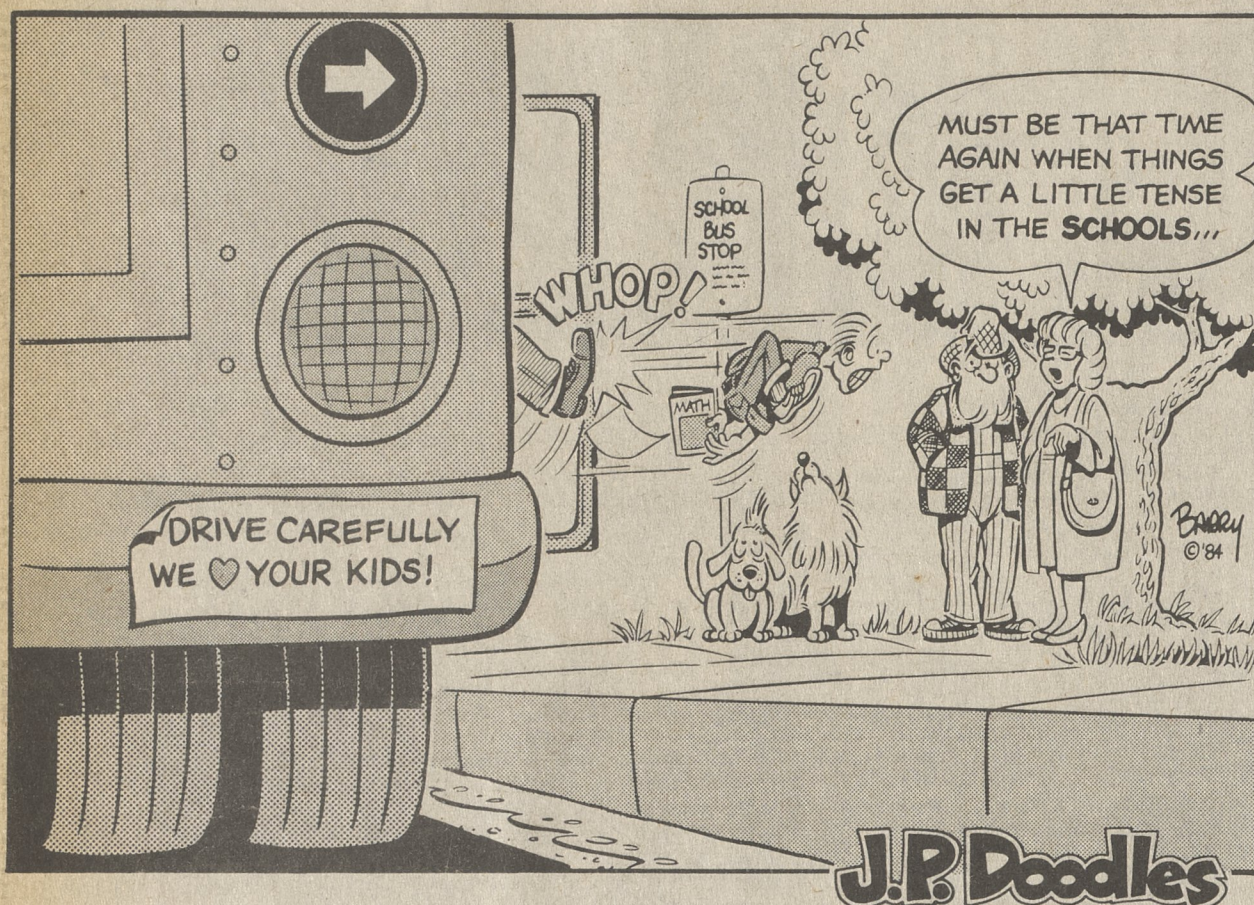


Perspective



Hang in there, folks!

School will be out for the summer in just a short period of time, giving bus drivers, teachers and administrators a break from those wound-up kids. Mothers and fathers now have a whole summer to look forward to having the little tykes running around.

Only yesterday

Back Mountain favors Republican candidates

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 18, 1934

The swing against Governor Gifford Pinchot's state machine was evident in results of the local primary election. The Back Mountain region favored Republican candidates Schnader, Turpin and Shortz.

Miss Nora Burke served as May Queen for College Misericordia. Students moved in procession from McAuley Hall to the groto of Our Lady where the Blessed Virgin statue was crowned. Monsignor J.J. Curran, St. Mary's Church, officiated at the service.

You could get - Smoked picnic hams, 12c lb.; pink salmon, 2 tall cans, 23c; cigarettes, \$1.17 carton; butter, 3 lbs., 79c; chuck pot roast, 12½c lb.; Wesson oil, 25c pt.; peaches, 2 lbs. 23c; Maxwell House Coffee, 32c lb.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 19, 1944

Ruggles sawmill at Beaumont valued at \$8,000 was completely destroyed by fire. Piles of newly-cut lumber worth \$8,000 were saved. Harry Ruggles, Jr., Idetown was one of the owners.

One hundred firemen representing Trucksville, Shavertown and Dr. Henry N. Laing fire companies were the guests of Herbert Hill, Shavertown florist at a good will dinner at Shavertown Methodist Church. Speakers were Rev. Felix Zaffiro, pastor; Willard Lozo, Shavertown; Joe Bulford, Trucksville; Henry Peterson, Henry M. Laing Company and the host Mr. Hill.

Married - Jimmi Walls to T. Sgt. Kepner; Betty Jane VanHorn to Pfc. Luther H. Phillips.

Deaths - Clinton Brown, Lehman School Director; Earl Bellas, Jr., Centermoreland; John Campbell, Shavertown; Karl Rebennack, Meeker.

You could get - Sliced beef liver, 35c lb.; haddock fillets, 36c lb.; citrus marmalade, 2 lb. jar 25c; seedless raisins, 15c pkg.; shredded wheat, 11c pkg.; tomatoes, 25c lb.; potatoes, 5 lb. 29c; cabbage 5c solid head.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 21, 1954

Lehman-Jackson-Ross chose their May Queen court. Chosen by a popular vote of the student body were Barbara Tretheway, Shirley Campbell, Janice Barnes, Margaret Harrison, Jane Conner, Therese Rodriguez.

In a hotly contested primary contest between Harold Flack and Senator T. Newell Wood, Wood carried all Back Mountain municipalities except Dallas Township where a tie occurred.

Sherman Kunkle served as chariman for the annual Sweet Valley parade. Eight bands were scheduled to appear in the parade as well as antique and modern fire equipment and various floats. The fair ground festivities included wood-sawing and wood-chopping contests for women as well as men.

Engaged - Margaret Strayer to Attorney Charles

Bowman Strome.

Married - Dorothy Cornell to Charles Antablin; Beverly Ann Conrad to A-3C David Ruth; Alice Kibler and Remigius Williams.

Deaths - John Space Jr., Noxen; Edgar Williams, Dallas.

You could get - Rib roast, 49c lb.; veal roast, 49c lb.; haddock, 43c lb.; sweet corn, lg. ears, 6-29c; apples, 3 lbs., 43c; peanut butter, 12 oz. jar 37c; Mazola salad oil, 73c qt.; Kleenex facial tissue, 3 pkg. 200's, 45c.

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 21, 1964

Mrs. Mary R. Dale, Allentown assumed duties as head librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Formerly with the Allentown library, she received her degree in Library Science from Western Reserve Library School.

For the first time Dallas High School golfers captured first place in the District 2 championship. Bob Allen and Ralph Elston competed in the 30th annual PIAA Championship in State College following the team win.

Engaged - Irene C. Sickler to James Melvyn Seward; Marybeth Keast to Dayton E. Garnett; Ann Mari Dorrance to Kurt Steiner Ulrich.

You could get - Sirloin steak, 69c lb.; picnic hams, 25c lb.; haddock fillet, 45c lb.; 3 doz. eggs, 95c; tomatoes, 25c lb.; ½ gal. Farmdale ice cream, 59c; 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, 29c; applesauce, 25-oz. jar, 29c; Scott's toilet tissue, 11c roll.

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 16, 1974

Rebecca Greschuk, a graduating senior at College Misericordia, was selected to receive the Fulbright-Hays Scholarship for the academic year 1974-75. This was the first time in the college's 50-year history that a student received this prestigious award.

Plans for a soap box derby to be held on Mt. Olivet Road, Carveton Heights were finalized. Boys and girls 10 to 15 were eligible to enter. The race was sponsored by the Kingston Township Recreation Committee.

Engaged - Michelle Karis and William C. Frederick; Kathie Ann Beisel to James Roman; Mary Jo Brozena to Robert Wojtowicz.

Married - Karen Ann Brown to Craig Lyndon Hensle.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Griffith, 32 years.

Deaths - Morgan Price, Hunlock Creek; Lewis J. Kytte, Hunlock Creek; Flora Baer Wilson, Dallas; William Harris, Harvey Lake; James Hutchinson, Trucksville.

You could get - Chuck roast, \$1.09 lb.; skinless franks, 99c lb.; roasting chickens 59c lb.; fresh strawberries, 2 pts., \$1; Florida oranges, 59c doz.; Land O' Lakes butter, 69c lb.; Dial soap, 4 reg. bars, 66c.

Refund checks being rushed

State Treasurer R. Budd Dwyer assured hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania taxpayers today that his Department is rushing distribution of their anxiously awaited income tax refund checks to them "as expeditiously and swiftly as possible."

Dwyer declared his Department has already processed and mailed over 883,000 of the refund checks and he has placed his staff on an indefinite overtime basis until the remaining payments authorized by the Revenue Department's Bureau of Examinations are on their way to taxpayers eagerly awaiting them.

"Once we get transmittal vouchers from the Revenue Department," Dwyer said, "our people work rapidly to complete the processing and mailing. We here at Treasury know how important it is to taxpayers to get their refunds as fast as we can get them out. This is a large project in addition to our regular workload."

The Treasurer said that he has been advised that the total number of tax refunds to be distributed this year may run to an estimated 1.5 million.

Dwyer said his Department can not mail out refund checks until transmittal vouchers are received from Revenue which is also working full speed.

OPINION

IRS still sorting tax returns

By EDWIN FEULNER

With April behind us, the IRS is sorting through the last of the estimated 96-million income tax returns Americans filed for 1983. The take for the U.S. treasury is an estimated \$300 billion - hardly what you'd call pocket change.

And contrary to what the liberal champions of the "oppressed" repeatedly tell us, the wealthy - with all their so-called tax avoidance schemes - were stuck with the lion's share of the tax bill.

Recent analysis by U.S. News & World Report and Boston economic analyst Warren Brookes show that the relatively few wealthy people in the United States pay the bulk of all taxes - both as a percentage of income and in real dollars. And, Brookes has shown, cuts in the tax rate actually increase the amount paid by those in the upper-income brackets.

For instance, last year, some 1.5 million taxpayers who earned over \$75,000 filed tax returns for 1982. Yet, those 1.5 million taxpayers paid 23 percent of the total revenue collected by the IRS. In the middle-income brackets, those earning \$20,000 to \$75,000, 34-million taxpayers, paid 62 percent of the revenue collected.

The dollar figures are even more revealing. In real terms, the one-and-a-half million upper-income taxpayers paid \$63.8 billion in taxes. The approximately 59-million taxpayers earning less than \$20,000 a year, on the other hand paid less than \$42 billion in taxes. Moreover, the roughly 8,200 millionaires, who filed in 1983 handed over as much to the feds as did the 34-million wage earners who earned less than \$10,000. Is that catering to the rich?

The effective tax rates for those returns filed in 1982 show that those earning over \$1 million gave up, on the average, almost 40 percent of their income to the tax man, despite the "tax schemes" that we have been led to believe enable the wealthy to get away without paying any taxes. A person who made \$20,000 to \$25,000 gave the federal treasury 12.3 percent of his or her income. Some would argue that since a millionaire makes 50 times more than a \$20,000 wage earner, he should pay 50 times more in taxes. But if that were the case you'd find yourself living in a country where no one has any reason to work any harder or take any more chances than the next fellow. Why would anyone bother?

Tax-and-spend liberals like to cite data showing that the U.S. has the second lowest tax rate of any industrial nation in the world, second only to Japan. With a 31 percent average tax burden (as a share of total domestic output), the U.S. looks pretty attractive to those paying 44 percent in France, 40 percent in Britain, and 37 percent in West Germany.

Unfortunately, these figures only take federal taxes into consideration. When one includes city, county and state income taxes, as well as sales and excise taxes, we find that U.S. working people face one of the highest tax-burdens in the world. And the wealthier one is the more one pays.

Those self-proclaimed "champions of the poor" had better do their homework before they get on the "sock it to the rich" bandwagon. They obviously don't know what they're talking about.

(Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based policy research institute.)

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Here is a summary of important event that occurred on Capitol Hill last week from: Rep. Frank Coslett, 120th Legislative District.

DEBATE BEGAN this week on the commonwealth's 1984-85 budget.

The measure, introduced by House Democrat leaders, differs in certain areas from the budget proposed by Gov. Dick Thornburgh in February.

Members overwhelmingly approved an amendment which bars the use of approximately \$62 million in lottery funds for mortgage assistance and aid to the disabled. Proponents of the amendment said use of the funds would violate the Legislature's "social contract" to use lot-

tery profits for programs aiding the elderly and that general fund revenues should be used for the affected programs. Opponents said state lottery funds have been used for additional programs such as tax and rent rebates for the disabled.

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OTHER BUDGET amendments approved included the restoration of funding for the governor's proposed

\$48 million "excellence in education" program, \$15 million for a revised school subsidy formula and \$10 million for merit awards for teachers.

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THE HOUSE Judiciary Committee approved and sent to the House floor a bill adding 13 common pleas judgeships in counties across the state. Two more judgeships would be added in 13 common pleas judgeships in counties across the state. Two more judgeships would be added in Erie County and one each in Adams, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Chester, Clearfield, Cumberland, Delaware, Westmoreland, York and the judicial district in Snyder and Union counties. The Commonwealth Court would also be expanded by two members. A judge in one of the affected counties said "we are drowning in cases" and urgently need another judge.

Grossman on economics

Bond issue must be implemented

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

On April 10, the Electorate of Pennsylvania approved a referendum authorizing a \$190 million economic development bond issue. By a vote of nearly two-to-one, the bond issue was enacted, and now the General Assembly of Pennsylvania has a task of providing the legislation to implement the bond issue. Over a three to four year span of time, these bonds will be issued to encourage economic growth in a variety of ways, many of which will become important to the seven counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania. In Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill and Wayne, many organizations will gear up to apply for certain grants or loans and both the public and private sectors will have an opportunity to participate.

The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania took the leadership in the region in encouraging a yes vote, and has assembled information on how the funds will be utilized. The following represents the nine parts of the Economic Development Bond Issue Program which will supplement the general fund budget of the Commonwealth and be an important ingredient toward the goal of economic stability. These nine elements include the following:

1. Business Infrastructure Program to be administered by an

existing state government agency to provide loans or grants to local economic development agencies to help situate a client in hand.

2. Updating of Vocational and Technical Equipment - would provide money to the Department of Education for the modernization of vocational equipment in area votech schools and community colleges. Recommended commitment: \$27 million.

3. Small Business Incubators which would provide outreach money for the building acquisition or lease expenses including the refurbishment of abandoned school buildings.

4. Conservation Corps Program to employ young people in labor intensive improvement projects at public facilities. Careful management should be undertaken to insure that all projects have a future value and a potential for future revenue yield.

5. Agricultural Investments - Loans for farming. Recommended commitment: \$10 million.

6. Community Capitalism Program to provide two-fold assistance to community employee groups trying to prevent plant shutdowns. Initial step would be payment for professional evaluation of the feasibility of employee ownership succeeding.

7. A modified and expanded Pennsylvania Capital Loan Fund. Under the program the loan funds could be used for working capital as well as land, buildings, machinery and equipment with a maximum state participation of 20 percent of the total project cost or \$50,000, whichever is less. Recommended commitment: \$15 million.

8. Minority Economic Development using existing state agencies. Recommended commitment: \$5 million.

9. Recreational Improvements - The acquisition, rehabilitation or development of facilities for community services and public recreation. Recommended commitment: \$30 million.

Municipalities, non-profit organizations and others who feel that any of the nine items may affect them should begin to think of projects for which these dollars can be tapped. The Economic Development Council stands ready to assist those who wish to take advantage of the \$190 million bond issue in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Further information can be secured by writing the Development Council at 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, PA 18640-3795.

(Howard Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.)

Library news

Warm weather brings talk of golf

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

Library Correspondent

Now that spring is officially here with the warmer weather and summer is not too far away, many people turn their thoughts to golf, golf, golf! Overheard at the coffee counter most every day from golf "pros" like Bob, Jack, Russ, Tony and Warren, some very interesting hints on what not to do and how to tee off, putt and drive, and what is a birdie, an eagle or a hole-in-one. Just a reminder, the Back Mountain Memorial Library has many books about golf written by pros such as Ben Hogan, Tom Watson, George Plimpton, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Bobby Jones, Tommy Armour, Dick Aultman, Tom Lo Presti, Arnold Palmer, and a book edited by John Coyne, "The New Golf For Women" which features a foreword by Kathy Whitworth. Warm weather is golf time and hints by real pros can help improve your golf game. Come to the library, look on the

non-fiction shelves for 796.352 and find a book for your 'golf fever'!

The library circulated 6,847 books during April and handled 885 reference questions. 269 adult books and 111 juvenile books were added to the collection and 125 patrons were re-registered. The ninth grade students of Dallas spent many days in April at the library working on term papers. On some of the days, it was difficult for the staff members to work their way through the students. One good thing developed, 70 new juvenile members joined the library in April, most of them 9th graders, and 27 adults became new borrowers.

Here's a tip for businessmen: Your library can often be especially helpful to men and women in business. A good share of the library's reference and circulating book collection relates to business-whether you're interested in management, supervision, salesmanship, real estate, advertising, investments, computers, or other business-related subjects. Stop in at the library soon and check out the

section on business for the help you need.

New books at the library: "Politics and Money" by Elizabeth Drew is a book relating to the new road to corruption. It is a shocking book about a subject that is causing a national furor: the way that the raising and spending of campaign funds is corrupting the democratic process. It is the issue at the heart of the nation's political life.

"Magic Princess: Growing Up in Sam Giancana's Family" by Antoinette Giancana and Thomas Renner is a story of luxury and isolation and loneliness. Nine years after Sam Giancana's gangland-style slaying, his daughter has made public the details of her father's life and the trauma of growing up under his iron rule. It is a passionate and tragic account.

"Castaway" by Lucy Irvine is an extraordinary true story of what happened when very different people teamed up to make a dream a reality. An ultimate vicarious adventure.

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