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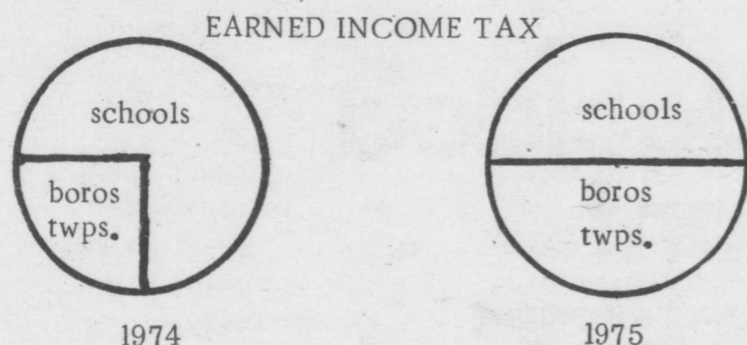
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Ten Cents

\$120,000 more in school tax

Caused by loss to boros, twps. of earned income tax



School taxes in Donegal School District may have to go up eight and one-half mills this year, to make up for revenue lost to local municipalities from the earned income tax.

School board officials made this estimate of in-

creased school taxes last Thursday at their January meeting at Donegal High School.

The loss of income from the earned income tax results from the decision of Mount Joy Borough Council to take another quarter of the one per cent tax in

meeting borough expenses. Previously, Mount Joy, Marietta, East Donegal Township, and Mount Joy Township all received only a quarter of one per cent, the other three-quarters going to the school district. Legally, the municipalities are entitled to one-half, which Mount Joy has now claimed.

As a result of Mount Joy's decision, all the other municipalities will also receive a full one-half of the one per cent. Anticipating this additional revenue, Marietta Borough was able to reduce its property taxes by three mills.

Before making their decision, Mount Joy officials report they considered every other possible alternative. Moreover, Mount Joy officials state that they made all possible cuts in their expenditures for 1975, eliminating all but absolutely vital expenses. Taking an additional quarter of the one per cent earned income tax

was the method of paying expenses that would be least burdensome to residents of Mount Joy, they say.

School board officials say that the schools will lose \$120,000 in income if all the municipalities take an additional quarter of the one per cent earned income tax. This amounts to more than 8 mills in school taxes for the entire district.

Members of the school board reported that they tried to dissuade the Mount Joy Council from taking the additional revenue from the earned income tax, but without success. One member of the board described Mount Joy's action as "unfortunate" for the entire school district and the municipalities within it.

A number of other municipalities in Lancaster County have voted in the last year to take their full share of the earned income tax, thereby reducing revenue for school districts.

Marietta firemen plan dedication on May 31

Pioneer Fire Company of Marietta will conduct all-day festivities on May 31, to celebrate the dedication of its new fire hall on Waterford Avenue.

Marietta Borough Council awarded a parade permit to the firemen for that date.

The Council also voted to exempt the new fire hall from property taxes, even though sewage for one unit must be changed.

The firemen are planning a festival, August 1 and 2, to raise money to help pay for the new hall. Borough Council granted permission to the firemen to use War Memorial Park for that carnival.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Bicentennial Committee of Mount Joy will meet in the Borough Hall this Sunday, January 26, at 2 p.m. All interested people are urged to attend.

The old fire hall on West Market Street will be used to house equipment of the Marietta Ambulance Association, after the firemen move to their new quarters.

Donegal Church last Saturday



Maria Luiza B. de Oliveira

Maria Luiza of Brazil finds winter cold here

The temperature never goes below 55 degrees in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the home of Maria Luiza B. de Oliveira.

Miss de Oliveira, an 18 year old Open Doors exchange student, is staying with the Erb family at their dairy farm on R. D. 1, Mount Joy. Lu, as the Erbs call her, had never seen snow before she came to Pennsylvania this winter.

The Erb's 200-year-old farmhouse is warm enough, with logs crackling in the wide stone fireplace, but the weather outside has not really been to Lu's liking.

"Right now, in Sao Paulo, it's 100 degrees," Lu said. "I got off the plane in Washington and . . ." She shuddered expressively.

The Erb girls introduced Lu to the sport of snowball fighting. According to Cindy Erb, Lu found the experience exciting, "except she gets cold when the snow goes down her neck."

Lu is attending Donegal High School with the Erb girls - Christine, Cindy and Sandy. Unfortunately for the boys at Donegal, Lu has a fiance in Sao Paulo, who sends a lot of letters to his far-away sweetheart.

High school in the U. S. is easier than in Brazil, Lu reports. At home she studies Portuguese, English, math, biology, physics, chemistry, drawing, gym, history, and geography. All these courses are crammed into 3½ hours a day, five days a week.

To qualify for the Open Doors program, Lu had to pass a difficult test on the English language and American culture. One question was, "What did John Kennedy say in his speech in 1962?" Lu said, "I just guessed."

Lu has introduced the Erbs to some delicious Brazilian cooking. Wilbur Erb, who paints and plays chess when he isn't running his

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