

Gets it back?
Well, the city made it. I mean . . . we all created it.

Who's we?

You and me.

What did we have to do with it?

Well, like everybody else in town, we're here.

I don't see what that has to do with it.

If nobody was here, how much would the medical lot be worth?

If nobody was here it wouldn't be worth nothin'. Any fool would know that!

But there are plenty of fools who don't know what belongs to them and what doesn't.

That's for sure.

Did you ever hear of Abou Ben Adhem?

Sure, in school. "Abou Ben Adhem's name led all the rest."

And did you know that in the list of fools that don't know what belongs to who, the average assessor's name leads all the rest?

Say! I'm tired of your talk and your wisecracks. I've wasted my time long enough. We assessors know our business and we don't need any advice. You stay here with your soapbox. I'm going.

Goodbye, Mr. Deputy Assessor.

(Soliloquy) If I thought you really knew your business I'd promote you from ignoramus to criminal! But you don't.



Auditor: Park Goes Aloft

"Spy in the Sky" was the jangle label attached to the latest move by Cleveland's auditor, Ralph J. . . . For the first time in the county's history there is to be an aerial survey to give appraisers a bird's eye view of all taxable property. It should also prove a boon to taxpayers, since it will help to gauge the effects of topography, urban blight, air pollution, industrial spread and other factors in property valuation.

Enlarged photographs will be indexed to correspond with the county's map books. They will be used in reviewing the six-year reappraisal to be completed in August. The "Spy in the Sky" will also reveal new buildings and additions which have not been reported.

Cleveland's Plain Dealer, in another recent issue, credited a letter to the editor with the large headline: **Predict: Flight of Wealth Will Bring City Income Tax.** K. F. Ziska quoted Senator Clark of Pennsylvania's observation that municipal budgets to fight crime, delinquency and blight grow while the economic capacity to finance them is eroded by the flight of wealth to the suburbs. This has meant abdication of political as well as economic responsibility and is symptomatic of society's failure.

The writer predicted that if the present attempt to lower taxes on downtown property succeeds, the city home owners will be saddled with the county's loss, and in less than a year Cleveland will have a city income tax.