

## "As I See It"

By . . .  
STATE SENATOR  
JOHN J. HALUSKA

Well, the tax battle at the State Capitol has finally come to a satisfactory conclusion.

At a midnight session last week the State Senate adopted five separate measures which will give the Governor \$44 million in additional revenue.

What happened last Thursday night could well have happened last May or June had it not been for the stubborn position taken by Gov. John S. Fine.

The budget will now yield sufficient revenue to take care of all state commitments — and will, without any doubt, at the end of the biennium, show a huge surplus in the Treasury of the Commonwealth.

We are happy that House Bills 333 and 334, dealing with increases to school teachers and school subsidies, have been approved.

Our position was steadfast throughout the entire tax debate that when the curtain fell, the school teachers would receive what was rightfully due them. They will all receive the commitments that were promised by the State Legislature.

And all of this became possible without the enactment of the vicious State Income Tax which aroused the teachers of our Commonwealth to the point that they felt it was necessary to enact the Income Tax if they were to receive any consideration.

The teaching profession is a powerful group in Pennsylvania and must be reckoned with, but they were led astray by Mr. John M. Lumley, president of the Pennsylvania State Education Association. Mr. Lumley was the originator of the Income Tax movement; he felt that unless that tax was adopted H.B. 333 and H.B. 334 would never become Law.

We advised him differently but he could not see the light. Now that the Bills have passed, Mr. Lumley, no doubt, is happy, and we quote here a letter dated December 6, 1951, from him:

"Dear Senator Haluska: "As president of the Pennsylvania State Education Association I want to express the sincere appreciation of our organization for your support of H.B. 333 and H.B. 334. The enactment of this legislation, as you know, will make it possible for Pennsylvania to take its rightful place among the states in its salary and subsidy program. Public education is the bulwark of democracy and your support of good educational legislation assures the future of our boys and girls.

Very sincerely yours,  
"JOHN M. LUMLEY,  
"President, P.S.E.A."

In addition to taking care of the school teachers, we passed sufficient Tax Revenue Measures to give a 15 percent increase across-the-board to the entire state payroll, including the Liquor Store clerks and State Police.

This, also was made possible without the State Income Tax, and we believe our readers will recall that in our articles we pre-

dicted these things to come to pass.

And still we have taken the position that the vicious Income Tax should never become Law.

While our position is very sound—while we voted for Appropriation Bills, the record shows we voted for taxation to meet all the expenditures for which the Commonwealth is committed.

Therefore, another chapter has been written in Pennsylvania history—a fight that started in January and which has now gone 11½ months, and yet the end of the session is not in sight. Congressional reapportionment is now our next major battle which must be settled before we adjourn sine die.

Legislation dealing with the Philadelphia subject, which will be brought to the public limelight within the next several days, will be a nasty problem. Bringing a lot of loose ends together of the work being done for the last 11½ months will require some time but we are hopeful that we will be home by Christmas.

When the above remark was made last July in our column, it brought quite a laugh in political circles.

All in all, we hope to close the session within the next couple of weeks and prepare ourselves for another political grind during 1952. Then, the Legislature will meet, again, January 1, 1953, to take up just where we are leaving off now.

SEN. JOHN J. HALUSKA

### SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS AT WORK



THREE YOUNG DAUGHTERS of members of a New York post of Veterans of Foreign Wars pack Christmas toys for war orphans at the VFW National Home in Easton Rapids, Mich. The girls—(l. to r.) Valerie Lockwood, Mary Heigt, and Torrence Lockwood—made the uniforms on the dolls, with an assist now and then from their mothers. (International)

### Drunken Drivers In County May Be Handed Jail Terms

Judge McCann Issues Warning for Holidays

A warning to district motorists was issued Monday by Judge John H. McCann, who said there is entirely too much drunken driving and there are too many hit-run accidents in Cambria County. Judge McCann gave his warning at court in Ebensburg Courthouse.

"The court is serving warning now," he said, "that any driver charged is liable to a jail sentence if he is found guilty."

"A hit-run driver is often worse than a drunken driver—and that's bad enough, God knows," the jurist said.

The judge's warning came after he had given a man a 30-day jail sentence for drunken driving.

"I hope this warning is widely publicized so there will be no excuse for people who fall to obey

### North Cambria Police Chiefs Urge Motorists to Avoid Traffic Tragedy

Cite Use of Chains Gives Better Traction

Will your home be a house of joy or one of sorrow this Christmas?

If you or some member of your family is in a hospital as the result of a traffic injury, or if an accident in which you are involved has sent someone else to a hospital, Christmas for you will be a hollow day instead of a holiday.

Chiefs of Police of Northern Cambria County reminded motorists yesterday that Christmas, which lends an added incentive to everyone to avoid tragedy, frequently brings some of the worst driving weather of the year. Although this area is currently experiencing a little cold spell, area chiefs reminded motorists that real winter in this section of the country comes without notice.

In the role of Santa Claus helpers, area police chiefs yesterday advised wise motorists how they can help steer clear of pre-holiday tragedies.

Driving carefully, of course, is half the battle, they said, but only half. The safe winter-conditioning of autos and drivers' knowledge to combat the added hazards of winter is the other half.

Noting that statistics show the millionth person will die sometime this winter as the result of a traf-

fic accident, the chiefs listed the following pointers:

1. Be sure your lights, windshield wipers and defrosters are in good condition. Darkness and winter storms come early these days, and if you can't see, you can't drive.

2. Be sure your brakes are equalized and functioning properly.

3. If you have tire chains, be sure they fit your new tires and are ready for use when needed on snow or ice. If you don't have chains, better get some. When severe snow or ice conditions prevail, good driving habits combined with tire chains are far and away the best safety and no-stall insurance.

The area chiefs went on to say that tests last winter on hard-packed snow disclosed that cars equipped with chains had 273 percent greater tractive ability than cars with conventional natural rubber tires not so equipped. The new prevalent cold synthetic rubber tires wear better, stop and go fine on dry or wet pavements, but tests showed they are only about two-thirds as effective as natural tires in tractive efficiency on snow or ice. They require chains on relatively minor grades of hard-packed snow or ice.

In stopping tests, reinforced chains proved to be 39 percent better on hard-packed snow than even natural rubber tires, and 63 percent better on glare ice.

### MOTHER RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

A HAPPY MRS. BESSIE MacGhee holds a photo of her son, Maj. David MacGhee, after receiving word in Morristown, N. J., that he is safe, although a prisoner of the Reds in Korea. She refused to believe that he was dead after he was reported missing in action when his bomber was shot down. In a broadcast heard in San Francisco, a Communist station listed her son as one of twelve prisoners in custody. (International)

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### BAKERTON

By M. A. PANCAK

### Walter Kucholick, Korean War Veteran, Discharged

Walter Kucholick, who for the past fourteen months has been serving with a signal corps outfit of the Army in Korea, has been honorably discharged and is now visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Kucholick.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, who became seriously ill while visiting among relatives in Johnstown, has been removed from the Memorial Hospital in Johnstown to the Miners' Hospital, Spangler.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sample of Kingwood, W. Va., were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George S. . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sedmeyer of Utahville E. D. spent Saturday here at the home of the lady's mother, Mrs. Joseph Panczak . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lehmer of Honolulu, Hawaii, announce the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Lehmer is the former Mary Kelly of Carrolltown. The Lehmers left for Hawaii in October, when Mr. Lehmer took up work as a Boy Scout executive.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polites and daughter of Akron, O., spent the week end here at the Krynicky and Polites homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tirabassi announce the birth of twin daughters at the Miners' Hospital, Spangler. Mrs. Tirabassi is the former Bernetta Bonelli, daughter of Mrs. V. Bonelli of town.

John Rogezinsky, who is employed by Buckley Stenship Co., Cleveland, O., spent the week end here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Monica Rogezinsky.

### Top Scout Award Given Clyde Little

Ebensburg Boy, 12, Saves Friend's Life

Clyde Little, 12-year-old Ebensburg lad, received the Gold Honor Medal for Life Saving—the highest award presented by the National Court of Honor, Boy Scouts of America—during a Court of Honor Monday night for Troop 99, Holy Name Catholic Church, Ebensburg. The event was held in Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg.

Young Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Little, 801, East High Street, crawled out on thin ice almost two years ago to save the life of a companion, Jimmy Palencar, who had broken through and was drowning in Ebensburg Reservoir. The rescue occurred Feb. 5, 1950. Monday night's presentation was made by Dr. F. K. Shields, chairman of Central Cambria District advancement committee.

A letter from the National Court of Honor was read by Attorney C. Randolph Myers, vice president of Admiral Robert E. Peary Boy Scout Council.

### Hastings Teachers To Get Paid Early

Teachers of Hastings School District have been given a financial shot in the arm for the Christmas holidays.

Hastings Borough School Board Monday evening announced that teachers will receive their December paychecks one week earlier because of the holidays.

Teachers of the district normally receive their monthly checks on the Wednesday falling within the 20th and 26th of the month. This month, however, payday would have been Wednesday, Dec. 26, the day after Christmas.

Directors came to the rescue Monday evening when they voted to pay the teachers on the preceding Wednesday, Dec. 19, which will give them their paychecks in time for Christmas shopping.

Next board meeting will be held Jan. 14.

### Police Seek Passengers In Fatal Automobile Crash

Dillsburg — (PNS) — John J. Sterner, 34-year-old resident of Duncannon, was instantly killed when his car crashed head-on into another automobile. Three others were injured in the crash. A 40-year-old man was hurled 40 feet into a hedge. Two persons known to be riding with Sterner fled the scene of the accident and are being hunted by State Police.

### 4 Wards Reopened After Remodeling At TB Sanatorium Complete Remodeling Program Completed

Four large wards in the men's hospital section of the Cresoon Sanatorium have been reopened to admit patients for treatment. It was announced Tuesday of this week by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the hospital.

The wards were remodelled during the summer into one and two-bed quiet rooms and small two-bed quiet rooms and small eight-bed wards in order that patients can receive better care and attention.

Included in the remodeling project were four new bathrooms and lavatories with walls covered in green glazed tile and equipped with the bath tub and showers. Finished in pastel shades of green and furnished with modern fixtures and lighting, the new rooms will provide quiet and comfortable facilities for the sick.

Every bed has an indirect reading light and radio outlet connected with a two channel F. M. radio or public address system from the Administration Building. A nurses' signal or call system was likewise provided for each patient in the private rooms.

Each section has its own equipped nurses station that commands full view and control of all the patients' beds in the section.

During the next few weeks, 44 male patients will be admitted for treatment in the rehabilitated wards according to the schedule for admitting patients authorized through the bureau of tuberculosis control, Dept. of Health, Harrisburg.

### Wagner Retained Gas Dealers' Head

R. A. Wagner of Johnstown was reelected president of the Cambria County Retail Gasoline Dealers Association at a meeting Monday night of this week in the Duncan-Beck Building, Johnstown.

Mr. Wagner has headed the unit for past 13 years. He first was named president in 1938 and served until 1945. In that year he was named executive director.

However, last year he was reelected president and the position of executive director was abolished.

Chairman in charge of the

### Barnesboro School Board Reorganizes On Monday

Stephen P. Sedlock was elected president and Charles Cowan was named vice president of Barnesboro Borough School Board at a reorganization meeting Monday night of this week.

Remainder of the board is comprised of Stanley Ulrich, treasurer; Paul Watterli and Charles Brancato.

Miss Betty Haddock, a non-member, is secretary. John H. Wills, appointed janitor of the Roosevelt School, to succeed Alfred Cartledge Sr., resigned.

Installation of officers will take place at the next meeting, Monday evening, Jan. 14.

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