

Editorially Speaking:

Pennsylvania's Tax Load

Distressing though it may seem, taxpayers of Pennsylvania will be called upon to pay a total of \$3,251,440,000 in direct and hidden taxes as their share of the cost of the \$41,858,000,000 federal budget proposed by President Truman for the coming fiscal year beginning July 1.

This estimate of how the Federal Government's proposed record high peacetime budget affects Pennsylvania taxpayers—both individuals and business concerns—has been evolved by the State Chamber of Commerce after an analysis of the President's spending proposals.

The State Chamber's study showed that the share of the one-year 1950 federal budget cost to be borne by Pennsylvania is more than 3 and one half times the two-year cost of our State Government, as measured by total state appropriations and allocations during the current 1947-49 biennium.

Expressed in other ways, Pennsylvania's \$3.2 billion share of the 1950 federal budget:

(1)—Is over 13 times greater than all taxes paid in 1948 into Pennsylvania's general fund, from which school subsidies, public assistance, health, welfare, and the like, are financed.

(2)—Is over nine times greater than the total amount of real and personal property taxes, occupation and per capita taxes levied in 1946 by all local units of government in Pennsylvania.

(3)—Would pay all costs (state and local) of operating the public schools of Pennsylvania, at the present rate of expenditure for nearly 15 years.

(4)—Is equal to approximately one-third of the wages and salaries received by Pennsylvanians in 1947, or more than one fifth of the income received from all sources by Pennsylvanians that year.

(5)—Will mean an average cost of federal government for every man, woman and child in Pennsylvania of \$309, and for a family of four the cost would amount to \$1236.

Commenting on the figures showing Pennsylvania's share of the proposed Federal Budget, Leonard P. Fox, General Secretary of the State Chamber said:

"This is a very stiff tax bill for Pennsylvanians to pay for federal services, especially when we consider that many of the vital functions of government, such as police, health and fire protection, public schools, and highways are primarily responsibilities of local and state government. The money handled by Washington comes from the people in the states, minus, of course, the administrative costs which are drained off for operation of federal agencies."

The State Chamber head declared that the \$41.9 billion budget is "not the whole story," saying that:

"In addition, there will be deficiency and supplemental appropriations added from time to time, contract authorizations will be made for projects that will run into more billions before completion, and still more billions will be added ultimately if new spending proposals are adopted."

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FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

Two or three weeks ago there was a pathetic little item in Barnyard Notes about a family of mice which had developed a cozy little home in the corner of the chicken-house, and we've been wondering at odd times how they are getting along and how they compare with our own brood down in the basement.

Field mice definitely belong outdoors in the field, but it is next to impossible to convince a gravid mouse

your finger. This mouse was not bloodthirsty, but neither was she happy. Having gotten her by the tail, firmly but unexpectedly, the problem of disposal arose, good housekeeping instinct warring with sympathy for all small and frightened creatures.

There have been signs and portents about the house, mostly in the mud-room, that we have a small visitor, but with the over-supply of black walnuts stored out there in baskets it seems futile to set a trap with anything less toothsome than the banquet already spread and waiting.

To make things easier for all concerned, the mouse included, and to act as a bribe designed to keep her away from the kitchen, we've been cracking a brace of walnuts each evening and leaving them in a handy spot at the head of the cellar steps. This, we felt, would fill her up so completely that she would retire to the cellar in a state of happy lethargy induced by a full stomach, but we had not taken into account her need of recreation.

Last Sunday we took down the Christmas tree, still fresh and green in its crotch of water, but clearly out-dated a month after Christmas. The small plastic wheeled toys, the tiny strollers and rocking horses and wagons and seesaws, each containing its quota of small pink rubber dolls, which had represented the eleven grandchildren under the tree, were placed on the stairway in a corner well out of the stream of traffic, ready to be taken to the second floor by the first civic-minded traveller, where they have been studiously ignored with single purposefulness amounting to genius.

It was Monday morning when the mouse entered the scene, flattening herself to get through the crack under the mudroom door.

I started up the stairs, and there, on the first step, was the mouse, gently rocking the pink plastic seesaw with its tiny dolls at either end.

Now, Howard and Myra, stand back for a real mouse-lover. Have you ever picked up a mouse by the tail, watched it buckle in the middle and start climbing your wrist? That, friends, takes a steady hand, plus unlimited confidence in the mouse. A mouse, desperate from fright, can drill a hole right through

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Here Mr. Heminway shows Red Beauty O'Springbrook, She won first prize as senior yearling heifer among the milking shorthorns at the show.

On Monday evening the customary bribe of cracked nuts was placed conveniently at hand on the landing of the cellar steps. On Tuesday morning the bribe had disappeared.

William Leacacos Is Winner of Debate Prize

William Leacacos, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leacacos of Mt. Greenwood Road, Trucksville, won the twenty-five dollar prize given annually to the best individual debater in the Amphictyon-Independent Societies' debate January 14.

His Society, the Amphictyons, however, lost the debate. They were defending the affirmative on the subject, "Resolved, That the President should be elected for a single term of six years."

Bill is a member of the Senior Class at Seminary.

Apply for Law Exam

Harry B. Schooley, Jr., Orange, a registered student at University of Pennsylvania Law School, and Robert Fleming, Dallas, graduate of Harvard Law School, now in the office of Atty. James P. Harris, Wilkes-Barre, have made application to be examined at Philadelphia in March for admission to the Bar.

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BOX SCORE

Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day

DALLAS	Hospitalized	Killed
LEHMAN	2	11
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	4
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	31	20

Back Mountain Volunteer Firemen Enjoy Dinner



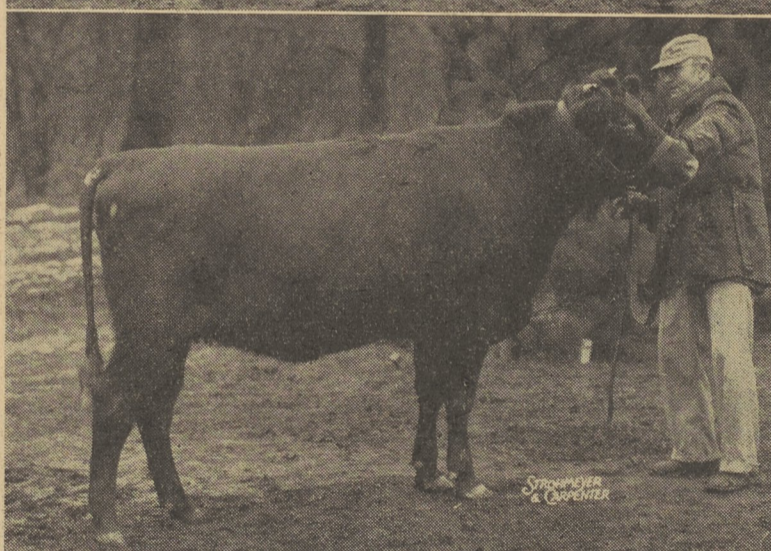
Representatives of eight Back Mountain Fire Companies and their friends sit down to dinner Tuesday night at Irem Temple Country Club to discuss common problems.



At Speakers' Table

Among those at the speakers' table were, left to right, Francis McCarthy, chief, Trucksville; Sheldon Wintermute, city editor Sunday Independent; Henry Peterson, trustee, Harry Ohlman, president; Thomas Kingston, assistant chief, and James Besecker, chief, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

Hillside Farms Prize-Winning Milking Shorthorns



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Hillside Farms Milking Shorthorns Win Fourteen Ribbons at Farm Show

Hillside Farms Inc., showed eight milking shorthorns at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg and brought home fourteen ribbons, including the banner for the Grand Champion Bull.

This was the first year that milking shorthorns were shown at Harrisburg and Hillside won out in competition against six other herds. The breed was represented by some fifty animals from all parts of the state.

There was a great deal of interest in the breed from farmers interested in milk and the fleshing tendencies of shorthorns.

Hillside Farms have a select small herd, started twenty-five years ago as the Old Orchard Farm herd. Anderson Jerome the herd sire is not new to the show circuits. He won first in class in nine shows in New England in 1947. He originated at the Anderson Farms, Shelbourne Falls, Mass., where milking shorthorns have been bred for 100 years.

Ninety-Eight Firemen Represent Eight Companies At Get Together

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company played host to 98 volunteer firemen representing eight Back Mountain Fire Companies Tuesday evening at a get-together dinner at Irem Temple Country Club.

Called in a spirit of good will to discuss common problems and to promote closer personal contacts among men who protect the lives and property of 16,000 persons living in the 171 square mile Back Mountain Area, the dinner was a genuine success.

Fire companies represented were; Dr. Henry M. Laing, Shavertown, Trucksville, Harvey's Lake, Lehman, Sweet Valley, Lake Silkworth and Jackson.

Harry L. Ohlman, president of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, was toastmaster, and introduced Thomas Kingston, chairman of the dinner committee, who in turn introduced members of his committee: Alvin Shaffer, Delmar Besecker, Howard Johns and Dean Ide. He also thanked James Besecker, chief, who has been identified with the Laing Company since 1923, for his assistance in arranging the dinner.

Jim spoke of the co-operative spirit that has existed among all of the companies and introduced the visiting chiefs seated at the speaker's table; Francis McCarthy, Trucksville; Fred Swanson, Daniel C. Roberts Company; Howard Woolbert, Shavertown; Lansford Sutton, Lehman, Sherman Kunkle, Sweet Valley and Dennis Bonning, Jackson. R. R. VanHorn, now of Dallas, but formerly of Plymouth No. 1 company, was also introduced as the oldest fireman present.

Stephen Finney addressed the gathering for the Trucksville Company. Henry Peterson, trustee of the Laing Company, introduced Sheldon Wintermute, city editor of the Sunday Independent and assistant chief of Kingston Company as "a man who was practically born with a fire extinguisher in his hand."

Mr. Wintermute spoke as a volunteer fireman and as an instructor in fire fighting in the army during the war.

"The rural fireman can teach the paid, city professional fireman many tricks," he said, "because the rural fireman has an enthusiasm for his job that is unmatched."

"I was amazed when I returned from military service to find that two Back Mountain companies, Sweet Valley and Jackson, had high pressure equipment developing 600 to 800 pounds pressure to the square inch. I had been told in the army that such pressures were top secrets and that we should be careful to prevent their falling into enemy hands."

Mr. Wintermute presented some interesting figures relating to the local companies. "You," he said, "protect four percent of all tax-

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Gregory Closes Out Stock And Will Rent Store

Bowman's Restaurant To Have Dining Room In Former Storeroom

Charles Gregory, who has been in the clothing business for the past 25 years, sold the entire stock of the store this week to a Scranton jobber. The store fixtures were purchased by Joe Hand, who is planning construction of an addition to his present store. Mr. Gregory said he would devote all his time to the barber shop he has maintained in the rear of the store.

Charlie has occupied half of the first floor of the building since he erected the structure in 1928, but now that the clothing business is gone, he will move the barber shop to the front of the store, and will let Bowman's Restaurant occupy the remaining space.

Mr. Bowman said that present plans call for a doorway to be constructed between the restaurant and the former store, and that the additional space will be used as a semi-private dining room. It will also be available for private parties and dinners.

Mr. Gregory will have with him in the barber shop, Sarga Toni, of Parsons, who has been associated with him since the latter's discharge from the service.

E. H. MacPherson, known to everyone as "Mac", who has been with Mr. Gregory for the past 16 years, will be employed by Mr. Bowman.

Though the clothing business is gone, Mr. Gregory said he would continue to specialize in custom-built suits and shoes of extra narrow and extra wide widths.

L. B. Hilbert Buys Iva's Restaurant

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Hilbert, formerly of Allentown and Alderson, have purchased Iva's Restaurant on Route 309, Shavertown.

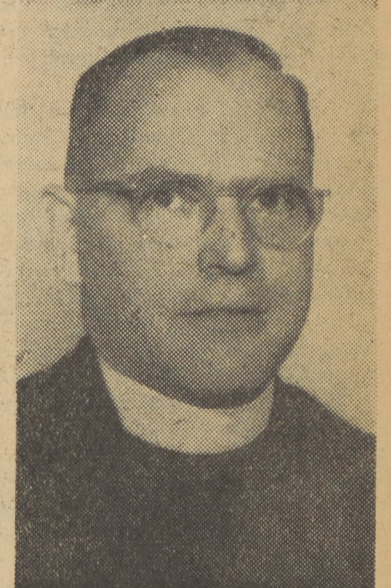
Mr. Hilbert said some remodeling would be done, and that new equipment is being installed. He hopes that the restaurant, popular with both local and distant trucking firms, would soon be serving the general public.

Mr. Hilbert, who for five years was fire inspector for Farm Bureau Insurance with a territory of 36 counties in the state, having reached the retirement age was not ready to retire completely, so he has started here in business.

St. Paul's Will Install Pastor Sunday Morning

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, will be the scene of an impressive ceremony this Sunday morning at 11:00 when Dr. Emil E. Fischer, president of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania will officially install the Rev. Frederick W. Mook, Jr., as pastor of that congregation. It is an unusual honor to have the official head of the United Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania as the installation clergy-

New Pastor



Rev. Frederick W. Mook, Jr.

man. Pastor Mook, the recently-elected pastor of St. Paul's Church, comes to the Back Mountain community with many qualifications, and much valuable experience. Born in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, he received his education in the public schools of that city. He also attended business schools at the University of Pennsylvania and at Temple University, and completed courses dealing with his employ-

Presiding Clergyman



Dr. Emil E. Fischer

ment with one of the leading life insurance companies of Philadelphia, where he was employed by the same company for 16 years.

During his years in the business world, Pastor Mook was president of Luther League, teacher in the Sunday School, superintendent of the Sunday School, and member of the church council of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension.

In 1942 Pastor Mook transferred his membership from the Lutheran Church of the Ascension to a newly formed mission congregation, known today as the Church of the Reformation, and he devoted much time and effort in helping to establish this mission congregation. At this church he served as vice-president of the church council, council member, and Sunday School Superintendent.

In 1938 he married Annette L. Basquin, of Richmond Hill, N. Y. They have a daughter, Pauline Christina, aged 7.

Impelled by a conviction to serve the church in a more active capacity Pastor Mook entered the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary at Mt. Airy in the early part of 1946 and was graduated and ordained as pastor of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania on Thursday of this week. It is of interest to note that Pastor Mook was baptized, confirmed, graduated, and ordained in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Philadelphia. This church is located on the Mt. Airy Seminary campus and the graduation and ordination ceremonies were held there.