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Taxing Newspaper Circulation

Somewhat weeks ago the Republican Senators at Harrisburg, in a search for revenue by taxation to by-pass Governor Fine's income tax, at least for a time, seemed to have found a way on newspaper circulation. With the legislature in adjournment until Sept. 17, and with committees trying to dig up means and methods to raise money, it could happen that they again might be casting an eye in that direction. Ted Ferrill of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association came forth with these reasons against such a levy:

1. Such a tax would be a special privilege tax upon a free press, which certainly in these days should not be shackled with any greater burden of costs than other business.
2. Such a tax would be no more justified than a tax upon the freedom of assembly or upon places of worship.
3. Such a tax would possibly be construed to be a license.
4. Such a tax would discriminate against newspapers, admittedly the greatest medium of communications, and would impose greater burdens upon newspapers than upon magazines, radio, TV, etc. It's very discrimination would make it an illegal tax.
5. It would impose a special tax upon an industry that already is paying its full share of taxation, namely, corporation income taxes upon the products it uses such as gasoline, taxes upon payroll, social security, unemployment compensation and federal income taxes.
6. Such a tax would be a tax upon advertising and, as such, would tend to raise an obstacle against the free flow of trade and would hamper the prosperity of the nation.
7. A tax upon newspapers, already hit hard by more than 100 percent increases since Pearl Harbor in the cost of labor and materials used, would tend to put many community newspapers out of business, place the blame for the depression upon the newspaper reader and the stockholder.
8. Imposition of such a tax would be construed as the same kind of harrowing tactics used in totalitarian and fascist countries to hamper the press. We need only look at the way the Peron government forced the closing of La Prensa, the greatest newspaper in Argentina.
9. Even in those states where a broad-based sales tax is imposed, the custom and practice is to exempt the bread we eat, the milk we drink and the newspapers we read.

The County Fair Is On

The annual Cambria County Fair at Ebensburg again is on in full swing and will continue until Saturday evening. The exhibition is the usual big standard set in former years, and the Ebensburg Fair is really one of the greatest ones in the state. For many folks the Fair is one big event of the year in the way of entertainment. We are all better off because of the County Fair.

If you haven't yet been up to the exhibition, you still have several days in which to do it. Plan to take a little time off and attend the Fair. You'll be all the more contented throughout the year for doing it. Each day brings forth some different program. The group of men who have the foresight and the courage to stage the fair each year are to be congratulated.

Laws Made In the Dark

The elongated session of the Pennsylvania Legislature has served to highlight the fact that the people more and more are getting government by way of secret meeting. Nearly every major decision which results in a law or the billing of a bill is made behind closed doors. This state-chamber method keeps the public in the dark until something is to be rammed down its collective throats. It has been used time after time in the current session of the legislature which opened in January and which is in recess until Sept. 17.

These taxes, which are of vital interest to the people since the people will have to pay them. Never at any time has the public been taken in "in the ground floor" while possible levies were being discussed. There always has been a hush-hush attitude as special committees and the Senate Republican caucus, behind every special tax that might be imposed to balance Gov. John B. Fine's \$1,700,000,000 budget. The press and even the members of the legislature have been kept under wraps until the closed doors and exactly what the people might expect was not disclosed until a decision already had been reached.

In the latest instance, before the session recessed, a special committee of Republican senators after two or three days of closed sessions came up with a huge-podge program to take the place of the Governor's 10-10-10-10 tax. This program, which included a half dozen taxes, was kept under wraps until it was sent over to the House Republicans for their action. They turned it down cold. So in this case it didn't matter much whether the public knew about it or not.

But the fact remains that the public is just not considered and ideas are made up in the Legislature before the public even knows what is going on. Every Republican caucus is supposed to be held in public. Republican caucuses are important because the GOP controls both houses of the General Assembly and, in theory at least, can do whatever it chooses in the way of legislation. Actually, the secrecy is largely mythical and those who promote it are afraid because what happens in the inner caucuses usually becomes public and in due course finds its way into the newspapers.

But it's not because the lawmakers want it that way. They really want to keep things dark until the times comes for rubber stamping. The top lobbyists have easy access to the full story of what goes on behind the many closed doors. If a lobbyist is worth the salt, he not only knows how to find out what happened—he helps it happen. In all of this the public gets the short end of the stick; the general idea seems to be "the public be damned."

Thoughts At Random

Patton during the past week again put into operation a curfew regulation and children now are subject to its requirements. Parents of course, are made to suffer the penalties, at least from the stand point of a levy on their pocketbooks for violations by their children. But the children at late hours of the night, primarily, are the ones who suffer because their own parents permit it. Certainly any child who is under 16 is under curfew at home after 9:30 at night, then roving the streets.

These little baseball and football leagues that are being organized have all of good in their thought. Anything that keeps the juvenile mind grooved in sports and recreation is healthy and produces better men and women. The child who has no outlet for his energy in sports and recreation, by his elders, usually turns to the bad who become delinquent. Better Americans are produced in those communities that provide recreation and entertainment of a wholesome nature than in places that ignore the thought of such matters.

With the passing of Labor Day, with the opening of the schools, and with advent of autumn in the air, we wonder how the winter can come so fast. Already most of us are envisioning a winter-time ahead, and strangely, too, winters always seem so long.

The Union Press-Courier is becoming the pioneer in recognizing that a suitable trophy should be given the outstanding high school football team in the North County Circuit. This trophy is to be awarded by judges representing the five communities affected—all of whom see in our circulation area. Local sports are a feature in our newspaper. We realize that, for the most part, the country press rather badly ignores the important part of our everyday life—particularly the interests of the young people.

The fact that so many Patton business buildings seem to be under the way of improvement is a good sign that our community can be affected by the progressiveness of their neighbors. If one man improves his premises, another feels he should do likewise. And the fact appears to be mutual advantage of all concerned.

"As I See It"

By . . .
STATE SENATOR
JOHN J. HALUSKA

Just before the Legislature recessed for a three-week period, a "battle galore" broke out on the Senate floor pertaining to a \$750,000.00 Deficiency Appropriation to take care of distressed school districts.

The greatest portion of this fund was earmarked for Schuylkill County and it was our duty, as floor leader, to point out to the members of the Senate just what is taking place in this notorious county. We pointed out definitely and specifically that the coal operators of Schuylkill County, through clever maneuvering, had all their coal holdings exempt from assessment and taxes.

Throughout the years they were clever enough to lease and sub-lease, to let and sub-let their holdings to various individuals scattered throughout the nation, thereby making it practically impossible to receive any taxes from the large coal resources. The school districts eventually found themselves in an embarrassing position in being unable to pay the wages of the school teachers.

Now, our position was that it is our duty to help distressed school districts but only after all resources were exhausted and every item that is taxable had been properly assessed. Then, if the district needed help, we felt that the State Government should come to their rescue. But, in Schuylkill County thousands upon thousands of tons of coal are being mined daily; huge profits are being reaped by coal operators, but no income is going to the county because of the cleverness of the operators.

Could Pull Same Trick Here
We pointed out that our coal operators in Western Pennsylvania, and especially in Cambria County, if they were so minded, could pull the same trick and could then apply to the State for reimbursement. But, we asked the members of the State Senate what they thought would happen if our coal operators would do the same as those in Schuylkill County—where would the Commonwealth procure all the money necessary to pay this huge bill which would run into the hundreds of millions of dollars? No one had the answer.

We termed this definitely a "political steal" and pointed out on the floor of the Senate that the county commissioners, assessors and other public officials in Schuylkill County should be surcharged for their neglect in doing their duty.

This, of course, brought up a protest from Senator Paul Wagner, who represents Schuylkill County. But his protest carried little weight, if any, because he knew, down within his own heart, that a great injustice was being imposed upon the balance of the Commonwealth because of the case in Schuylkill County.

Then, often times we wonder why governmental expenditures are getting so great when the conditions existing in the industry and a few people having the courage to express themselves regarding same.

Warned to Take Steps
So, while the appropriation was set down to \$270,000 to take care of the critical situation at hand, we definitely warned the administration to take steps to properly assess the coal lands either on a royalty basis as the coal is removed or by following out the proper procedure of assessments in accordance with law. Unless this is done, we would not stand idly by and approve another appropriation of deficiency for the same district without taking legal action against those who

Note to "Teenager"

We are in receipt of a letter to the editor postmarked "Patton, Pa." concerning the curfew at 9:30 here and how it affects the Teenage Club.

We welcome any letters to the editor that do not get signed before we publish them. The letter in question is signed merely "Teenagers Under 16."

Will an individual or group stop in and affix signatures so that it may be published?
—The Editor

There is an excessive flow of mucus, the cells become inflamed, and paroxysms of sneezing occur. General physical condition also plays an important role in body resistance or susceptibility to hay fever. Osteopathic physicians find that the same person who is susceptible to a hay fever attack when structural disturbances are present, may resist an equally severe attack when those disturbances have been corrected.

ney's administration—the innovations introduced in the handling of cases involving domestic relations these cases deal chiefly with questions of desertion and non-support of wives and children.

In the past, such cases would be set for trial once each month before the District Attorney's Court. The Court would be expected to dispose of the large volume of these cases in one day. It would be there, in open court, in the crowded and charged atmosphere of a court room, that the embittered and embattled litigants would charge and be charged with each other with accusations involving their personal life and marital relationships. The deep-seated bitterness engendered by such a public hearing would create such a stigma that too often the couples became hopelessly irreconcilable.

Marriage Licenses

Harry Alfred Clawson, Marsteller, and Marjorie Joanne Krug, Spangler.

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HAY FEVER

The time of the year which one segment of our population dreads most is right now. It's the season for red eyes, running noses, and that all-around miserable feeling that goes with hay fever.

This ailment has its peak season now, because ragweed pollen has its widest distribution at this time. The pollen from grasses, clover and roses, which shed pollen earlier in the season, may cause hay fever in some persons, but ragweed pollen is by far the leading offender.

Unlucky victims of this perennial plague may gain some relief through desensitization treatment. Administration of shots of the offending pollen, in increasingly large doses, so that they are able to tolerate the large amounts of pollen carried by the spring and summer breezes.

However, to be most effective this treatment should be given before the hay fever season begins. It has been estimated that desensitization is 20 percent more effective if given before rather than during the season.

A combination of desensitization treatments and restitutive drugs has provided very good results in many cases of hay fever.

Health officials in the Eastern United States are attacking another phase of the problem by carrying on an intensive campaign against ragweed. Beginning in early June they spray ragweed with poison 2, 4-D, a plant hormone which stimulates such rapid growth that the stems of the ragweed plants twist and crack and the leaves wither. Object of the campaign is to destroy the plants before they go to seed and the pollen starts flying.

Why are many persons (two to three percent of the total population) susceptible to this pollen? Why do they suffer with hay fever while the remainder of the population escapes?

Apparently hay fever victims have ineffectual defense mechanisms against the onslaught of the pollen. In the average individual the cilia or tiny hairs in the nose act as guards, to keep foreign substances from entering the passageway to the lungs. The flow of mucus assists by washing the surfaces within the nostrils.

In hay fever sufferers, however, it seems that the cilia cells are not so numerous, and they cannot keep the nasal passages cleared. When the pollen cells get past the nostrils, they attach themselves to the walls of the nostrils, the nerves in these walls become irritated.

Colver Soldier Is Home from Europe

Staff Sgt. James Vizzini is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vizzini, of Colver.

The sergeant has returned from a three-year tour of duty in Germany. He was accompanied to Colver by his wife, the former Margaret Selesky of Skerton, and their seven-year-old daughter.

Sgt. Vizzini brought an English-made Hillman automobile with him.

While in Germany, the Colver soldier was stationed at Weissen Air Force Base. His unit took part in "Operation Varsity" during the Berlin airlift.

Sgt. Vizzini will report to Wichita, Kan., for assignment upon completion of his leave.

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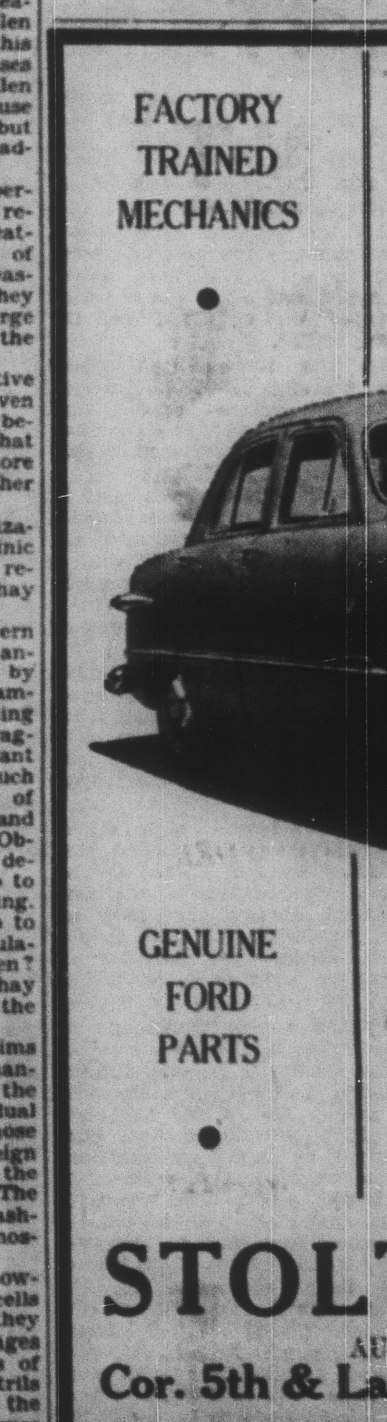
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