

Squeezing Auto Owners.

Ten years ago in the heat of war Americans were willing to pay any sort of a tax. But a decade later they justifiably object if the government still insists on collecting taxes levied purely as emergency war measures.

Such a levy was the automobile excise tax. The manufacturer, to whom the government looks for collection, passes it on to the dealer and he in turn shoulders the responsibility on to the automobile buyer, who belongs to that large and long-suffering class known as the ultimate consumer.

The automobile manufacturers have pleaded with each Congress for the past several years for relief from this burdensome tax placed on the industry. Last year it was reduced, but not entirely eliminated, and this year the makers are engaged in a determined attempt to convince Congress that the automobile should not be

loaded down with an excise tax. The "pleasure car" tax is unjust. Furthermore, the "pleasure car" has passed on into the limbo of the almost forgotten past. There just isn't "any such animal." Few automobiles today are used for strictly pleasure purposes.

The automobile has earned a place among the things which have been found to be of genuine service. Although a means of providing pleasure, it is at the same time a service vehicle which could not be dispensed with as business is now conducted. It is pressed into daily use. No longer does the automobile owner "store" his car for the winter. He needs it for protection from the weather and in attending to business affairs.

The automobile has been over-burdened with taxation and to insist on it continuing to help pay for the war is unfair. First comes the local property tax, then the registration or license plate fee, and in most States a gasoline tax. The automobile owner deserves more consideration from Congress than he has been getting.

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Fisher Rod and Gun Club Held Annual Turkey Spread.

Saturday, December 10th, was the red letter day for the deer season in the Bear Meadows district, when the Fisher Rod and Gun club, of Boalsburg, gave its annual turkey spread in its capacious camp, which was appropriately decorated and literally overflowed with guests which included a number of distinguished citizens of Pennsylvania and other States.

The club outdone all former efforts along this line as well as in entertaining the many prominent men who enjoyed its hospitality. It was a regular metropolitan dinner, served in such a manner that it was hard to realize that the scene was so far from civilization, in a camp which nestles snugly against the fifth of the Seven mountains, close to the Sasfras spring and adjoining the Bear Meadows, all within the beautiful Tussey range in Centre county, one of the most delightful spots in the State.

Professor O. F. Smith, of State College, occupied the important position as toastmaster, and responses were made by former Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, now president of Juniata College, Huntingdon; Dean G. S. Wendt, Dr. W. R. Ham, Col. C. McLaughlin, Prof. R. O. O'Donnell, of State College; J. E. Thompson, of Cambridge, Ohio, and J. M. Keller, chief of the department of silviculture, Harrisburg.

At 8.30 o'clock members of the Sunbury camp arrived to pay their respects, taking with them an organ, and materially assisted in entertaining the banqueters with music. They had a splendid male quartette which rendered delightful music, including some of the old-time songs. Among their number was Glen Seigel, who has been on the stage for years and whose songs have been heard from coast to coast, who sang several fine solos, the musical program ending with "The Silent Hunt," in which everybody joined. It was a late hour when "good nights" were said and most of the guests left for their homes. The club register showed the following guests present:

- F. M. Torrence, of Dale camp.
- Martin G. Brumbaugh, Chester J. Langdon, George B. Snyder, Hugh L. Carey and S. Harold Fisher, Huntingdon.
- John D. Whitecar, of the officers club, Boalsburg.
- I. J. Dreese, John Mitchell, Charles Thompson and William Dunkleberger, of Lemont.
- F. H. Fisher, Dean G. S. Wendt, Dr. W. R. Ham, Prof. R. O. O'Donnell, Dr. James E. Knott, Dr. J. R. Ritehour, Prof. G. M. Whitehead, Paul Smith, Dr. J. V. Foster, Capt. M. E. Bashore, Capt. S. C. Wheat and Bill Fisher, State College.
- J. E. Thompson, Dr. A. M. Boyd, Dr. H. S. Stuart, S. C. Carns, Esq., J. E. Slinguff and W. M. Hannan, Cambridge, Ohio.
- George B. Young, Emil W. Schmidt, Thomas R. Henderson, H. R. Houser and George M. Seigel, Altoona.
- E. R. Campbell and Joe R. Reitz, Sunbury.
- John M. Keller and John B. Truman, Harrisburg.
- F. S. Crissman and S. R. Replogle, Woodbury.
- O. F. Smith, Prof. W. S. Bender, M. M. Goheen, George N. Fisher, J. G. Patterson, A. E. Gingerich, W. R. Young and Nevin Fisher, Boalsburg.
- D. C. Barnes, of Maine; Dr. Reed S. Nebinger, Danville; B. H. Crowder, Pittsburgh; Ewan Evans, Dunlo; Edgar Summers, Milton; Dr. E. S. Adams, Danville; John B. Mertz, Milton; Lynn Ross and Walter Wilkins, of Linden Hall.

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Prize Essays for School Teachers.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Centre county has decided to give the teachers of the public schools an opportunity to compete for a prize by writing an essay. The teachers have so much responsibility in connection with the yearly contests among children that an innovation to add to their interest seems richly deserved.

The subject chosen for the essay is a review of the book, "Prohibition at Its Worst," a book already in many of the school libraries in the county. Complete rules and regulations of the contest may be obtained of Mrs. Maude Herman, Pleasant Gap.

As the first prize will be ten dollars, and there will also be other prizes, it is expected that many teachers will enter the contest. Those wishing to do so should communicate with Mrs. Herman as soon as possible.

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The Street committee and borough manager got a job on their hands, this week, they didn't expect when they undertook to straighten up the stone pavement along Spring Creek, on South Water Street. For several years the stone has sagged toward the creek and in some places was ten inches to a foot lower than the curb. They engaged M. R. Johnson to do the work and when the flagstone were removed it was discovered that some twenty-five or thirty feet of the wall had bulged out toward the creek a sufficient distance to make it quite dangerous, and the only thing to do was tear the wall down and rebuild it, which they are doing.

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- L. F. Mayes, treasurer, to Centre County Commissioners, tract in Milesburg; \$3,12.
- G. W. R. Williams, et ux, to John C. Shuey, et ux, tract in College Twp.; \$2,750.
- John C. Shuey, et ux, to John D. Dreibelbis, jr., et ux, tract in College Twp.; \$4,000.
- John C. Barnes to Elwood Brooks, tract in Spring Twp.; \$300.
- Joseph K. Fisher, et ux, to John H. Dyke, et ux, tract in Milesburg, \$60.
- C. W. Weiland, et ux, to A. E. Gingerich, tract in Harris Twp.; \$500.
- Sarah E. Gingerich to A. E. Gingerich, tract in Harris Twp.; \$1,000.
- Theodore D. Boal, et al, to Pierre De La Garde Boal, tract in Ferguson Twp.; \$18,500.
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- A. A. Frank, et ux, to George W. Secrist, tract in Millheim; \$5,000.
- E. R. Taylor, sheriff, to Independent Oil company, tract in Rush Twp.; \$3,575.

George R. Meek, Exec., to Guy Bonfatta, et ux, tract in Bellefonte; \$800.

W. R. Hosterman, et ux, to Ralph S. Hagan, tract in Centre Hall; \$1.

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