

Chain Store Tax Is Held Invalid

Dauphin County Court Declares Levy is Unconstitutional

The Dauphin County Court declared unconstitutional the former Earle administration's \$3,000,000 chain and theatre tax imposing graduated levies of from \$1 to \$500 on chain stores and theatres throughout the state.

In an opinion written by President William Hargest, the court handed down permanent injunctions prohibiting the Secretary of Revenue from enforcing the act that cut the anticipated tax revenue to a trickle when 40 constitutional suits protested against it.

The evidence in this case, the opinion states, shows no reasonable basis for the separate classification (into 12 classes) and taxation of (a) single stores and groups of stores under the same management, supervision or control (b) groups of stores under the same management, supervision or control (c) groups of stores of varying numbers.

The act was first attacked by the American Stores Company on June 7, 1937, only 24 hours after the former Gov. George H. Earle signed the tax law. The concern claimed it would be liable to a \$995,000 a year contribution for its 1660 Pennsylvania outlets.

The opinion admitted that the U. S. Supreme Court had sustained chain store legislation as applied to food stores, but that it "never sustained a chain store tax upon such a flagrant attempt at classification" as in the former "Little New Deal" measure.

AUTO WRECKS INjure HOULTSDALE RESIDENTS

Severely injured in an automobile accident on the Tyrone mountain road Sunday evening, Edward Eckberg, 17, is a patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital suffering from bruises, lacerations and loss of blood. Eckberg was one of three Houttsdale youths in the car when it crashed after a tire blew out. The other two youths, Harold Lewis and Rembrandt Eckberg, suffered bruises and lacerations.

William Blehop, also of Houttsdale, was critically injured Sunday night near Houttsdale when the car he was driving was wrecked as Blehop is said to have attempted to avoid a collision with another car. He is a patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital. His wife and daughter were also hurt in the same accident.

Marriage Licenses

William E. Watkins - State College
Cleo Dolores Frew - Bellefonte
John W. McCracken - W. Virginia
Virginia B. Springer - State College
Lynn Donald Rote - Flemington
Ellen M. Merryman - Flemington

LOCAL NURSES' GROUP NAMES COMMITTEES FOR YEAR

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Centre County Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association held at the hospital recently, the president of the association, Grace V. Tressler, appointed the following committees to serve for the year 1939:

Program: chairman, Miss Ventre; Mrs. McCoy, Miss Burkholder, Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Corman.
Public relations and publications: chairman, Mrs. Finnin; Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Minnich.
Visiting and flower: chairman, Mrs. Lambert; Mrs. Washburn and Mrs. Shoemaker.
Social: chairman, Miss Neal; Miss Beaver, Miss Watson, Mrs. Homan and Miss Walker.
American Journal of Nursing: chairman, Miss Murray.
Finance: Miss Smith, Miss Swartz, Miss Keller, Mrs. Finnin and Miss Ventre.

Auditing: chairman, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Seegar and Mrs. Beezer.
Nominating: Mrs. Seckinger and Mrs. Lambert by reason of their recent election to directorship. The chairman will be appointed later in year.
Private duty chairman: Miss Keller.
Mrs. Mabel Fynnin was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Miss Swartz resigned as director in order to accept the post of secretary.

The officers of the Alumnae Association now are as follows: president, Mrs. Grace V. Tressler, R. N.; 1st vice president, Miss Catharine Ventre, R. N.; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Mary Beizer, R. N.; secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Swartz, R. N.; and treasurer, Mrs. Florence Smith, R. N. Directors are: Miss Jane Keller, R. N., Mrs. Mabel Fynnin, R. N., Mrs. Beatrice Seckinger, R. N., and Mrs. Helen Lambert, R. N.

BRIDGE AND LUNCHEON AT KOZY KAVE TAVERN

Mrs. Cyrus Shuler entertained at a bridge luncheon at the Kozy Kave Tavern near Milledgeburg, last Wednesday.

Poiced red geraniums were artistically arranged about the room and a delicious luncheon was served to three tables. Bridge followed and was in play for several hours during the afternoon.

Places were set for the following guests: Mrs. H. W. Salisbury, Beech Creek; Mrs. H. A. Kline, Mrs. Harold Kline, Mrs. Gilbert Shope, of Howard; Mrs. Irvin Calvert, Mrs. Verna Crisman, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Harold Dewelle, Mrs. Clara Horning, Mrs. Ella Barrett, of Williamsport; Mrs. Frank Ruff, Cleveland, Ohio; and Miss Stella Shuler, of Boston, Mass. The guests were Mrs. Jennie Berry, of Beech Creek, and Mrs. Jennie Shuler, of Williamsport.

Talk on Wild Life

At the next regular meeting of the future Sportsmen of Pleasant Gap, on Friday, Feb. 24, in the Pleasant Gap Fire, Professor Charles W. Stoddard, Jr., of the State College High School, will lecture and show some interesting moving pictures on wild life. All boys between the ages of 10 and 18 years are invited to attend this meeting.

W. C. T. U. COMMENDS HOTEL

The Bellefonte Women's Christian Temperance Union has sent W. J. Emerick, proprietor of the Penn Belle Hotel, a letter commending him for conducting that establishment without a bar.

Club Honors Boy Scout Birthday

F. T. Augustine Presented to Kiwanians As Year's Most Useful Person

The twenty-ninth anniversary of the organization of the Boy Scouts of America was observed in the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club at a meeting Tuesday. The meeting was in charge of W. W. Sieg, for the boys' and girls' work committees of the club, who presented to the members Foster Augustine, of Bellefonte, as the most useful person to scout in the Juniata Council during the year 1938.

Kenyon Woody, scout executive of the Juniata Valley Council, introduced a group of Boy Scouts, Kenneth Ridge, Tom Shallos, Stanley Olsen, and John Bortoff, who gave several selections on their "Tuneboxes," home-made instruments of card-board tubing, flooring and like simple materials, fashioned somewhat like the marimba. In the second part of the program, Mr. Woody showed still pictures of Scout activities and explained the superior usefulness of Scouting activities for boys in character and citizenship training.

Twelve members of the State College Kiwanis Club, Forest Struble, R. T. Graham, C. A. Eder, Willett Seckinger, Michael Baker, M. B. Meyer, J. G. Neidigh, Michael Shoemaker, Edward William, Jack Frost, Julius Kaufmann, and John Shoemaker, were present. Other guests present were Scout Tommy Ryan, Lewistown; the Rev. Frederick D. Eyster, Hollidaysburg; the Rev. Arthur J. Miller, Hebersburg; and J. Earl Dobbs, State College.

STATE COLLEGE GIRL HONOR GUEST AT BUFFET SUPPER

Mrs. H. A. Oberheim, Lock Haven was hostess at a buffet supper Wednesday evening at her home, honoring Miss Virginia Springer of State College, who will become the bride of John McCracken, Pittsburg, February 25 at 3 p. m. in the Lutheran Church, State College.

Miss Springer was tendered a linen shower. The evening was spent playing bridge, prize winners being Mrs. Lucian Shaw of Jersey Shore and Miss Mary Jane Stahle of State College.

All the guests were former State College friends of Mrs. Oberheim who before her marriage was employed there. Mrs. John D. Beck, sister of the hostess was also present. A patriotic color scheme was carried out.

Search For Plane Rumored Wrecked

Small Craft Thought to Have Crashed in Vicinity of Hairy John Park

Wary searchers returned to their homes late Tuesday afternoon after beating through the rugged area between Woodward, Centre county, and Lauripolis, in an unsuccessful trace of a small airplane which, according to reports, persisted throughout the day, crashed on Stitzer Mountain, near Hairy John Vonedis State Park, during the morning.

No missing airplanes were reported at two airports from which the craft might have taken off. Cleveland, which was radioed during the morning by Howard Reener, a member of the three-man staff of the Bureau of Air Commerce communication station at Woodward, reported all craft accounted for. Similar word came from the Hanbury airport, which was reached by telephone.

The scene of the "crash" is on United Airlines' coast-to-coast route and is approximately midway between Newark and Cleveland.

Lamar Hatchery May Get Grant

Word has been received from Washington that a bill to authorize expenditure of \$25,000 during the next fiscal year for further development of a fish-cultural substation at Lamar, Huntingdon county, was introduced in the Senate by Senator Hayden, (D-Ariz.), as part of a five-year building program for the Bureau of Fisheries.

Fatally Burned in Houseboat

In a fire believed caused by the explosion of an oil stove in a houseboat anchored along the Blue Hill shore of the Susquehanna River near Sunbury, Charles Richofski was fatally burned, dying in the Mary M. Packer Hospital. Three others were slightly burned in attempts to rescue him. The houseboat was destroyed.

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YOUR EYES AND OUR SERVICE

A Series of Articles by DR. EVA ROAN

Bellefonte and State College
Bellefonte Office hours—Wednesday 2 to 8; Saturday 9:30 to 12:30. Closed Thursday afternoon at State College office.

Strained eyes are a frequent cause of tiredness early in the day. Liteness and eye strain are a common combination. Overcome the eye strain and energy is increased—application and concentration are increased. By which means ambition is stimulated and success furthered. This thought should receive the earnest consideration of all.

Continued week after next.

Recent Weddings

Lyman—Beamer

Miss Gladys M. Beamer, of Altoona, became the bride of Edward V. Lyman, of State College, at a ceremony performed in the St. Theresa rectory in Altoona last Wednesday morning by Rev. Peter J. Quinn. Miss Beamer, a daughter of Mrs. Harrison E. Beamer, of Altoona, was attended by her sister, Ruby, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Gertrude Lyman, Fred Haag and Charles McGrain attended the bridegroom. Mr. Lyman, a former employe of the Caber Company in Altoona, has been associated with his brother in conducting a restaurant in State College.

Miller—McClellan

Miss Virginia McClellan, of Milledgeburg, became the bride of Edward G. Miller, also of Milledgeburg, at a ceremony performed Tuesday evening February 21 in the parsonage of the Baptist church at Phillipsburg by the Rev. Franklin Wiley. The bride was attended in a blue velvet dress and wore a corsage of orchids. She was graduated from the Bellefonte High school in the class of 1934 and for several years has been employed in the offices of Prothonotary Bond C. White, in the Court House here. Mr. Miller is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, of Milledgeburg, and is employed at the Winner Market at State College. He was graduated from the Bellefonte High school in the class of 1935. During the weekend at the McClellan home in Milledgeburg.

Norris—Harter

Miss Grace E. Harter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harter, of Bellefonte, and William Hugh Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris, of Philadelphia, were united in marriage at a ceremony performed in Millerstown Friday, February 17, by the Rev. Harry L. Jarrett, pastor of the Millerstown Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. The attendants were Miss Nancy Spearling and Eugene Norris, a brother of the bridegroom. The bride, a graduate of the Bellefonte High school, has been employed at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College for six years. Mr. Norris graduated from Altoona High school and from Penn State in 1936. He is employed as a agricultural supervisor at Beechwood. The couple will be at home at Beechwood after March 1.

Hall—Young

At a wedding ceremony performed at a Charlottesville, Virginia, on Tuesday, February 14th, Miss Caroline Young, of Bellefonte, became the bride of Kenneth Hall, of Unionville. The bride is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Young, of South Allegheny street, Bellefonte.

DEMOCRATS IN STATE SEEK TO WIPE OUT DEFICIT

David L. Lawrence, Democratic State Chairman yesterday announced the appointment of a committee to assist him in formulating policies and executing plans for a vigorous campaign to re-establish the party on a sound and effective basis in the State.

Those named are Ralph M. Bassiere, Secretary of the State Committee; Warren R. Roberts, Auditor General; Carl Ross, State Treasurer; and Edward N. Jones, Vice Chairman of the State Committee.

First problem confronting the Democratic State Committee and Party Officers is the liquidation of a general election campaign deficit of over \$100,000. A drive for funds to restore the party's finances will be launched in every county in this state and will be initiated at Jefferson Day dinners to be held on Thursday, April 13.

Speakers of national prominence will participate and every county chairman is being urged to make this event a huge success.

CHINESE AND AMERICAN GIRLS TRADE SECRETS

Secrets of Chinese theatrical make-up and intricacies of Chinese dances, hundreds of years old, were revealed recently to the famed Rockettes of the Radio City Music Hall in Rockefeller Center, N. Y., when three Chinese society beauties paid a backstage visit to the renowned precision troupe.

The girls, members of the Chinese Cultural Theatre Group of Shanghai, are in this country to present a benefit show to raise money for China's war refugees. The girls brought with them, on their visit, costumes and head-dresses designed for them by Meilan-Fang, China's foremost dramatic dancer. They showed their ancient dances to the Rockettes, who, in turn, illustrated for the Chinese girls some of their famed precision routines.

WASHINGTON

Where may the weary eye repose While gazing on the great. Where neither guilty glory grows Nor despicable state. Yes, and the first, the last, the best The Cincinnati of the West. Whom every dazed beaquinth The name of Washington. To make man's birth bequeath. There was but one. —J. B. R., Bellefonte.

Buys Milledgeburg Store

Paul McGuire, of Lock Haven, has purchased the George Pifer store at Milledgeburg and expects to close out the entire stock of merchandise at sacrifice prices in the near future. Future announcements will be made later.

LIBRARY TO GET CURTIN'S PORTRAIT

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Sparks And Embers

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sheet music, together with seven violins, one valued at \$1,000; a cello; a portable organ, and many other items were destroyed in the fire, and he had no insurance.

Roy Elcheberger is a collector of Indian artifacts. On the unattended third floor of the Lyons building he had set up a small shop where he made frames and mounted the items in his collection. All his prized arrow heads, hammer heads, and knives, together with other mementoes of days when Indians were the sole inhabitants of this area, are lost.

Bellefonte can ill-afford to be crusty about charging nearby communities for the services of our fire department in the future. On two occasions in less than a week's time, State College, Milledgeburg and Pleasant Gap sent equipment and firemen to help Bellefonte out of a tough spot, and as far as this department can learn, nothing was said about paying them for their services.

What this town needs is a good, dependable fire siren. It worked all right on Saturday's fire, but it had just been overhauled. The machine is nearly 30 years old. It is worn out and never was anything to brag about. With a modern compressed-air whistle the town could be divided into zones, and when sounding an alarm the zone could be indicated by the number of blasts of the whistle. Firemen wouldn't have to depend upon the telephone exchange to learn the whereabouts of fires.

When State College residents think of the Alpha Fire Company they almost always think of "Spider" Homan, for the two are always together.

ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer will be observed in the Bellefonte Evangelical church, Friday, February 24, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. The services will be conducted by the Union Missionary Society.

Everyone is invited to attend and to pray for world peace, for the building of the Kingdom of God on earth, and for the clearer understanding of God's will for the world today. The day begins with a sunrise service in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands and as the day progresses new groups in cities, towns, and hamlets will join in praise and prayer until after some 40 hours the day ends at Gambell, on the St. Lawrence Islands off the coast of Alaska, completely encircling the globe.

The program, which will be followed throughout the world will be used at the afternoon meeting. The speaker of the evening will be Mrs. W. O. Shambaugh, of Milton, who has been a missionary to China. Mrs. Lempi Avurinen will sing "Evening Prayer," by Nisonen, and "Holy City," by Adams.

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