

Millard's School Levy May Drop 45 Per Cent

A drop in the school tax levy of possibly 45 per cent is in the offing for the Millard area.

That news, wafting out of the Douglas County Courthouse, is likely the best to hit School District 17 since Western Electric's bombshell two years ago.

Incomplete property valuation figures tallied by County Budget Officer Adrian Jaworski point to a healthy cut of 12.87 mills in the 1958-59 school levy.

Budget Triples

The present levy would plummet from 28.45 mills to around 15.58 mills—\$15.58 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

A resident with a 12-thousand-dollar house would realize a 50-dollar reduction in his tax bill.

Coming in a period when some school districts are hiking levies, the anticipated size of the Millard cut seems almost fantastic.

Almost as breath-taking is the fact that the 1958-59 school budget will be almost

three times the size of last year's.

325 Pct. Assessment Boost

The District 17 board has submitted a budget calling for 97,608 tax dollars, a whopping 174 per cent increase over the \$39,500 requested last year.

But the increase in assessed valuation, due largely to sprawling Western Electric, is about 325 per cent.

From last year's \$1,501,000, Mr. Jaworski said, it has soared to a heady \$6,464,000.

'Good News!'

Residents of Millard, who are assessed 64.83 mills, can look for a drop of about 19½ per cent in their total levy.

For taxpayers who live outside* the village but in the school district, thus escaping a town levy of 20.35 mills, the cut will be something like 28½ per cent. Their levy is 44.48 mills.

Either way, district residents probably second this comment by School Supt. Donald Stroh:

"Boy, that's good news!"

W. E. Offices Go to Millard

Move Out of Omaha This Week End

The Western Electric Company will move its general offices to its new plant near Millard from the downtown pilot shops this week end.

This was announced Thursday by Superintendent Herbert Heath. About 225 employees will be relocated.

The personnel, accounting, purchasing and engineering departments will be doing business in the new three-story office building Tuesday. The employment office will be on the first floor at the east end of the office building.

The moving of office furniture and equipment from the shops at 502 South Nineteenth Street and 1502 Cuming Street will start tonight.

The manufacturing departments in the pilot shops will pull out when the new cross-bar plant is completed.

About four hundred employees are now working at the new plant on the production of telephone exchange area cable.

Legion Buys W.E. Office

Sold for \$1; Will Be Used as Clubhouse

The building used as a construction office for the Western Electric plant will become the new clubhouse of Millard Post 374 of the American Legion.

The company announced Wednesday that it has sold the building, value estimated at 16 thousand dollars, to the post for one dollar.

Plant Manager Herbert P. Heath said the company did so as an expression of its interest in the Millard community.

The purchased building was divided into two sections and was being moved Wednesday to a site on North Fifth Street in Millard. Post Commander Ray H. Siert said the building will be ready for use early next year.

Plans call for putting a ballroom, bar, lounge, kitchen and office in the 112x30-foot building.

Millard Bond Issue Topic of Discussion

The bond issue for the new Millard Public School building will be discussed next Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m., September 17th at the opening P-TA meeting in the Millard School Auditorium.

Don Stroh, superintendent, will explain why a larger school is needed and architect, Don Hollis will be here from Kansas City, Mo. to show blueprints for the new building.

Harold Hultman, secretary of the School Board will talk on financing the bond issue which will be voted on this fall and we urge all parents to attend this meeting.

A special get-acquainted coffee hour will close the program and baby sitters will be on hand to entertain the little ones at the small fee of 25c for one child or 50c for two or more children.

Mrs. Ray Siert will be there to accept 1958-59 dues of 50c per person.