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1994 Hoopeston Area tax levy lower than anticipated

The adopted 1994 tax levy for the Hoopeston Area school district will be \$190,000 less than anticipated.

The district school board Thursday night approved a \$1.77 million levy, down from the projected \$1.96 million levy discussed last month.

District superintendent Don Dean said last month that his estimate was high because if an estimate were too low, it could cost the district state aid funds.

In related business, Dean said the district's anticipated tax rate will be "40 cents below in a three county area."

The 1993 rate of \$3.57 per \$100 assessed valua-

tion is expected to increase two to three cents.

However, the district will still be far below Potomac, the highest in Vermilion County, at \$4.99; Crescent City in Iroquois County, at \$6.50; and Gibson City in Ford County, at \$5.09.

Donovan is the lowest district in Iroquois County, at \$3.96, while Paxton-Buckley Loda is lowest in Ford County, at \$4.54.

In other action, the board:

- retained William Nelson as the district attorney.
- learned from high school principal Mark Conolly that 75 percent of parents attended teacher conferences at the school.

Veterans recount experiences for Military Memories

War is something most people don't like to think about.

But war was the topic of discussion Wednesday night for five panelists and approximately 35 guests during Military Memories night at the Hoopeston Public Library.

Panelists included Dennis David, Curtis Campbell, Lorraine Hott, Joyce Whiteman and Nick Sloan.

Whiteman remembered his introduction to France in WW II. After sailing from the U.S. to London, he was transferred to Le Havre, France. "Our first experience there was a 25-mile hike," he said.

Whiteman went overseas in mid-winter and once went 31 days without a hot meal or a change of clothing. "I got to the point where I didn't care what day it was," he said. "They were all the

same."

At the end of the war, Whiteman's company was responsible for liberating prisoner of war camps. One of those liberated held a prisoner from Hoopeston: Curtis Campbell.

Campbell was a POW for 13 months after his plane went down in the North Sea. After spending 5 hours in a rubber dinghy, Campbell and nine others were picked up by a German boat and taken to Frankfurt.

There he was kept in solitary confinement and received one bowl of soup daily. The soup, he said, "was like dishwater, except it had bugs."

For Campbell, the worst part of being a prisoner was "the uncertainty, the loss of freedom."

Whiteman, who saw Campbell's camp, called the living conditions "terrible. It's amazing they

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Memories continued from other side
lived," he said, adding that he saw piles of bodies in some camps. "Anybody who doesn't think the Holocaust happened is crazy," he said.

Whiteman and his fellow soldiers saw one camp with the frozen, naked bodies of 1,000 women and children. Soldiers used a bulldozer to dig a trench, used as a mass grave. "I've had dreams about that and it shakes you, don't think it doesn't," he said.

For Hott, who served as a nurse during WW II, the experience was "entirely different" from that of other panclists.

Hott remembered a feeling of patriotism before the war, a feeling "we haven't had for a long time."

Hott was shipped first to an evacuation hospital, and then a field hospital. The second experience is much like the television show M.A.S.H., she said. "What you saw on M.A.S.H. was what it was really like."

Hott also spoke of the loneliness of not receiving mail from October through Christmas. "People in Desert Storm complained that they only got to call home once a week," she said. "They just don't understand."

Sloan said he took "a crooked road" into the military, going from the University of Illinois to the infantry. After graduating, he requested extensions of inactive status until the day Pearl Harbor was bombed.

Sloan spent 42 months in the southwest Pacific, spent some time in the Pentagon, "which we called Disneyland East," and worked intelligence for three years. After that experience, "I wouldn't talk on the radio or telephone for anything," he said.

Dennis David spent 22 years in service, working as a hospital corpsman from 1954-76. He was chief of the day at Bethesda Naval Hospital the day an autopsy was performed on President John F. Kennedy's body.

David underwent post-hypnotic suggestion about one and a half years ago to see if he could

recall new information about that day. "A few things came out," he said.

Slab to be open weekends

The city slab will be open to the public the next three weekends for disposing of yard debris and branches only. The slab will be open from noon to 3 p.m., under supervised guard, the weekends of Nov. 19, 26 and Dec. 3. The site will then be closed for the winter.

Police News ★

Bryan K. Calloway, 35, of 812 E. Elm, was arrested at 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, charged with aggravated assault, resisting arrest and intimidation. He was arrested on a complaint from Cindy Yongers of the same address who told police Calloway allegedly threatened her with bodily harm. He was taken into custody with assistance of the Vermilion County sheriff's department. Calloway was taken to the Public Safety Building.

Tim Ratliff reported Wednesday that someone got \$9 in gas at the Clark station without paying for it.

Herbert E. Smith reported that someone scratched the passenger side back door and trunk lid of his 1989 Chrysler while it was parked at the VFW parking lot at 606 W. Orange.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Nov. 16, 1994

Admitted: none.

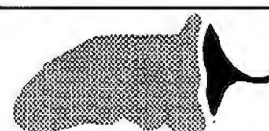
Discharged: Larry Franklin, Hoopeston.


Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 55-60. Tonight, fair. Low near 40. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 55, low near 35. Sunday, scattered showers. High near 51, low near 44.

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