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"As I See It"
 By ...
 STATE SENATOR
 JOHN J. HALUSKA

Another holiday, known to all of us as Labor Day, is upon us again and the Legislature at Harrisburg is still in session. The cry seems to be, now, "Hold everything, mother, we will be home for Christmas."

Again, we point out that it is a shining example of the GOP Regime; of what may come, if, by some chance, the country would go Republican in 1952. It is so easy for local leaders to find fault with the Truman Administration but, for some reason, nothing is being said for the mess they have created at Harrisburg.

While so often we have stated that the Income Tax is dead, we now feel that Governor Fine will make every effort to revive this issue and do not be surprised, if, before this session is over, the Income Tax, better known as a Wage Tax, will be placed upon the shoulders of all the Pennsylvanians who are wage earners.

If this Act should be enacted, and the changes are now good, that it will be every employee from minister down to housemaid will be called upon to make monthly reports and file a return to the State Government.

The powerful Democratic Minority in the State Senate has done a marvelous job to keep this Bill from passing but, now long can a Minority hold out? And, while we have the "right" GOP in Pennsylvania, it is the "right" GOP in Pennsylvania that has stood by the 20 Democrats. Those 11 are, in one sense, sincere in their efforts and in another, politically. While they do not believe in imposing any such Tax upon the public, they fully realize that if the Tax Bill is passed it will be the GOP in Pennsylvania that will be the "right" GOP in Pennsylvania for many years to come.

During 1936, Governor Earle placed upon the Statute various new taxes, which, at that time, were badly needed because of the countless thousands upon our Relief Rolls. Despite the fact that the money was badly needed, the voting public did not accept this tax and while they are compelled to pay it they want to the polls the following year and voted the Democrats out of office.

The Republicans have adopted the Earle Program as permanent measures and now come to life with a Wage Tax, which, if passed, definitely take them out of office in the same manner as the Earle group. That is why the 11 Republican Senators are opposed to this Measure.

The pressure from school groups, payrollers asking for an increase, further aid to hospitals and other state commitments will in our opinion, force sufficient votes into the bill to pass this Measure. However, we predict that before the Income Tax is finally passed, there will be a move on foot, next week, to enact a Sales Tax of 3 percent.

In our opinion, would be much worse than an Income Tax. Governor Fine can balance his Budget, as we have said on many occasions, without a Sales or Income Tax.

We have proposed to him a number of items that can be taxed and which will provide sufficient revenues to fulfill all of our commitments. But, we must bear in mind that the man Fine is a stubborn gentleman and he insists upon having his way; he has adopted the "Double R" Policy which means that he will either rule or ruin the Republican Party. He will, in no way, bow to his predecessor, Former Governor Duff, and is willing to take chances on his own political future with the Grundy Organization. We can only state that it is a very sad state of affairs and the taxpayers are, eventually, going to be called upon to pay the fine price for Mr. Fine's mistakes.

All this confusion makes it very difficult for your Public Servant because, in the absence of a Floor Leader, the Democrats are called upon to carry the ball to victory and now we are serving in the capacity of Floor Leader, which compels us to be alert and to guard the public interest. We are very happy to be privileged to be placed in this capacity and Cambria Counties can take great pride in the fact that out of 67 Counties, we find Cambria County playing a most prominent part in the leadership of Hiram G. Anderson, Democratic Floor Leader in the House, and in ourself as the

Our Parents Would Be Ashamed

Last week the Cambria County Court sentenced a Pittsburgh man to 30 days in the county jail after he had refused to pay \$25.50 a month to his aged father who lives in Johnstown. The old man's monthly salary was set to be \$270. The DPA in order to cut down on a lot of chiselers and save the taxpayers some money has started a campaign aimed at cracking down on persons legally responsible for the support of relief clients. This is the first instance in this county, so far as we know, of a jail sentence for absolute refusal to provide such support. It's a good thing.

The writer, as a county commissioner, has good reason to know that there are also many other children who think nothing at all of attempting to place an aged parent in the County Home and Hospital, when they are at least financially able to take care of their folks. Even though the means and ability of such parents are pretty thoroughly investigated, nevertheless we know there are persons, aged and otherwise, being maintained by county taxpayers who should be the responsibility of their children.

In the Department of Public Assistance instance, the cost of relief to the taxpayers of the state during the last biennium was just under two hundred million dollars, not counting federal contributions to dependent children, the aged and the blind. That is about one-sixth of the entire state budget. It is obvious that if this huge expenditure is to be cut down, every bit of chiseling and dodging of personal responsibilities must come to an end.

To a lot of local folks of middle age, particularly in the North of the County, and in the older settlements such as Loretto, Carrolltown and Ebensburg, and even in the earlier days of the coal towns, it was commonly accepted that children should take care of their parents in their old age. It was not a duty but of love and filial gratitude for the very care given them by their parents. But when public relief entered the picture, while it did a great good in many cases, there were many others fully financially able to care for their parents who tried to push off this personal obligation on the state, just as, too, there are those who inflict that same obligation on the county.

However, just as the law compels parents who are able to do so to take care of their children, it compels children who are able to do so to take care of their indigent parents. Those who neglect this duty can be required by law to heed it, under stiff penalties. Judges McCann and Griffith are to be praised for making an example of the Pittsburgh man who declined to comply with that order. Leniency would be misplaced here. It would simply encourage others to do the same thing.

Thank goodness, the vast majority of people still live under the thought of our forefathers—that we must maintain and keep our own. It is only the few who demand the Fourth Commandment, something we wonder if the Creator, in His Justice, will not bring the same penalty to those children who "push away" their parents. Wouldn't you think, dear reader, they deserve it?

Depends Which Way One Looks

It all depends upon which way one looks at the folks who make the laws. For many, many moons there have been Republicans who have found fault with Democratic administrations at Washington, and since every election since the Democrats have been in power—ever since the beginning of the first Roosevelt term. But the majority of the voters must have thought otherwise, for there has been a decade of Democratic administration.

The citizens of Pennsylvania surely have good reason to find plenty of fault with a Republican administration and a Republican legislature at Harrisburg. If ever there was a single, solitary session of any legislature that has been confused beyond compare in tax legislation, it is the present affair. Already long piling all others for length of time in session, the boys now will have a recess until Sept. 17, when—it is hoped—something may turn up that may clear up the tax confusion. In the meantime, the G.O.P. legislative leaders will attempt to do something toward solution in recess, which they haven't been able to accomplish in regular sessions. Your guess is as good as any as to what will happen—if anything.

It is a costly business to convene a legislature. The longer the session lasts, the more the costs pile up. The present legislative session should have wound up by Memorial Day, at the latest, and it would have had an agreed upon, sensible taxation program been in effect. However, so far the people have been saved from an enormous tax because a solid Democratic front and several Republican Senators saw the light of reason. For that we can be thankful anyway. It all depends whose ox is gored when viewing the state and the national capital.

Oldest In the Diocese

Our tribute is paid during this past week to the Very Rev. Father Thomas Wolf of the Order of St. Benedict, retired pastor of St. Benedict's Catholic Church at Carrolltown, as he marked his 90th birthday on Thursday last. Father Thomas is the oldest priest in the Altoona Diocese as well as the oldest member, in years of service, of the St. Vincent Archdiocese of Loretto.

Beloved by all of his former parishioners of the Carrolltown community, he has been retired since 1944 and has resided at the Monastery in Carrolltown. Except for impaired vision he enjoys good health. To those whom he has served so faithfully and well, he commands the deepest respect and reverence—a degree not only those who have led an outstanding Christian life.

A Scuttled Defense Plan

Governor Fine either wants the civil defense program in the state financed or dropped altogether, states the Altoona Mirror, and he shoulders to think what would result if the state drops the planned defense set-up. His trade relative to defending the Keystone State "in case of attack" was delivered before the soldiers gathered at Bendersburg Camp last week as he reviewed some 4,000 guardsmen who were in field training there.

"In Pennsylvania there is a tragic complacency about civil defense. This is due to the way in which the legislature has ignored the matter in the way of appropriations," stated the Governor. But what really ruined the civil defense program was the recent made early in the present legislative session for \$50,000,000 to make the program operate.

Why, twenty million dollars is more money than most legislatures would appropriate even if there was a "war on." The state had an early defense program and raised the set-up for political reasons. What was said at Indianopolis Gap that should interest all Pennsylvanians was that "Pennsylvania has contributed more of its guard troops to the nation in the present emergency than any other state, except California." This fact should be known to all other states and to relative service at Washington.

Taxpaying—And—Voting

In last week's issue of this newspaper we noted a little reminder in the news columns that the Patton Borough Council is calling attention to the fact that there is an ordinance on the books that requires all persons to register for taxing purposes at the borough office within 30 days after they reach the age of 21. This applies to men and women alike, and the borough has a penalty for those who fail to do so, providing they enforce it.

Political parties find it difficult to register a lot of folks, particularly the youthful ones, to vote at stations. The prime reason for this is a mistaken belief that if one votes, one must also pay taxes. The true status of this, however, is that registration is not a thing to do with anyone's obligation as a taxpayer. Believe it or not, a state law likewise makes it mandatory that all persons upon reaching the age of 21 must pay taxes. This statute has been on the books too long and has got so far as it is concerned in Cambria County, it hasn't been enforced.

Your taxpaying obligations and availing yourself of the privilege of voting are two entirely separate matters. There's no law on the books that either compels you to register to vote, or to vote. But there are statutes that obligate you to pay taxes upon reaching the age of 21 years. The local assessor has no interest in whether you vote or not, but he should have a definite interest in seeing that you are placed on the assessment books when you come of age.

inal law, criminal procedure and evidence.

These three "firsts" have been greatly responsible for the increased efficiency of the minor judiciary in Cambria County. An efficient minor judiciary is an important copulatory to efficient prosecution of criminal as well as civil law.

It is true that your district attorney, or any district attorney for that matter, has no duty to conduct lectures and prepare for publication manuals for the instruction of aldermen, justices of the peace and constables. However, the fact that these things were done is tangible evidence that your district attorney and his staff have given service above and beyond the call of duty.

In addition to the above "firsts" by way of service above and beyond the call of duty, the district attorney and his assistants have always been and will always be on hand to give aid and assistance whenever possible to the police officers and minor judiciary of Cambria County. The district attorney and his assistants answer many calls during the day from magistrates and police officers who seek advice in the carrying out of their duties. Many a distressed police officer impinged on the scene in solving a knotty problem or a conscientious magistrate who has before him a decision as to a person's liberty, had received aid and advice from the district attorney's office.

It is because of such service within and beyond the call of duty to the people in general, to the minor judiciary and local and state enforcement officers, in particular that there has been excellent accord and cooperation between your district attorney and the law enforcement agencies of the county. In this respect, we sincerely believe that the record of your district attorney's administration has no parallel in the annals of Cambria County.

NEWS ON THE HOMEMAKING FRONT
 Home Economics Representative for Cambria County

Selecting Children's Clothes
 When you select your children's clothes you have two very important things to keep in mind—clothing for their physical development and clothing for their mental development.

Now for physical development clothing should give adequate protection in all kinds of weather—light in weight, porous, warm, fit snugly and have the shoulders, support the weight from the shoulders and above all, clothing should not restrict the body in any way. That's important for comfort, freedom of movement and growth.

For mental development, plan clothing that's easy to launder. Also select garments which the child can adjust easily when dressing himself. And you'll find that powders for hankies and other little items the child possesses encourage orderly habits. Where a child can keep his hangers and shelves that he can reach help a child develop orderly habits.

A child should enjoy his clothing—it shouldn't set him apart from other children—either. Clothing should stay in its place, be comfortable—and not irritate a child. Simple openings, large enough so the child can help dress the dress himself, are excellent teaching aids and save you time. Use as few buttons as possible—buttons in the front are easier to manage than those down the back. Design clothing that is suitable for children of all ages.

Never force your children to wear clothes they don't like. You can make over hand-me-downs to suit the child who's going to wear them. Design clothing so the child can take an active part in his surroundings—play clothes for play, school clothes for school and suitable clothes for dress-up occasions.

Good Posture Important
 Watch the crowd go by—school children when the bell rings—workers entering a factory—shoppers hunting a bargain—or folks walking leisurely along the street. You'll see poor posture more often than good posture. Of course, this is easy to detect in others but often harder to see in ourselves.

Good posture pays dividends. First of all, posture is a mental state. To be sure of good posture for ourselves, we must appreciate and understand good posture. Then we must make an effort to acquire and keep it. Each person—barring deformity—has a standard set of parts—a bone framework, muscles and a nervous system—all are needed for good posture. Thinking good posture helps us to use the voluntary muscles to support the bony framework in an attractive manner.

Correct posture does something else for us—it helps the organs of the body do their work properly with less wasted effort. A person with good posture radiates confidence and self respect. A slumped posture gives the impression of failure and reflects his poor opinion of himself.

Another thing about correct posture—at any age good posture adds to good looks. It is a part of the story of good grooming. With good posture, you conserve energy and lessen fatigue. The erect body gives the lungs space to expand—and to breathe properly means better circulation. All this helps to give you a feeling of well-being that shows itself in a healthy, happy appearance.

Season for Sweet Corn
 You know this is the season for sweet corn and that corn is one of the best eating vegetables right now—and that most folks like sweet corn. But do you know that sweet corn is one vegetable that really needs good care all the way from garden to the table? Good care is the only way to keep corn's delicious quality and flavor.

You see, the sugar in corn changes to starch as the corn matures. When it's overmature, there has been a considerable change—and the corn lacks its taste appeal. When corn isn't kept cool after harvesting, the change-over from sugar to starch speeds up—and it doesn't take long for quality to be lost. So, one good rule to follow is to keep sweet corn cool.

If you buy sweet corn at the grocery store or market, it's a good idea to keep the corn in the refrigerator until you're ready to cook it. Leave it in the husk that helps to keep the corn moist. When you have your own patch of sweet corn, you can pick the corn just before you're ready to use it. That's when it's at its best—its sweet, moist, and tender—just right for eating.

Pickles
 Pickles and relishes of good quality can be made at home if high quality fruits and vegetables and pickling ingredients are used. In making pickles we must remember too that reliable recipes should be used.

Vegetables for pickles should be fresh, crisp and free from blemishes.

A good grade of cider vinegar gives the best flavor, although it will darken light-colored vegetables. White vinegar is often used to pickle white onions and other light colored vegetables. Homemade vinegars are not always satisfactory because the exact strength is not known. Four to six percent acetic acid is required to make good pickles.

Granulated white sugar, either cane or beet, is usually used although some recipes call for brown sugar.

Common salt should not be used as a preservative to prevent caking or lumping.

Hard water should not be used in making pickles. If it must be used, one tablespoon of vinegar can be added to each gallon of hard water. Or, water can be boiled, strained thru several thicknesses of muslin, allowed to cool and settle before using.

Never heat pickles with vinegar in a copper vessel as a poisonous substance is formed. Use aluminum, stainless steel or enamelware pots or pans.

Glass jar tops which can be sealed are best because metal tops often corrode on standing. Fruit pickles and brined pickles can be stored in glass containers or crocks covered tightly with paraffin or paraffined paper.

Failures in Making Pickles
 Soft, slippery pickles are often caused because the pickles were exposed above the brine. Another

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Cpl. Francis Eckman
 Tank Gunner in Korea

Cpl. Francis E. Eckman, son of Mrs. Ferd Eckman of Gallitzin R. D., is serving as a tank gunner with the 73rd Tank Battalion in Korea.

The Gallitzin soldier enlisted in to the armed forces Dec., 1950, and received basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. He wears the Korean Campaign ribbon with one battle star.

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GOING ON A TRIP?

LABOR DAY

STOP IN BEFORE YOU START!

Don't go off and have a breakdown miles away from home... RIGHT NOW! before you go, get your car serviced, checked and corrected.

MAIN STREET GARAGE

CHEVROLET