

State Study Unit Probes Methods To Equalize Taxes

A Tax Study Committee to ascertain methods of providing a "more scientific and equitable basis" for financing commonwealth and municipal operations and preventing industry from migrating is now ready to start its job at Harrisburg.

The office of Governor James H. Duff has announced the appointment of six men to the agency which will be headed by the Secretary of Commerce Orus J.

Matthews, ex-officio member, who will serve as chairman.

Duff selected Frank Wilbur Main, Pittsburgh accountant, and Philip Sterling, Philadelphia attorney and former state legislator.

Named by Senate and House leaders in accordance with the 1947 law creating the committee were Sen. James A. Goltz, Sec. Wickley, and Lloyd H. Wood, and Reps. Lambert Cadwalader, Villanova, and Warner M. Dupuy, Millford, all Republicans. Goltz is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; Cadwalader, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The committee was given \$50,000, half the amount originally sought, to make a "thorough study of the tax laws of the commonwealth and of other states and countries." Committee members, who will be paid for expenses, must frame a report of its findings for presentation to the 1949 legislature.

The act, authored by Goltz and Sen. John H. Dent, Jeanette, Democratic minority floor leader in the upper chamber and approved by Duff last July 9th, set up the committee under jurisdiction of

the Joint State Government Commission, the assembly's interim research agency.

Legislative leaders regard the survey as vital in view of the current State Supreme Court litigation over the measure broadening the tax base of local governments. The act itself points out that the state's existing tax structure was developed on a "piecemeal" basis, and lacks a "scientific and equitable" background.

The law says that the present tax structure "unduly burdens industrial enterprise," deters new industries from locating in the state and places present manufacturing plants in an "unfavorable competitive position."

Increasing demands for governmental service requiring additional revenue "must not be levied so as to destroy" the state's industrial position, the act adds.

Another JSGC committee is now studying reasons why Pennsylvania plants are not expanding as rapidly as in states with comparable industries.



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Atom Bomb Close Secret at Plant Down at Oak Ridge

Oak Ridge, Tenn.—War time hush-hush is relaxed somewhat here, but the United States' atomic bomb secrets still are guarded cautiously.

If somebody got a pass through one of the heavily guarded gates, the first thing you'd want to see is the celebrated nuclear energy pile where the atom was split.

Nothing doing.

You might be taken within two hundred yards of it outside a rugged fence. But all to be seen there even with binoculars, which are now permitted, is a smallish metal building. Inside that is the pile.

Try again. Maybe a look-see will be permitted inside the big plant where an electromagnet 235 feet long extracts the element U-235 from uranium ore.

The magnet is so powerful that nails in workers' shoes make the walking difficult near it. It can snatch a heavy wrench from a worker's fist.

No admittance. Another stout fence. More armed guards.

Ride another four miles through winding mountain roads for a new try. This time the gaseous diffusion plant, nestled near the Clinch River. That is where U-235 is concentrated. It's 13 miles from the Oak Ridge townsite.

It's one of those tremendous buildings you saw in an aerial photograph when the first atom bomb was dropped on Aug. 6th, 1945.

Inside 235 is separated from a chemical compound of uranium by gaseous diffusion through porous barriers. The barriers contain billions of holes smaller than two-millionths of an inch. The principle of separating U-235 from natural uranium (U-238) is to convert the solid metal into a gas and make use of the difference in the velocity of the two isotopes in diffusing the barriers.

U-235 being lighter, has a faster diffusion speed, so the gas eventually diffused through the barrier is richer than U-238. After passing through several thousand barriers, an appreciable concentration of U-235 is effected.

All this, you're told. But no look is allowed at the secrets inside. The atom keeps its secrets for the scientists who know how to harness it. And they harness it for the use by those scientists alone.

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St. Lawrence, Robert Burley, Bradley Junction, and Elmer Rowland, Mrs. Mary Frances Strittmatter, Mrs. Philip Strittmatter and Ruth Hilda Strittmatter, all of Ebensburg.

Of the delegation from this area, all but Mr. Burley were among those who were awarded the seventh degree, the highest degree awarded by the grange.

Among notables who also received the same degree were Ohio Governor Thomas Herbert, U. S. Sen. Robert Taft and Chief Justice Clark Weigandt of the Ohio State Supreme Court.

Mr. Mohler represented the Co. Grange, Mrs. Leiden the St. Lawrence Grange, Mr. Rowland the Mt. Herman Grange, and all the others the Banner Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Mohler, Mr. and Mrs. Leiden and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Strittmatter also attended the state grange convention at New Castle the preceding week.

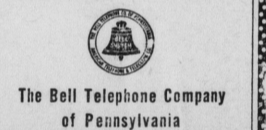
ALMOST AN ENGLISHMAN
Napoleon narrowly escaped being born an Englishman. England and France had been wrangling about the possession of Corsica for several years, and it was just a few months before Napoleon's birth, in 1769, that the controversy was settled in favor of France.

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North Co. Folks At Grange Meeting

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Colver Home Is Turned Into What's Virtual Doghouse

(From Johnstown Democrat)

When Mrs. James Burket of Ninth Street, Colver, goes shopping for an item for her collection, she hopes for three different things—but only one goes to her exhibit.

Vacation time shopping is fun for Mrs. Burket because she shares the thrill of the hunt with her two daughters. Mrs. Burket collects statues of dogs while her two daughters center their interests on glass slippers and miniature vases.

Kathryn, 16, has 30 glass slippers in her collection, one of which was a perfume bottle owned by her great-grandmother. Doreen, 10, goes for vases and also has one which formerly belonged to her great-grandmother.

In number, their collections are overshadowed by that of their mother's—since 1940 she has collected 480 dogs, with only three duplications.

Her first pair, presented by her husband, are salt and pepper shakers bearing the words "I'm Salt, I'm Pepper." Many others were given by members of her sewing club. One of her oldest dogs adorned the pipestem brought from Whitburn, Scotland, by the father of T. L. Aiken, general superintendent of the Ebensburg Coal Co., Colver.

Other items were presents from servicemen. One was purchased in Italy by Ralph Conrad of Coupon. It went through a number of battles and escaped without a mark until it arrived in New York with the returned soldier. There, the ear was knocked off.

The first overseas item came from England. Another was purchased in France for a sum equal to \$2.50 in U. S. currency. Also from overseas came two from Australia—two Scotties wearing sweaters.

Perhaps one of the rarest dogs is the French poodle. Mrs. Burket says she was very lucky to get

that one, and still is on the market for a beagle and a St. Bernard. When she gets those two with the returned soldier. There, the ear was knocked off.

Mrs. Burket's mother is one of her most generous contributors. Many of her dogs, the collector says, are from people she has never seen. They are donations from relatives and friends of her personal acquaintance. Two she received from a man who owns a Colorado pottery. He was told of the Colver hobbyist's collection by a friend in Washington, D. C.

All in all, she has dogs from 27 states, Australia, Italy, England, France, Mexico, and Canada. Some day she hopes to have one from every state.

Blair County Town Fights Rat War

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