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The Pennsylvania Story:
Delay Making It No Easier For Taxpayer

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Harrisburg—It could perhaps be chalked up as somewhat of the understatement of the year to say that Pennsylvania's fiscal affairs are in a rather admiral mess—a mess that has no immediate solution in sight.

Oddly enough while the debate rages as to just what form of taxation should be levied, many a light-witted taxpayer of the state, this column discovered quite by accident the other day, seems to be laboring under the misapprehension that he is getting off easy by the tax delay.

That is, at the moment there is no state income tax, or any substitute thereof, to pay because no fundamental tax program has yet been underwritten by the Legislature, and in addition with the expiration of the state sales tax August 31 this will not have to be paid.

We don't know who's fooling who, but let the taxpayer who thinks he is getting off easy because of this condition recognize the fact that expenditures are continuing regardless—and there's no other way on this dry and parched earth to pay such expenditures except thru reaching into the taxpayer's pocketbook.

The so-called day of reckoning will come sooner or later and when it does the taxpayer groans will be audible enough. Support of a near two-billion-dollar budget is enough to make anyone groan.

State obligations must be met and the longer the tax solution is delayed, the more we taxpayers will have to pay in an obviously shorter space of time.

But this isn't all. While the delay continues over the type of tax or taxes ultimately to be levied, as we just said, Pennsylvania must have the money. Therefore to meet current obligations the state must borrow money.

Only recently in fact it borrowed some \$60,000,000 to tide the state over for a few months and today money is not borrowed even by the state without paying interest.

Well, on this \$60 million, the state is paying something like \$750,000 interest. And who is going to pay the interest on this and other similar loans that may be upcoming in the future if the tax wrangle isn't solved?

Again there is no other person other than the Pennsylvania taxpayer—who will be paying this over and above what might be termed the normal bill.

It should be evident therefore that no one is benefiting from the tax delay, excepting from the tax delay, except perhaps the banking institutions making the loans.

It should be obvious too that Pennsylvania taxpayers are getting two socks on the nose or pocketbook as a result of the delay.

Just who is to blame for the tax standoff depends on which side of the fence you stand. Republicans said and showed they wouldn't countenance the proposed income tax of Democrats. Democrats say they won't consider the Republican sales tax.

And there you have the dead lock. Compromises are long and costly—and yet it is the only answer ultimately to Pennsylvania's tax riddle.

GREINER - KREINER - KRINER REUNION

The twenty-first annual Greiner, Kreiner, Kriner reunion will be held at Lititz Springs Park, Lititz, Sunday afternoon, August 28.

The Rev. Robert Hess, pastor of the Chieques Church, will be speaker at the program which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p. m.

Music, entertainment, prizes and contests for the children have been planned.

KEYSTONE STATE SECOND HIGHEST IN POULTRY RAISING

Harrisburg - PNS - It is clearly evident now that there was considerable cackling and commotion in Pennsylvania's henhouses during the past year, for as poultry census takers of the Department of Agriculture finished counting wattles or combs or whatever it is they count on chickens, the fact remains that the Keystone State wound up the year in second place nationwide.

Total number of chickens raised during the past year in Pennsylvania totaled 32,317,000 final tabulations now show, being second only to Iowa which cackled harder and produced 36,917,000 birds.

But that's not all. Pennsylvania now is the third largest egg producing state in the United States and ranks first in farm cash income from eggs, and first in income from chickens (except broilers).

However a slip did occur in the henhouse as young chicken production dropped 13 percent. The drop indicates, according to observers, that low prices for eggs and chickens the past two years may have discouraged some farmers to the extent that they have discontinued their farm flocks.

Young chickens raised on the Nation's farms on the other hand in 1955 are estimated about 525,000,000, the lowest number of record. Reports show that all regions of the country are showing decreases from last year.

CHICKEN BARBEQUE AT SALUNGA AUG 20

A chicken barbeque will be held by the Salunga Fire Company Saturday, August 20. The affair will be held from 4 to 8 p. m. at the firehouse.

DIME-A-DIP SUPPER

The Young Adult class of the Methodist Church will sponsor a Dime-a-Dip supper at the church on Saturday, August 20, from 5 to 7 p. m. Featured will be home-made ice cream.

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Freeze Hamburger — Freeze hamburger in patties to save defrosting time. Separate the patties with foil so you can take off as many as you need.

Care of Money — Teach your child to spend money without being wasteful, to save without being stingy, and to share what he has with others. Marguerite L. Duvall, Penn State extension family life specialist, says, "teach your child the value of money for what it can do, not as a thing in itself."

Use Color — If you have rooms with high ceilings, use warm colors in them. This will make the room seem more cozy. Use red, yellow, pink, and peach in furniture coverings, lamps, and draperies.

Cuts Noise — Rug pads cut down on noises and makes rugs wear longer.

Save Food Value — To save food value when cooking vegetables, cook them in a small amount of boiling salted water.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Connor Mount Joy, a daughter, Monday, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Charles, Landisville, a son, Friday, at Lancaster General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Herr, 46 West Donegal St., Mount Joy, a son, Sunday, at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital.

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