



WASHINGTON REPORT

Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

16th District—Pennsylvania



From my first month as your Congressman back in 1967 I have been an advocate of Federal-State tax-sharing. I believe that local and state governments are better equipped than the Federal Government to recognize and determine priority areas for public action. Through tax-sharing, Federal money could be made available to meet pressing problems at the State and local levels. But, basic to any plan of this type is the ability of State and local officials to effectively define problems and administer solutions.

Although tax-sharing has been popular with many Congressmen, particularly Republicans, no comprehensive plan of this type has been enacted. There have been, however, several block grant programs passed for specific purposes, and block grants function in a manner similar to that proposed in tax-sharing legislation. Therefore, we can assume that a look at how these block grant programs are working might provide some idea of the possible success of tax-sharing plans.

I must frankly admit to being disturbed by the failure of the states to properly utilize the block grant approach in several instances. Specifically, I feel the administration in the states of the Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 has failed to provide much encouragement that officials at that level can determine priorities.

The states have used the block-grant money in the Safe Streets Act primarily to build a new layer of bureaucracy. It is extremely doubtful that additional bureaucrats add up to better crime fighting. When funds have been distributed, a per capita basis often has been used that ignores the concentration of crime in urban areas and favors rural and suburban sections where crime is at a minimum. For instance, Mayor Tate, of Philadelphia, claims that only 7 percent of the total planning grant received by Pennsylvania went to his city. Philadelphia accounts for 25 percent of the major crimes in the Commonwealth.

The implementation of the act, therefore, no paper will be printed.

Safe Streets Act in the states does not serve as a good omen for tax-sharing plans in the future. The basic element of effective definition and administration by the officials in charge has not seemed to emerge. Serious doubts have arisen about further distribution of Federal funds in a like manner.

In the first newsletter I distributed in the 16th District I made the following statement about tax-sharing:

"With a new source of ever-increasing revenue — with no strings attached — the states will be better able to

meet contemporary problems such as crime, urban renewal, welfare and education. They would no longer have to look to Washington to settle problems that they fully recognized but heretofore could do nothing about for want of funds. The re-birth in the ability of the states to handle their own problems would serve to return the Federal-State scheme to its proper perspective and balance." My fundamental belief still rests along those lines, but the experience with the Safe Streets Act hardly inspires greater enthusiasm. I would hope that the mistakes will be corrected, or it is almost certain that some other means for decentralizing government money will have to be formulated.

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MAYTOWN NEWS NOTES

Miss Grace Henderson

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Houseal and family vacationed at Wildwood, N. J. last week.

Mrs. Arthur Trostle and Mrs. Helen Barnhart are vacationing in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Hanel, Cleveland, Ohio, spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Grauberger, Mrs. Lydia Grauberger, Cleveland, O., has been visiting the Grauberger family for several weeks.

Henry Heisey spent several days in town last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnhart.

David Blake is assisting with the boy scouts at Camp Mack this summer.

Four members of Girl Scout Troop 24 are spending two weeks at Furnace Hill Girl Scout Camp. They are Portia Hossler, Joni Shank, Christine Wallander and Christine Heinaman.

Troop 24 recently camped at the Heisey Ranch near Rheems.

Members of the Fire Co. hold card parties the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

The Youth Class of St. John's Lutheran church spent last Sunday at Gettysburg.

The Daily Vacation Bible School ended last Friday. There were 99 students enrolled with 24 teachers and helpers. The Rev. Daihl and the Rev. Miller supervised the program.

Mrs. Sue Engle Gray, of Glen Mills, called on friends in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Henderson, Ocala, Florida, are spending five weeks at Cottage 17 at Landisville Camp Meeting Grounds. They arrived last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lowry, of Lancaster, called on the Ray Frybergers, last Saturday.

Mrs. Lee Haverstick celebrated her birthday anniversary last Thursday.

Congratulations to Terry Lee Arnold who recently graduated from Brandywine college.

There will be no news column next week because the Bulletin Staff will be on va-

WEDDINGS

HEAPS — PAULES

Miss Dawn M. Paules, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Paules, 26 West Main St., Landisville, and William N. Heaps, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Heaps, 937 E. Madison St., were married in Zion Lutheran church, Landisville, with the Rev. Gerald A. Krum officiating Saturday at 2 p.m.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Mrs. Wayne Hooper, Columbia as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Gerald Kreider, Quarryville, and Miss Dorothea Mowrer, Elizabethtown. Miss Betsy J. Heaps, sister of the bridegroom, was junior bridesmaid.

Wayne Hooper, Columbia, served as best man, Ushers were the bride's brother, Ste-

ven C. Paules; and Thomas Colson and Robert Cole, both of Lanaster.

A reception was held at the Mount Joy V.F.W. Home.

The bride is a graduate of Hempfield high school and is employed by IGA Store, Landisville. The bridegroom, a graduate of McCaskey high school, is employed as a salesman by Holsum Bakery.

Beardless Shaves In America

If the truth be known, beardless shavers are as American as apple pie.

Among women between the ages of 14 and 44, 98 percent shave their legs or under their arms or both, according to a report by an American Medical Association committee. But there's a generation gap: In the over-45 group, only 70 percent remove "excessive" hair.

The report notes that "shaving by women in other countries is decidedly limited."

Although the report reveals a hitherto-unsuspected dedication to hairlessness among women, or a hitherto-unsuspected abundance of hairy legs (depending on the interpretation), it confirms a familiar male accusation — women do indeed borrow their men's razors. The statistical breakdown looks like this: about 45 percent use borrowed safety razors, about 35 percent use their own safety razors, 20 percent use electric razors, and four percent use such other methods as wax or chemical depilatories. Most women shave about twice a week.

Dermatologists note women frequently use dainty rather than efficient shaving methods — shaving dry or using only water, inserting dull cast-off blades, ignoring bloody nicks. Instead, the doctors suggest, women should copy male shaving techniques, including the use of shaving cream or lather, fresh blades, and styptic pencils. Users of electric shavers should use a pre-shave lotion to help remove perspiration.

In other words, ladies don't limit your borrowing to razors!

Engagements

KENDIG — McLanachan

The engagement of Miss Kathryn Sue McLanachan to James Kendig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis D. Kendig, 171 Stony Battery Road, Salunga, is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. McLanachan, 155 Cooper Ave., Landisville.

A graduate of Hempfield high school, the prospective bride was recently graduated from Wilson College, with a bachelor of arts degree. She will be employed as a German teacher in the Fall at Elizabethtown Area high school. Her fiance, also a graduate of Hempfield H. S., was graduated from Lehigh University and plans to complete medical studies by next year, at Jefferson Medical college.

Ugly American In Pictures

The photographer's exertions to get us perfectly positioned and postured exceeded the call of professional pride. We'd have thought he was directing an ambitious film. And when all was in readiness, he gave counsel:

"Now don't look so grim. You are going to enjoy this trip. Think of something you are going to do that is real fun, and grin about it."

Going beyond his direction, we laughed outright. "Why all this perfectionism? It's only a passport picture."

"The State Department says when we're doing passport work to make people look pleasant. They say Americans always look like prisoners in their passports, and it's spoiling our national image."

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