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Trained Help Needed To Re-assess County Under New State Law (Editor's note: In the third Commissioners is:

article of this series we discus-"Before assigned individuals sed the Real Estate Assessment are sent into communities to Law itself and how by a stand- gather information and facts ardized system of record keep- they should be thoroughly ining equalization of assessments structed as to what to look for; was brought about. In this ar- the improvements should be ticle some methods used in in- measured on the outside to get stalling the new system for as- the over-all dimensions by teams of two; when they have sessments are discussed.) In insalling the new system measured two or more proper-

under the new Real Estate As- ties, then each individual can sessment Law of Pennsylvania, go into one property and gather County Commissioners the necessary information that should first determine whether is required on the inside. These or not to erect the system with teams of two are responsible to their own help or by contract, a Supervisor who, on the averthe Pennsylvania Local Govern- age, has from six to ten teams under his direct supervision. ment Conference says.

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Some counties have seen fit to use an appraisal consultant to are given to the supervisor who advise them and to contract for reviews them and then turns the mapping. Other counties them into the office for pricing. This procedure gives the Chief have utilized their own forces County Assessor, through his in the installation. This of Supervisors, control over each course becomes a matter of deday's production of fact findcision for the Board of County ing.' Commissioners of each County.

"No matter how they approach the problem, one must keep in mind the objectives of the new system; accounting for all the property and to see that making adjustments, either up it is on the tax duplicate; and effecting equalization in assessments throughout the county," the Conference explains.

Results to date emphasize the following steps as the most efficient way to approach the reassessment and equalization program, whether the work is let to a contractor or done with the county's own facilities: 1. Train the help under the

methods prescribed in the new law. 2. Gather the facts of the im-

provements on land. 3. Establish a sound program of public relations, so that thru which is applied the percentage

that the Board of County Comlocal media taxpayers will be fully informed about the aims missioners have adopted, and the result is the assessed valuaand methods of the program. In all cases facts on which to tion."

(The fifth article will discuss base evaluation must be available. It was found that the most how to proceed with the countyefficient way is to establish con- wide mapping.) struction costs for any particul-

struction costs for any particul-ar area. Valuations for this pur-pose can be based on a square foot price for residential build-week in Merchants Christmas ings; the cubic foot price for promotion. theatres and certain types of in- . The 40th prize of \$5.00 was

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cedures used by some County Patronize Bulletin Advertisers.





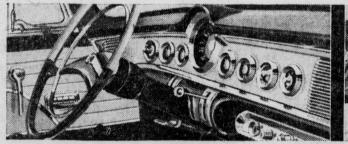
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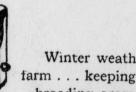
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