

Gasoline Tax Hike Opened By Duff

Urges Levy Per Gallon Increased to 4 Cents

Gov. James H. Duff last Friday fired the opening salvo in the battle over proposals to increase the state's present four cent a gallon tax on gasoline.

Duff and Highways Secretary Ray F. Smock issued a 20-page booklet which ends by posing the questions:

Should we keep the state highways the magnificent transportation system they are?

Are we willing to assume the financial obligations we must assume to keep them that way?

These questions, Duff asserted, are up to the people of Pennsylvania to decide. The issue is expected to figure largely in the 1949 session of the Legislature opening in January.

Both the Governor and Smock have stated that if road construction is to continue on its present scale, the gasoline tax must be raised. Smock has estimated it will take at least two cents a gallon more to do the job.

Loretto Legion Plans New Home

Loretto Post 748, American Legion, soon may have a new home. Plans to float a \$60,000 bond issue to purchase a new building were discussed during a meeting of members Thursday evening in the present post home. The bonds, according to Comm. Paul Willis, are to bear a four percent interest rate.

Comm. Willis said present plans are to purchase a building in Loretto owned by the estate of the late Charles M. Schwab.

The loan is expected to be floated in the near future, according to the commander.

Carrolltown Girl Is Bride Saturday

Holy Family Catholic Church, Colver, was the scene of a pretty wedding at 9 o'clock Saturday morning when Miss Elizabeth Mohler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mohler of Carrolltown, became the bride of Joseph Rosmus of Ebensburg.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Father John Gura, pastor, who also sang the Nuptial Mass which followed.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her sister, Miss Evelyn Mohler, served as maid of honor and Steve Mihalik Jr. served as best man.

The bride wore a white tulle gown and finger-tip veil and carried a large bouquet of white St. Joseph lilies. Her sister wore a pink tulle gown and hat and carried a bouquet of gadiolins.

A wedding dinner was served at the Bearer Hotel, Carrolltown, followed by a reception at the Mohler home. The newlyweds plan to reside in Ebensburg.

Mrs. Rosmus is a graduate of Carrolltown High and has been employed by the Mohler Implement & Feed Store, Carrolltown. Her husband, an Army veteran, is attending radio school in Johnstown.

TODAY'S HIGH COST OF LIVING IS STILL GOING UP

	Men's Shoes	Women's Shoes	Men's Suits	Women's Dresses	Men's Shirts
1948	\$6.95	\$6.00	\$55.00	\$2.98	\$2.79
1947	\$6.45	\$6.00	\$50.00	\$2.98	\$2.98
1939	\$3.95	\$4.00	\$25.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

PRICE CIRCLES ARE ON SAME LEVEL WITH THE YEAR THEY REPRESENT

	MEAT	BREAD	MILK	EGGS	BUTTER	Canned Tomatoes
1948 Value						
1947 Same Money						
1939 Same Money						

SIZE OF FOOD SYMBOLS SHOWS COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR SAME MONEY

FOOD AND CLOTHING prices have largely increased over 1947, a survey in the major cities shows. The exceptions are dresses, eggs and butter, which have remained virtually the same as last year but are far above 1939's prices. Meat is 25 per cent higher than a year ago, 200 per cent over 1939; bread up 17 per cent over 1947, 75 per cent over 1939; milk 17 per cent and 80 per cent over 1939; butter is only 6 per cent up for the year, but 162 per cent over 1939; canned tomatoes up 10 per cent for the year, 133 per cent over pre-war 1939. Still higher prices are forecast. (Central Press)

Garmantown Amiesite Plant Refused Permit to Operate

Judge Griffith Signs Order Last Friday

The Interstate Amiesite Co. has been refused permission to resume operations at its asphalt manufacturing plant near Barnesboro.

After hearing lengthy testimony last Friday, Judge Geo. W. Griffith denied the company's motion that it be permitted to reopen.

The plant has been closed by court order since last fall because of complaints filed by Garmantown residents, where the plant is located. Townspeople complained that dust created by operation of the plant made their living conditions intolerable.

On several occasions since the court gave the company special permission to operate for specific periods of time, there were to have been adjustments so that new dust collecting equipment could be adjusted and tested.

The latest of these testing periods ended on Wednesday of last week. This was a five day period allowed by Judge Griffith after residents had visited the court-house to complain that operation of the plant still created excessive dust.

Judge Griffith said Friday that according to the testimony and his own observations, the dust situation in Garmantown is still a burden upon the townspeople. He then said the preliminary injunction which prohibits operation of the plant, is extended.

At the request of Attorney Philip N. Shettig, representing the company, the jurist said he may permit the company to operate "for one or two days" to test any improvements they may make in the future. If the dust can be controlled by new or added devices, he said, the plant probably will be permitted to open again. Until such time, he said, it will have to remain closed. (Please Turn to Page 2)

Vintondale Coal Taxes Challenged

Coal taxes adopted by Vintondale borough and Vintondale school district have been challenged in the Cambria Co. court. Equity suits have been filed against the Council and School Board by the Vintondale Coal and Coke Company.

The school board has adopted a tax of three cents per ton and the borough tax calls for two cents per ton. Both taxes apply to coal that is loaded or dumped in the borough.

Complaints set forth by the coal company are similar to those cited by other companies in opposing local taxes in various of the Cambria county communities. The company asserts that the taxes are unconstitutional, that the coal already is taxed by the state as well as by other communities in which it is mined, and that the levy is excessive and unnecessary.

CHEST SPRINGS

Mr. Carleton Little, who is employed in Pittsburgh, visited his wife and family here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walters Sr. of Altoona, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walters Jr. and family visited with relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buz Delozier and relatives in Riverdale, W. Va., last week end.

The usual round and square dance will be held in St. Monica's hall this coming Saturday.

Mrs. Agnes Stoltz has returned to her home in Altoona after spending some time with Mrs. Gerrit McConnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Little have returned to their home in White Plains, N. Y., after spending some time with Mr. Little's parents, Mrs. Urban Luther of Altoona and Mrs. Little's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. Syrenus Nagle of Clearfield, spent the Labor Day holiday with Mr. William Nagle of this place.

Miss Julia Wharton has returned to her home in Altoona after spending some time visiting her nieces, Mrs. Mary McCoy and Miss Anna Wharton.

Miss Evelyn Conrad of Washington, D. C., is spending some time at her home here Saturday.

Mrs. Alvin Mulligan of Chest Springs entertained the Quilting Club at her home Tuesday, Aug. 31. Those present were Mrs. Anna Sherry, Mrs. Minnie Gardner, Mrs. Susie Miller, Mrs. Olive M. Stoltz, Mrs. Mary McCoy, Mrs. Rose Kelly, Mrs. Gertie Kibler, Mrs. Mary Ellen Weakland, Mrs. Pearl Krug, and Mrs. Stella Schenk. A beautiful hand-made quilt was quilted and a good time was reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Little and Mrs. Herbert Randall will be glad to learn they have moved in their new home, Mr. Randall's mill and home were destroyed by fire in the early summer.

Margaret Cipprich Weds Wm. Luther

Miss Margaret Cipprich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cipprich of Altoona, became the bride of William Luther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Luther of Altoona, in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, on Saturday, September 4, at 9:00 A. M. Rev. Father Denny performed the single ring ceremony and sang the nuptial High Mass, which followed.

The bridesmaid was Miss Doris Ann Cipprich, sister of the bride, and the best man was David Luther, brother of the groom.

The bride wore a white satin and net gown with a long train and a finger-tip veil with a tulle of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid wore an orchid satin and net gown and a matching tiara of flowers and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, which was followed by a reception in the afternoon at the Newburg Hall. After the dinner the newlyweds left on a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada. On their return they will reside in Altoona. Mrs. Luther is employed by the Knitting Mill in Altoona and Mr. Luther is employed by the Cherry Motor Co., Altoona.

Erma Shelfe Bride Saturday Morning

Miss Erma Shelfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Shelfe of Marsteller, and Andrew Hancharick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hancharick Sr. of Barnesboro, were married at 9 a. m. Saturday in Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Barnesboro. Rev. Father Charles Smyth officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Miss Mary Fudrow was maid of honor and Martin Hancharick, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Miss Theresa Fudrow and Mrs. John Pollack were bridesmaids. Misses Patricia and Michael Hancharick Jr. acted as the ushers.

Mrs. Hancharick is employed by the Phillips-Jones Corp. of Barnesboro. Her husband, an Army veteran, is a graduate of Barnesboro High and is employed by Arcadia Mines. The couple will reside in Barnesboro.

County contests are now picking the men who will compete for the state championship in the farmers' horseshoe pitching tournament at Harrisburg in January. Ivan Lute of Indiana Co. is the present champion but is prevented by contest rules from competing this year.

Some Area Miners 'Pre-Trial' Eliminates Legal Tricks, Speeds Up Justice

Money This Month

6 Application Forms Sent to Each Local

Some of the area miners entitled to pensions will begin receiving their money this month. To be eligible, a miner must be 62 or over. He must have a total of 20 years' service in the coal industry and be a member of the UMW. And, if he already has retired, he gets a pension only if his retirement came after May 28. If he retired on that date or earlier, he gets no pension.

Those were the terms of the agreement of Apr. 12 between John Lewis and Sen. Styles Bridges, constituting a two-man majority board of the three-man board of trustees of the welfare fund.

The third man, Ezra Van Horn, a coal operator, sued to stop pension payments under the plan. However, Judge T. Alan Goldsborough found June 22 that the plan was legal, "reasonable and proper."

Some miners over 62 who have retired since May 28, 1946, will get a nice amount in one check because pension will be paid retroactive to the date of retirement.

When a retired UMW member reaches 65 he gets U. S. Social Security benefits ranging from \$30 to \$40 per month in addition to his pension. If his wife is 65 or over, Social Security benefits will be higher.

If a miner is receiving the pension and gets another job in the coal industry, his pension will stop. This likewise applies if they become mentally incompetent or if they lose their good standing in the union. However, retired men are not required to pay union dues.

Average Case Finished In Only 20 Minutes

A new court procedure called "pre-trial" establishes, before a formal trial, the essential points of any case on which the opposing lawyers agree. Such agreements often lead to a settlement which makes formal trial unnecessary. Even if no settlement is reached, the pre-trial agreements speed the administration of justice by eliminating many nuisance cases, long delays, emotional appeals to juries and the tripping of honest but nervous witnesses.

In the Reader's Digest for August, Frederic Sondern Jr. hails pre-trial as "the most revolutionary innovation of the century in our tradition-encrusted, ponderous legal system. . . . Without ceremony, pre-trial cuts red tape and the professional legal trickery common in many courts. In the opinion of many lawyers and judges it is the firmest guarantee yet devised to assure us of true justice—not so much by the letter as by the spirit of the law."

Pre-trial is now operating in a large majority of federal courts and the state courts are slowly following the high courts' example. In fact, the method works, Sondern explains the functioning of the Pre-Trial and Assignments Court of the District of Columbia. "There are no witnesses, no jury. Without ceremony, the Justice asks questions and each lawyer briefly sketches his case. The tone is conversational. The judge brushes aside quibblings and irrelevancies, reduces the arguments to essentials. In 20 minutes the average lawsuit is settled. In a single day the court disposes of a calendar of litigation that would clog the district courts for weeks if tried under the old system."

If pre-trial attorneys cannot agree on a settlement, the judge dictates an order which becomes the basis of the formal trial. Nothing agreed upon in pre-trial conversations can be disputed in the formal trial.

Originating in England in the 19th century, pre-trial was introduced to this country in 1929 by two crusading judges of the Circuit Court of Michigan, in Detroit. Troubled because they were trying cases four years old they began calling lawyers informally into their chambers to discuss settlements. As the backlog of the trial calendar dropped from four years to ten months, lawyers who had disapproved of the pre-trial system changed their attitudes. Clients, pleased with the straightforwardness of the new method, lost their fear of legal action.

Courts in other cities followed suit. In 1938 the U. S. Supreme Court, spurred by Chief Justice Hughes' interest in the experiment made pre-trial optional for federal judges. Since then, the article says, a group of the nation's foremost judges and attorneys has been preaching the pre-trial gospel by association.

Illustrating the time-saving advantage of pre-trial, Sondern cites two similar auto accident suits. The first, tried under the old regime, consumed three days in court. The second took ten minutes of pre-trial time; the formal trial lasted barely an hour, and the jurors reached a verdict in fifteen minutes.

The author contends that pre-trial is the doom of the ambulance-chasing lawyer who trumps up cases in the hope of extracting settlements from those who fear the expense and trouble of a court trial.

Social Security Labor Day Message Advises Workers

In a special Labor Day report to workers of Cambria Co., Richard C. Westling, manager of the Social Security Administration office, 512 Public Safety Building, Johnstown, said over \$165,000,000 monthly is being paid to about 6,000 retired workers, their wives, and dependent children, and over \$65,000,000 monthly to approximately 4,000 widows, children and dependent parents of workers who have died.

This represents a substantial increase over similar figures last Labor Day.

"But there are still people," Mr. Westling continued, "who are losing payments simply because they delay coming to our office to file claim for them."

Social Security payments are not started automatically when a worker reaches age 65 or dies. They must be applied for. Your Social Security office wants to help and will render all possible assistance. But you must take the first step.

Social Security legislation was designed for the working man. On Labor Day the American worker counts his blessings, he will remember Social Security. To make sure that it does all it can for him, Mr. Westling suggests that each Social Security card holder do the following things:

1. Assure yourself that you have an official Social Security account number card—containing your correct Social Security account number and your name spelled properly.
2. Show your account number to each new employer and see that he gets the information correct on his record.
3. Check up on your Social Security account every year. A postal card or phone call to your nearest Social Security office will bring you a form for making a formal request.
4. When you reach age 65 visit the nearest Social Security office. Tell your family now to visit the office if you should die.

repellants, bed nets and protective clothing proved good anti-malaria measures in keeping down malaria dengue, and other diseases.

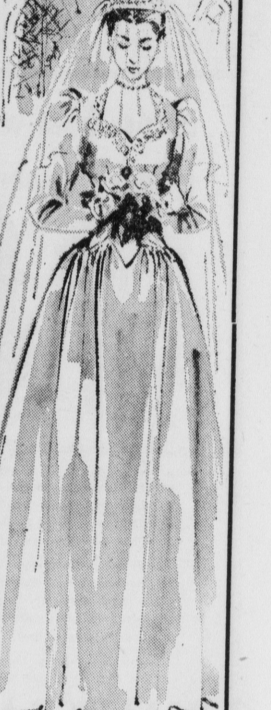
Gnats, itch mites, ticks, and the filthy houseflies are not only annoying but are the carriers of diseases to man.

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Where Should You Go for Your Health?

"You should go somewhere for your health!"

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The human body has great adaptability.

It can withstand hot and cold in dry and wet climates and in high and low altitudes.

In regards to invalids, however, a place with a range of 55 to 70 degrees may be suitable, but such a climate gradually reduces the vigor of the healthy, virile person.

A cool, sunny climate is better for the person with the pulmonary type of tuberculosis than a tropical climate.

In a cool, moist climate people perspire less, and also rheumatic and joint disorders are more common than in dry, hot areas.

There is a vast amount of rheumatic trouble in the New England States bordering on the sea.

Rheumatic and gouty people need a dry soil and warm dry climate.

The warmth of southern areas encourages indolence and leisure, unsuitable to individuals intent on taking their ease.

Digestive trouble is a condition more prevalent in the south. High altitudes are places to be avoided by persons with heart disease.

Statistical records verify all these contentions.

Vintondale Boro Plans To Annex New Tract

Vintondale Borough Council on Thursday morning petitioned the Cambria Co. Court for permission to annex a small tract of land lying in Jackson Township just outside the borough limits. The plot contains approximately one acre lying southeast of the borough. It is owned by the Vintondale Citizens Club whose members requested the action by the Borough Council.

240 Special Registrars To Sign Up Voters

Approximately 240 special registrars who will register voters in Cambria Co. this week were sworn in at Ebensburg Court-house on Tuesday. Prothonotary Joseph C. Dolan administered the oath.

To Form Cabinet

FORMER PREMIER Robert Schuman (above) has been commissioned by President Vincent Auriol to form a new French Cabinet. Schuman accepted the mandate after former Socialist Premier Paul Ramadier had failed in his efforts to form a new government. (International)

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