legislature and by their vote, rebuked Supervisor Herndon, of Pelham, who for the first time in many years, appealed from the decision of the chair. The vote sustaining Chairman Barrett was 31 to 2, when he declared he held Supervisor Sinnott's objection to Mr. Herndon's talk to be well taken. Mr. Herndon was only supported by Supervisor Turner.

The matter was called before the board when Mr. Herndon offered a resolution asking that the board rescind its action approving the tax bill and asking that Assemblyman Hopkins and Senator Healy withdraw their support of the measure.

Supervisor Sinnott, of Mount Pleasant, held the matter was not properly before the board and that it could not be brought out except on a motion to reconsider by unanimous consent. The chair held his position well taken and Mr. Herndon appealed from the decision of the chair. The board, with the exception of Mr. Herndon and Mr. Turner supported the chair on the question, shall the chair be sustained.

Later Mr. Herndon sought to get the unanimous consent of the board for a reconsideration attacking the bill and saying that not even the Legislative Committee knew its provisions. He also said that there was much opposition to it and the Senate had announced a hearing Tuesday.

Both Mr. Sinnott and Supervisor Fred L. Merritt, of New Rochelle, defended the bill, saying ample hearings had been given and Mr. Sinnott quoted Senator Blauvelt and White in saying that the Senate would not have announced a hearing if they had known the Assembly had given a hearing.

Mr. Merritt said the bill had been discussed from every angle both last year and this year and while some of its opponents had held it to be unconstitutional not one of them had pointed out a single point where it could be assailed. The speaker also said the only desire back of the bill was to get the best means of straightening out the present tax muddle in this county. He denied that it legislated the assessors out of office.

County Clerk Daniel J. Cashin called the board's attention to the request of applicants for citizenship papers for a refund of \$4 each paid when they applied for their papers. They had not applied within the seven years required and thirty-three of them had been denied

## MAY MAKE CHANGES ORGANIZED BOARD

### Board of Education of Katonah Considers Discontinuing Kindergarten.

#### OTHER CLASSES BENEFIT COMMITTEES CHOSEN

The annual meeting of the Board of Education held last Friday night, the advisability of continuing the Kindergarten for another year was discussed.

This question arose not because the Board believes the work of the Kindergarten has been unsuccessful, nor because it is not in sympathy with work of this nature, but because it has been thought that possibly the space and expense required to operate a Kindergarten in Katonah might possibly be used for some purpose which would be of greater value to the children of Katonah.

Some of the high school classes have become so large that hereafter they must be run in two sections, and other subjects in which classes have been instructed only every other year must hereafter have classes every year. To care for this situation the Board of Education has about decided to engage a teacher who is capable of instructing two or three classes in the high school, and who is also capable of teaching sewing, and domestic science. This plan would not make the budget for teachers' wages larger than at present. If both such teacher and kindergarten teacher were employed, it would increase the expense for teachers' wages, above the present expense, about \$650.00.

As above stated the Board feels that in Katonah, instruction in sewing, domestic science, etc., could probably be of a greater benefit to a greater number of children than the instruction in a Kindergarten.

The members of the Board of Education will be glad to hear the views and opinions regarding this matter of all interested in the school's welfare before its next meeting on April 6th, at which time this matter will be definitely settled.

### SUTHERLAND POSTMASTER AT WHITE PLAINS.

Receives His Commission and Expects To Assume Charge on April 1.

Henry Sutherland of White Plains whose appointment as postmaster of White Plains was confirmed by the Senate after his name was presented on March 6 by President Wilson, Tuesday received his commission making him formally the postmaster here.

The official notification received Tuesday directs him to assume charge of the post office as early as practicable but Mr. Sutherland said today that he did not think he would assume his office until April 1, unless there was some reason that should develop later of which he does not know now.

On April 1 besides starting the new month, says Mr. Sutherland, there will begin the new quarterly business for the postoffice and if he assumes control then he will be taking up the business of the office without having to close up a part of a quarter when someone else was in charge.

Whatever plans Mr. Sutherland, as postmaster, has for the future, remains to be worked out since he says he knows nothing of the conditions of affairs that confront him, and he will have to be guided largely by the circumstances as they arise.

### SENT BENFIELD TO PRISON FOR 15 YEARS.

Charles Benfield, of Yonkers, was sent to Sing Sing Prison Tuesday morning for fifteen years by County Judge Platt.

Benfield was indicted for larceny and also with having shot his wife. He pleaded in Court Tuesday saying Mrs. Benfield never intended to prosecute him but when he had finished, Judge Platt said, "You are lucky that you are not going to be electrocuted."

He was given seven years and six months on each charge.

A meeting in the interests of National Constitutional Prohibition, was held at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. and was well attended. Rev. Dr. Gay and Miss Lyon spoke entertainingly on this great question.

## ANNUAL CONCERT

### Katonah Choral Club Will Show Result of Season's Study on April 7th.

#### NOTED SOLOISTS TO AID

The annual concert of the Katonah Choral Club will be given at the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, April 7, 1914.

The Society has done exceptionally good work this season in the study of the Oratorio "ElIJah" under the leadership of Mr. L. A. Lasslett Smith, Newark, N. J., and is prepared to give the public a first-class rendering of the work, assisted by the following soloists:—

Soprano—Mrs. Beulah Gaylord Young.  
Alto—Miss Rose Bryant.  
Tenor—Chas. W. Harrison.  
Bass—Overton Magee.

The chorus will be accompanied by Mrs. J. F. Ryan, pianist, and S. Frederick Smith, at the organ.

All lovers of good music should set aside this date for a musical treat.

General admission tickets can be secured from members of the society or from William G. Arnold, which can be exchanged for reserved seat tickets at Hoyt Bros Co on or after March 28.

### MOTORCYCLE LEGISLATION . NOW PENDING IN ALBANY.

#### Bill Provides for Use of Head-Lights and Use of Red Light on Rear of Machines.

Taxation of motor vehicles by local communities instead of by the State is recommended by the New York State Motor Vehicle Legislation Commission, which has made a report to the Legislature.

The commission was created to confer with similar commissions from the New England States and from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware "with a view to harmonizing the present motor vehicle laws." It recommends that the report of the conference be not approved, but that radically different bills submitted by it be enacted into law.

S. W. Taylor, of New York, publisher of a motorists' magazine, is chairman of the commission, which included A. J. Deer, the president, and Fay C. Parsons, the treasurer, of the New York State Automobile Association. The commission would repeal the entire Callan automobile law and put an entire new article in the highway law.

If the commission's recommendations were adopted this State would still have a motor vehicle law differing from the laws of other states. Owners of automobiles would pay a single registration fee of \$2 for each machine as personal property would be stricken out. Motorcycles would be taxed at the rate of \$2 each.

### BLAST SHOOK WHITE PLAINS HOMES.

A tremor that shook houses in White Plains at 12.10 o'clock Saturday afternoon and was thought to have been an earthquake was really an explosion of a large amount of dynamite in the quarry at Valhalla.

The force of the blast was plainly felt in the homes there and when pictures and loose articles in the houses rattled for nearly a full minute, it was thought that there had been a local earthquake.

Superintendent Shady, of the Board of Water Supply Police, at the Kensico quarters, says the shock was felt in that vicinity but there was no sound of the explosion because it was a muffled blast. He had his men investigate and found the tremors were caused by the explosion of eight holes filled with dynamite in the quarries where the H. S. Kerbaugh Company gets the stone for the Kensico dam.

The holes are driven to a great depth in the solid rock and when they are already the blast is put off with an electric spark.

Several big blasts have been had in the quarry and each time the shock was felt in White Plains. It is said that the blast Saturday will be the last one.

In nearly all of the buildings and homes in the village the tremor was felt and having in mind the quake that shook New York City and this vicinity about a month ago it was thought by many to be a recurrence of the disturbance.

## TUCCI CAUGHT BY SHERIFF DOYLE

### Man-Wanted for Mt. Kisco Murder Arrested After Chase.

#### SHOTS NECESSARY TO STOP FUGITIVE

Sheriff William J. Doyle at dusk Thursday ran down and captured Frank Tucci, of Mount Kisco, wanted for the murder of Domenick Carbone in that village on Sunday, March 8.

Tucci, known among his countrymen as a desperate character, and with a reputation as a gun fighter, pulled his revolver from his pocket during a drunken brawl, and killed his companion with a single shot.

The slayer fled following the shooting and although the crime was not reported to Sheriff Doyle until Monday morning his deputies kept the trail of the fugitive warm until Wednesday when it seemed that the man had disappeared entirely.

Thursday afternoon a sure "tip" reached the Sheriff and with Warden Hill and Deputies John C. Moore and Harry Mercer, he followed the "tip" to an isolated Italian settlement at Banksville, near the Connecticut line, where Tucci was in hiding until his relatives could send him money to get out the state safely.

The deputies surrounded the house and as they closed in, Tucci darted from a side door and headed for the wild country in the rear of the house where he had been stopping. He is an active man and was speeding away when Warden Hill fired and the fugitive halted long enough for Deputy Moore to close with him. He gave but a short struggle and surrendered when the officer's revolver was jabbed against him.

That night he told Sheriff Doyle he wanted to confess his crime after having admitted that he was the man who had killed Carbone.

Tucci said he had been drinking with the dead man and another countryman all day Sunday and they were stung. A discussion arose as to what they would sing and a general fight followed in which he drew his revolver and shot Carbone as the latter seized him by the coat. He said he fled when Carbone fell first getting his coat from his house. He traveled about a mile and then rested under a tree. He then went on to the McGee place and stayed there that day until a driver from the farm had returned from Mount Kisco saying that Carbone was dead. At night Tucci says he went on and slept two nights in a barn only showing himself to buy a loaf of bread in the Armonk store. He stopped at a shanty on Saturday and bought another loaf of bread and from there he made his way to the house of Angelo Bernardo at Banksville, at which place he was caught. He says he dropped the revolver somewhere along the route of his flight as he fled from the scene of the crime.

### ASSEMBLYMAN LAW MADE VILLAGE PRESIDENT.

#### Republican Representative From Third District Heads Briarcliff Manor Board:

The annual village election was held in Briarcliff Manor last week and the candidates elected were Walter W. Law, Jr., president; T. Everett Bishop, treasurer; V. Everett Macy, trustee, one year and William McGowan, trustee, two years.

The only opposition was for the Charles H. Schuman won over Fred S. Messenger by a total of six votes which gave him the place on the People's ticket.

On election day Mr. Messenger ran on a stump ticket and was defeated by five votes. Mr. Schuman receiving 73 votes and Mr. Messenger 63.

The vote on the question whether the collector shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the Board of Trustees instead of receiving fees resulted in a tie.

At a tie, fourteen taxpayers—being in favor and the same number against. The new form of ballot caused considerable confusion. The voters were evidently in doubt as to how the ballots should be marked.

### APPRAISALS OF ESTATES FILED WITH SURROGATE.

Tax Appraiser Edward V. Brophy has filed with the Surrogate of Westchester County reports of proceedings of appraisal, aggregating \$365,827.45, in relation to the following estates:

Anna Eliza Brown, Rye	\$1,214.50
Aaron Coons, Cortlandt	644.05
Mattilda Free, Denver, Col.	10,000.00
Eliza A. Hallock, Somers	7,682.72
Helen Howes, New Rochelle	19,496.89
John F. Jarvis, Mount Vernon	3,498.86
Peter Kramer, Eastchester	19,925.33
Jessie L. Neilson, Larchmont	187,500.55
Anna Marie Renz, Yonkers	3,679.51
Mary Rooney, White Plains	1,703.38
Eliza Lucy Thompson, New Rochelle	1,406.92
Charles Townsend, Cortlandt	2,686.00
Charles A. Winch, Pelham	94,676.58