

Higher State Taxes May Be On Slate For Next Biennium

Are we in Pennsylvania to be faced with the prospect of new and higher taxes next year? The answer to this question is almost axiomatic, in many respects.

Demands for additional revenue are already being heard. During the current two-year period the state has been operating on a billion-dollar budget, something quite unheard of before.

The multi-million dollar stream clearance program now under way throughout the state is running out of funds. If it is to be continued and expanded as planned for next year, where is the money to come from?

There is only one answer: increased taxes. The Commonwealth's \$2,000,000 mental health building program started last year is already faced with the prospect of bogging down without additional revenue, and goodness knows the state must do something about more housing space, and soon.

Cambria county commissioners have been required for some time to take a patient in mild mental degree out of state institutions and place them in our county home in order to gain admittance for an emergency mental case. This goes on most every week. Result is that we have a large number of mental patients in the Cambria Co. Home who should be wards of the state.

Additional revenue comes only from the taxpayers pocket.

The motorist faces the ugly prospect of an increase in the gasoline tax, with the Highways Department complaining that the current funds will not meet construction and improvement pro-

grams mapped out for the immediate future. These are only a few of the demands for more and more money from the average Pennsylvanian. When the Legislature meets in regular session in January, it will undoubtedly be asked to boost the "earning power" of our State Government—and earning power is determined only on the tax returns levied on the people.

James Paone New Spangler American Legion Commander

Lynn Wetherson Post 569, American Legion, Spangler, Tuesday night elected James Paone commander for the ensuing year. He was named to succeed Paul R. Jones during the reorganization meeting in the post home.

Other officers named are James R. Hetrick, senior vice commander; John Shank, junior vice commander; Martin C. Kirsch, adjutant; Hugo Vivadelli, chaplain; Mr. Jones, historian; and Charles Hetrick, sergeant at arms.

William Paone was selected as the new member to serve on the executive committee for a three-year term. Raymond V. Lantry will be delegate to the national convention beginning Oct. 18, in Miami, Fla.

Mr. Vivadelli gave a report on the state convention held recently in Philadelphia. Officers announced total membership for the current year is 440, an increase of 34 over last year.

Officers will be installed at a meeting following the national convention.

Scranton and Carbondale are the only two cities in Lackawanna County.

AN EXPERT AT MAKING CHANGE



BEING ADEPT in the use of safety pins is the first lesson the male parent must learn if he intends to become an expert quick change artist. Take this from Benjamin Walthal of Shirlington, Va., who here demonstrates how he became "pinup daddy" of the week. He won a baby diapering contest held by merchants of his town. (International Soundphoto)

Most Area Mines Working Only 4-Day Week At Present

Strip Mines Particularly Hit By Current Curtail

Sluggish markets have cut the force of the district's coal stream. Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers the other day reported a considerable slack-up at the mines of this area.

Open pit mining operators admitted freely that a recession has set in to curtail coal business. Industry generally is resting upon thick stockpile cushions built up during the spring and summer months.

Coal men voiced optimism that the approaching cold weather will spur mine business. However, the seasonal factor is not blamed as the sole cause of the current slump.

One industry spokesman explained: "The market is glutted. Stockpiles are at a record high and exports are down. Production finally has caught up with demand."

Hardest hit, it appears, are the open or strip mine districts. Some companies have sliced schedules to two and three days a week. Majority of curtailments have been suffered by smaller concerns.

Top quality coal is being demanded by industrial and commercial markets, operators said. This has hurt the lower grades. Payments to a number of cleaning plants at mines in the region.

Deep mines in the county are operating at an average of four days a week, according to officials. The export trade has fallen off considerably, especially the shipments to France, it was stated.

G. Albert Stewart, executive secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Open Pit Mining Association, termed the current recession as only temporary.

SECOND PEACETIME DRAFT BEGINS



TYPICAL OF THE THOUSANDS OF young Americans registering for the second peacetime draft is this group of 25-year-old New Yorkers waiting their turn to fill out questionnaires. Some 20,000 registration offices across the nation were facing with the task of checking the eligibility of 9,600,000 young men. First on the list are those born in the year 1922 after August 30. Other eligibles will register later. (International)

Nesbitt's Orange; Windber Senior Drum and Bugle Corps; Patton Auto Co.; Patton High School Band; and Patton Fire Co. "hunters."

Democratic Heads Map Registration Drive This Week

Urge House-to-House Campaign in County

Plans for launching an extensive countywide registration drive were completed at a meeting of 200 Democratic committeemen, committeewomen, district chairmen last Wednesday night in the Ebensburg courthouse.

County Chairman John R. Torquato called on the party workers to enroll every person in their respective districts so that they will be able to cast votes in the general election. The registration will take place at various points in the county on Friday and Saturday of this week.

He pointed out that the county commissioners have engaged these special registrars and have designated places in practically every community where potential voters can register.

A heavy Democratic registration at the present time will do much to assure a sweeping Democratic victory in November, Commissioner Pat Farrell told the party leaders and workers.

Mr. Farrell urged house to house campaigns. Commissioner Thomas A. Owens reminded the group that the workers should not overlook the voters who may lose their franchise by moving from one district to another and that a thorough check-up on such people also was a vitally important phase of the drive.

Brief talks also were given by Lewis Evans, Colver, Louis Rovanski, Conemaugh, and Dennis L. Westrick, Ebensburg, Democratic nominees for the general assembly.

County Controller M. C. Chervenak and Probationary Joseph C. Dolan, also urged a complete job of registration.

Hastings Boy Scout Gets Life Rating At Court of Honor

Richard McNelis, Hastings, was advanced to life scout, the second highest rating in Boy Scouts of America, at a court of honor of the North Cambria District last Thursday night in the Hastings Methodist Church.

A member of Hastings Troop 72, young McNelis received his badge from Walter Hunter, his scoutmaster.

Three youths qualified for Star rank, third highest Boy Scout classification. They are Gerald Bender, Troop 71, Carrolltown, and Glenn Myers and Marlin Stoltz, both of Troop 73, Hastings. Maurice Bender, district chairman of camping and activities, promoted them.

Thomas Lehmer, scoutmaster of Bakerton, presented first class awards to Paul Columbus and George Kotrick, Troop 72, and Paul Hovan, Post 72.

Wade Johnson, Troop 76, Hastings, was advanced to second class by Louis Haluska, district advancement chairman.

Danny Sobie and John Lamont were invested as tenderfoot scouts by Robert Brown.

Merit badges went to Richard Feender, Donald Bender and Gerald Bender, all of Carrolltown's Troop 71; Edward Hovan, Troop 72; Jack Hunter, Marlin Stoltz and Glenn Myers, all of Troop 76, and Richard McNelis. They were presented by Cletus Lehmer, district chairman.

Mr. Bender showed movies of the district camporee and summer camps. Vocal solos were offered by Agnes Federico, Bakerton, accompanied by Nancy Slay, also of Bakerton.

North Cambria District will reorganize for the new year Sept. 30 in Eagles' Hall, Cletus Lehmer announced.

20 Area First-Aid Teams to Compete in Latrobe Meet

Twenty coal mine first-aid teams in the region have enrolled to compete in the sixth annual safety day of Pennsylvania State Bituminous Safety Assn. Sept. 18, at St. Vincent's College, Latrobe.

Eleven teams from the Central Pennsylvania Safety Assn. which has mines in Cambria, Somerset and Indiana Counties, will take part. Four are entered from the North Central Coal Mining Institute, Punxsutawney, and five from the North Central District Safety Assn., Indiana.

The entries from the Central Pennsylvania Association are as follows: Team 32, Pennsylvania Electric Co.; Team 30, Rich Hill Coal Mining Corp.; Team 24, C. A. Hughes Co.; Team 23, Berwind White Coal Mining Co.; Team 20, Blair Fuel Co.; Team 19, Pittsburgh Coal Co.; Team 18, Johnstown Coal and Coke Co.; Team 31, Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corp.; Team 14, Wilks Coal

Loses Life Sunday In Auto Accident

William T. McTigue of Altoona died at 5:25 a. m. Sunday in the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, as a result of injuries received in a highway accident on Route 422 near Creson at 12:30 a. m. on Sunday. Three other youths were injured in the wreck.

State Police report that Alvin D. Oakes, 20, of Altoona R. D. 2 was driver of the car in which McTigue lost his life. They said he lost control of the car after passing two other vehicles. The auto was demolished after it crashed into a large tree on the right of the highway.

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More than 2,500,000 children comes at this time the great adventure of first going to school. This event offers a challenge to children, both intellectually and emotionally.

How will they meet this future? The level of intelligence will not be uniform.

Only about 20 per cent of the children entering school for the first time this year will have the mental capacity to graduate from a college.

Sixty per cent will be bright enough to finish a high school course.

The remaining 20 per cent will get no farther than the eighth grade, while two of this 20 per cent will get whatever training they have in schools for mental defectives.

Going to school for the first time presents a distinct change in the pattern of life for most children, and they need encouragement and sympathy.

Shy and retiring children frequently suffer from the strangeness of their surroundings and associates, while others find the habit of obedience and respect for authority difficult to accept.

Parents should assist in encouraging punctuality and regular attendance and in showing an interest in the child's school work.

The teacher or system should not be criticized in front of a child, and the school should be portrayed as a desirable and a pleasant place.

—Gov. John W. Geary (1867-1873) was the leader of the famous assault on Chapultepec in the Mexican War.

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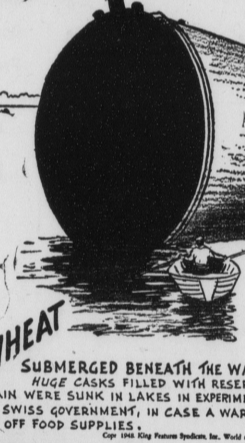
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ELMORA MINER HURT

Michael Macalnik, 59 year old Elmora miner, was injured while at work in the Barnes and Tucker Coal Co. mine at Bakerton on Friday afternoon. He was treated at the Miners' Hospital, Spangler, for injuries to his right foot and leg. His condition is good.

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