

wrote: "It is a well-provisioned ship, this on which we sail through space. If the bread and beef above decks seem to grow scarce, we but open a hatch and there is a new supply, of

which before we never dreamed. And very great command over the services of others comes to those who, as the hatches are opened are permitted to say, 'This is mine!'"



## The "Growing Army"

THE many readers who have been following the career of S. James Clarkson with interest and approval, will be glad to know that he was re-elected Mayor of Southfield, a suburb of Detroit, in a close decision and against the bitter opposition of the well-entrenched President of the City Council.

Mayor Clarkson campaigned on a "Program of Progress" which included a policy of protection against penalty taxation on home improvements, and reduction of taxes on homes and buildings. In a voters' bulletin, which could be read in a minute and 40 seconds, he told "the truth about the new assessment," exposing the fact that those opposed to revaluation of property values were large companies whose holdings have long been under-assessed, whereas the longer list of groups favoring the revised assessment, include many civic home improvement associations. The reappraisals, made by a Cleveland firm and based on fair market values, showed increases in some cases more than a thousand per cent in excess of former figures. The mayor's bulletin made it clear that this under-assessment of large properties is responsible for the burden of taxes on homeowners and the revised

valuation would, in the majority of cases, reduce the assessments on homeowners.

Favorable news comes from The Incentive Taxation Committee of California that "ACA 20"—the amendment to allow cities and counties to reduce or remove taxes on improvements and personal property, and collect public revenue from a tax on land values, is now out of committee.

Sidney G. Evans of San Diego and Hyman Ledeen of Pasadena have organized a homeowners' association to fight excessive taxation through education. "Homeowners are the prey of every new tax scheme, local, state and federal," they observe, "and as taxes increase, our freedoms decrease because of growing government control made possible by bigger and bigger government budgets." Mr. Evans and Mr. Ledeen say they have joined the growing army of businessmen and homeowners who see land speculation as the evil underlying unemployment, low incomes, slums, delinquency and crime. They want to reduce land speculation and give industry and homeowners a break. They expect to collect signatures from at least 200,000 California residents who are in agreement.