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By R. A. R.

One taxpayer in the community is disturbed about the possibility of the passage of a state income tax. This is what he proposes:

"Now is the time for each taxpayer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pledge solemnly to himself and to commit himself to work both privately and publicly against a state income tax.

"Now is the time for every taxpayers who values his dollars to desolve that:

1. He will vote against every officeholder — local, county and state — who is in office when the Commonwealth passes a state income tax, and

"2. He will inform himself about who is in office now, and he will keep in mind those names so that he will never vote for those people again for any public office."

That's pretty strong, but maybe he has a point.

After all, an income tax is pretty strong, too.

And, we wonder if politicians all up and down the line couldn't suddenly get a new slant on the tax situation if enough people across the state would suddenly sign such a pledge and then pass the word.

Last week the Bulletin carried a paragraph which 'wondered' out loud about a pair of flags which fly night and day along West Main street.

These flags have been the subject of much comment off and on for some time.

It develops that the flags and the watering trough stand upon state-owned ground and that the site is a World War I Memorial — watering trough, machine guns, flags and fish.

Aubrey Bowles, owner of the Watering Trough hotel disclaims any ownership or responsibility for the flags or for any part of the memorial area. They just happen to be in front of his business he says.

He told the Bulletin that he knows of a businessman who has lost much money because of the poor appearance of the flags. Some customers who felt strongly about the appearance of the flags got teed off and finally took their business somewhere else.

All of which tends to emphasize our original point. People do not like to see the flag of this country treated shabbily. Most people would rather that the flag not appear in public unless it is bright and clean and presented in a manner which speaks pride and dignity.

Aid, now, it develops, still another reason for presenting the flag with dignity and honor is to not offend customers who happen to be coming into the area.

Remember, these flags fly at the western 'gateway' of the Mount Joy community and they just don't look

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Community Council Sets Election

Harry Farmer, west Main street, has been nominated president of the Mount Joy Community Council.

He will succeed Arthur Zerphey, who has been obliged because of illness to resign the leadership of the organization.

Vict-Pres, nominated is McMullen, Wood street. Secretary is Mrs. Gerald Lutz and treasurer, Jerry Lutz.

The new officers will assume their duties in September when the organization holds its next meeting.

Authority To Put Plastic Cover Over Reservoir

Only one bid — for \$2,895 was received Tuesday night, Aug. 5 as the Mount Joy Borough Authority received bids for a cover for the Florin water reservoir.

The bid was accepted and referred to the Authority's

engineers for study and for bid letting if all details are found to be in order.

The cover, which will be of a special, tough nylon reinforced plastic, will be tailored-made for the local job and will be installed by company men in such a way that it will be able to withstand an 80 mile per hour wind.

The plastic will be spread over the reservoir and then suspended by an air pressure differential system. The cover will be air tight — or nearly so — and will be a low profile dome shape. Its color will be green.

An air pressure system will inject about 3 pounds of pressure per square foot, sufficient to maintain the dome shape even should there be a small hole caused by some minor accident.

The cover, once the materials are assembled on the site, will be installed in less than two days.

Bidder on the cover was Hydronering, Inc., of Lebanon, N. J.

Installation of the cover is to meet a demand of residents of the area to keep the open reservoir from being contaminated from outside sources.

Rajah Band 'Music in Park' Sat., Aug. 16

"Music in the Park"

The third public program of the summer season will be held in Memorial park on Saturday night, August 16, it was announced this week by the Mount Joy Community Council, which sponsors the program!

Booked for an evening of entertainment is the Rajah String Band from Reading, which has been in Mount Joy before, both for concerts and as a colorful parade band.

The Rajahs appear on their own unusual float-type bandstand, under lights, playing foot-tapping music that has a universal appeal.

The Aug. 16th program is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

Have you visited a train station recently? There has been much in the news in the past few months about how run-down the Penn-Central stations are, not only in Lancaster but in even larger cities all along the line.

If you are familiar with the big Penn Central (Pennsylvania) station in Lancaster, you will know that the stories probably are true. It is ghost-like, almost empty of people, dingy, unkempt, and falling into serious disrepair.

It is sad, for it was once a beautiful building, and a hub of activity for this entire area. We forget how many trains are said to have come and gone there in a 24-hour period, but it was a large number. Now there is only a skeleton schedule of passenger trains, and these carry only a fraction of the people they once did!

However, bad as the Penn Central facilities may be, we are inclined to think there are other railroads with even less to recommend them!

We were in Baltimore on Sunday, to check on the possibilities of traveling westward on the "B and O" railroad. We had trouble finding the station! One man whom we asked had never heard of it; another directed us to

the B & O OFFICE building, and still another said it was closed and all trains arrived and departed at the "Pennsylvania Station!"

But it was not so! We finally found the station, not far from the center of town, in a rundown-neighborhood. It needed paint and many other things!

The passenger schedule was at a minimum, and there were few trains in evidence. The ones we saw were only commuter trains or shuttle trains for Washington, D. C.

It was heartbreaking, in a way, for we can remember when the "B & O" was a proud line, with much prestige and many beautiful trains.

Why is this so? What has happened? Any school boy or girl can tell you—"everyone" travels by airplane today! Trains will soon be a relic of the past.

We could see and hear dozens of planes arriving and departing from Friendship Airport, just outside Baltimore, and the story is the same in Lancaster, Washington, Pittsburgh,—or Timbuctoo!

What do three red rosebuds, a sketch of a beautiful

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Boro Council Considers Water Drainage Problems

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Meeting Runs 4 Hrs, 20 Min.

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You might blame it on the weather!

With water drainage as one of the time-consuming considerations, Monday night's August meeting of the Mount Joy Borough Council, held at borough hall, had a record run of 4 hours and 20 minutes, adjourning at 11.50 p.m.

The meeting also indicated a mounting concern of citizens about government, about operation and about the future of Mount Joy.

Although water drainage has been a subject for council's ears, two problems in that area were given extra consideration Monday — probably because the local problem has been pointed up in recent days by unusually heavy and frequent rainstorms.

Citizens of Ziegler street appeared before council and asked that something be done to help them with a recurring problem of flooding. Council pointed out that the houses are built over a natural waterway and blamed the developer for his approach to the matter at the time the houses were built. The property owners, on the other hand, blamed council for allowing the developer to build without proper drainage.

Although no one had any firm figures, \$20,000 was mentioned as the possible cost of installing drainage sufficient to correct the difficulties. Some lower figures (\$8,000) were mentioned as possible partial aids.

Council is to have its engineer make a study of the problem and report at once.

An attempt to take action to guarantee that the project would be placed in the 1970 budget was lost with only the maker and second of the

motion voting "yes." Council said that it does not now have the money to do much of anything about the problem. Property owner, on the other hand, charged that council has said before, "Next year!"

The other drainage matter which faced the council was connected with a proposal development by John Melhorn on the northwest side of Marietta avenue in the area where two apartment buildings have been erected recently.

The question, which must be solved before zoning approval can be granted, concerns whether to run surface water to the west into the Grandview development (at the south end of Florin ave.) or eastward, across Marietta pike.

Again, the borough engineers and Melhorn's engineer is one and the same firm.

Two local citizens and a Marietta man appeared before council to express views, ask questions and to make statements.

Richard Penwell of Marietta, acting, he said on advice of the district attorney, appeared to give criticism of the Mount Joy Borough Police department.

He was concerned with a "Saturday night" encounter with local police when he is alleged to have been stopped and charged with speeding. He later appeared in the court of Justice of the Peace James Hockenberry. He was adjudged guilty. He took no appeal despite the fact he charged that his witnesses were not given a hearing.

Roy Lehman, Wood street,

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FIVE DAY

Weather Forecast

From The Harrisburg Weather Bureau
Thursday through Monday
August 7 - 11

Temperatures for the 5-day period from Thursday through Monday are expected to average above normal. Daytime highs will be near 90, nighttime lows in low 70's. Quite warm at the beginning of the period, seasonable temperatures thereafter.

Precipitation may total up to 1/2" occurring as scattered showers Saturday & Monday.

AN EDITORIAL

More School Program

It isn't going to be popular with a lot of people, but it is beginning to look as if public schools may be operated year 'round!

For instance, it is not going to be popular with the school children, who already have learned the joys of summer vacation. It will not be popular with the teachers who have learned to enjoy the benefits of summer vacation.

It will not be popular with the janitors. Nor would it be popular with the administrators during the time they are obliged to implement the program.

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