

The Pennsylvania Story: Tax Hassle Means Work And More Work For Governor

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Harrisburg — If they don't get this confounded tax hassle over and done with before many more moons have passed Pennsylvania stands a good chance of winding up with a frazzled Government and a number of prostrate observers among whom may be the writer.

For lo these many weeks expectations have been high that the question of whether to enact or scrap Governor Leader's proposed state income tax, would come up for the acid test—as one old political crone was prone to put it — "any day now, boys."

Well, that "any day" forgot to arrive so far, and even whether it will come next week as now vigorously vowed, certainly remains to be seen — notwithstanding the soothing of political prophets of the Democratic Party. (Contemporary administration prophets seem to have a penchant of sorts for running aground on their expectations.)

In any event, back to Governor or Leader. It is doubtful if many will dispute the point that since 37-year-old "Slim" Leader first broached his income tax proposal some three months ago he has done a yeoman job of working himself into considerable pater over the levy — plus in all probability a goodly portion of the population of the Keystone State as well.

He has worked in behalf of that tax program of his as would few other politicians — pleading over radio, arguing with newspapermen, scowling over television, and in general just plain beating the bushes all over the state to drum up support and enthusiasm for the income tax levy. (Gad, won't it be wonderful to be able to pay another income tax!)

Well, it has just about reached the point where there are not any more bushes — but there he is again, this week and next week — pounding the TV cables, newspaper pages or anything that look good for a pounding, all for the sake of this income tax.

But Slim Leader, like any other Governor is human — or at least that is the impression we gather from Democratic press releases. However there's only so much any man can take and if they don't get down to business pretty soon on this tax hassle thing and get it over and done with, the Governor is liable to collapse from over exertion.

The sad part about all this is the fact that the great-to-do of the past few weeks and at the present time, is over trying to get the income tax through the House of Representatives where Democrat administration forces hold the majority membership.

What the strategy will be if and when it passes the House and heads for the Republican controlled Senate — or in other words what the Governor will do then — is a rather frightful thing to project.

The point we are driving at is that at the present pace we can almost envision the Governor a few weeks hence literally crawling up the steps of the Main Capitol Building to his office (at 7 or 8 A. M. of course!) — a bushed and worn out Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Not many realize how hard the Governor has worked on selling the income tax. It ought to almost pass on effort alone.

DR. MICHAEL GRATCH COMPETES IN TOURNEY
Dr. Michael Gratch, of Mount Joy, competed in the annual men's single tennis tourney held in Wildwood, N. J., July 12th. Dr. Gratch defeated Harry Leroy, Philadelphia, 6-0, 8-6, in the first round. Finals will be played this weekend. Dr. Gratch and family are vacationing this month in Avalon, N. J.

Antique caps take part in an "Old Crock's Race" between London and Brighton, England, each year.

The District of Columbia was named in honor of Columbus.

NOTICE!
All farmers who wish to have hay mows tested for the degree of heat within may have them checked by the local fire company. Farmers may call Ray Myers, Chief of the Friendship Fire Company. The chief also asks that residents be extremely careful in burning trash during the dry weather.

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HMS "Victory", Lord Nelson's ship is in dry dock at Portsmouth, England, and can be inspected daily till sundown.

Landisville Camp

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P. M. services.
The schedule for the rest of the week is as follows:
July 22, Dr. Nelson Moore will speak at the 7:30 P. M. service. Special music is being provided by the following choirs: the Millersville Methodist Church Choir, the Cookman Methodist Church Choir of Columbia, the Covenant E.U.B. Church Choir of Lancaster; Miss Marie Kautz, First Baptist Church of Lancaster and Broad Street Methodist Church Choir of Lancaster.
The latest film of Billy Graham, "Souls in Conflict" will be shown Saturday, July 23, at the 7:30 P. M. service.



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