

THE JOY RIDE'S OVER

An Editorial

New York residents will pay an estimated \$14.3 billion in federal taxes this year. State taxes will take another \$2.8 billion, and local governments will collect another \$3.9 billion. The total tax burden on New Yorkers for fiscal 1963-64 piles up to \$21 billion according to the recent figures compiled by the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey.

That is indeed a pile of money — and it's getting bigger every year. Like the weather, too many people talk about it but do nothing about it. Perhaps, like the weather, we have grown so used to it that we really aren't aware of it.

A plan to create awareness of the big bite that withholding taxes take out of paychecks was started about a year ago by a small firm in West Virginia. This firm eliminated weekly withholdings and started taking out taxes once a month.

The employees receive their full salaries every week for three weeks, and then in the fourth week all taxes for the month are taken out.

The results have been startling. Employees just did not realize how much of their purchasing power was being taken away in taxes. In many cases, employees ended up owing the government money at the end of the fourth week.—a full week's salary did not cover the taxes for the month.

Those people are now looking at government spending proposals with a clearer understanding of where the money comes from. As one employee said, "We've been taken, but the joy ride's over."

What Will Be Left?

There is one apparently popular myth that should be exploded once and for all. It is the belief that the enormous increase in federal spending in late years and the enormous increase in the public debt that has resulted, are generally attributable to the needs of defense.

Listen to what Senator Byrd says: "In the 10 years since the end of the Korean War, we have had seven deficits; the federal debt has gone up nearly \$40 billion, and the annual cost of the Federal Government has been increased by approximately \$20 billion, or more than 25 per cent. Of the \$20 billion increase, \$17 billion has been for strictly domestic-civilian programs, projects and purposes, and interest."

A very substantial number of these programs, with all their concurrent costs, have been of a Welfare State variety, based on the philosophy that the government should do just about everything for just about everybody.

What will the end be, if this philosophy continues to rule? Here is Senator Strom Thurmond's grim view: "If our government continues in the direction it is headed, we had all better enjoy our freedoms of today and all the extra spending possible, because there may not be much of either left over for the future, for us or our children."

A Hard Hand On The Reins

Early in December, President Johnson, having then very recently succeeded to office, told an assemblage of business leaders: "Men in the Government are going to be recognized by not how much they spend but by how much they save."

It now remains to be seen to what extent, and in what ways, this policy will be implemented. The President has supported his words with directives both to government agencies and to the thousands of private enterprises which do business with the government on a substantial scale. But, so big and sprawling is the government, and so complex the chain of command, that a hard and constant hand on the reins will be necessary if more than lip service is to be paid to the cause of economy. And only the President can apply that hand.

In this one can respectfully say, "More power to you, Mr. President."

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

January 30, 1914

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster are the parents of a son born January 25th.

J. D. Cheesman took first prize on his white Orphington pullets at the Buffalo Poultry Show and also first prize in another pullet at the Geneva Shop the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Horan are parents of a daughter born Sunday.

Miss Carolyn Reinhardt spent the week-end with relatives in Castle.

Mrs. Lemuel June of Jasper is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Brown.

Rev. H. B. Williams is visiting relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cannon attended the Boston Symphony Orchestra Concert in Buffalo Tuesday night.

40 YEARS AGO

January 25, 1924

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mr. and Mrs. Porter Richardson are the parents of a daughter born January 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eldridge are the parents of a daughter born January 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewster are the parents of a daughter born January 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey entertained at dinner Saturday, January 19th in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease were called to Greenwood this week by the critical illness of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Scribner.

Mrs. E. J. Loughlin and Mrs. Ella Bundy were in Belmont Wednesday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lyke of Hornell were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Orvis.

Mrs. Grace Livermore of Brazil, Ind., is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Hardy.

30 YEARS AGO

January 19, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Newly installed heads of Andover fraternal societies are: Harold Van Dyke, W. M., of Masonic Lodge; Bessie Mulconery, W. M., OES; Mrs. Lelia Livermore, President of W.R.C.; Carlyle Myers, Commander, American Legion; F. C. Mulholland, N. G. Odd Fellows; Marie Hammond N. G., Andover Rebekahs; Earl Dodge, Master of Andover Grange.

Miss Ruby Hunt died January 15, Washington, D. C., her mother, Mrs. Delia Hunt and a brother survive.

Mrs. Maud Minor died at the Jones Memorial Hospital Saturday. Her husband, Frank Minor survives.

Mrs. Luella Benton and Bert B. Hann were married January 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Geil Reynolds and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord motored to Montclair, N. J., Wednesday, called there by the death of Mr. Reynolds brother-in-law.

George Carr has gone to Hornell where he is employed in the Huget Silk Mill.

Mrs. Hattie Eggleston returned this week from Cincinnati where she had been caring for her niece Mrs. Marjorie Borden Bennett and babe.

Rev. F. H. Bisbee, Erwin D. Baker and Amos L. Rogers attended the Presbytery meeting in Hornell Tuesday.

Letter To The Editor

Punta Gorda, Fla. Jan 22, 1964

Red: Just to show you some people read the News, last Saturday a car drove in to our place. A man came to the door and said he was looking for Arthur Burdick, from Andover, N. Y.

I told him I was Arthur Burdick but from Alfred Station.

He read where I sent you a complimentary issue of the Fort Myers Press last Nov., and came to look me up. It was Mr. Harold Kemp, who lives at Port Charlotte. We had a good visit and we intend to call on him in a few days.

Hope you are having better weather. Warm and nice here. Respectively, yours Art Burdick

Jan. 23, 1964

Dear Publishers of The Andover News:

I am enclosing check for \$3.50 to renew my subscription to the "News" for the year 1964.

While I feel there is very little of local personal news now of interest to me, I get so much good from your editorials and "Turning Back The Pages of Andover History", for 50, 40 and 30 years ago, that I still like your paper. It is a pleasure to know the editors personally. I wish you a very prosperous year.

Sincerely, Frank A. Langworthy

Bill Introduced For New Highway Survey

State Senator Barber B. Conable, Jr., of the 53rd District and Assemblyman Kenneth R. Willard of Livingston County have introduced a bill to authorize the State Department of Public Works to proceed with detailed plans for the Genesee Expressway south from Rochester.

This section of the state expressway system will serve a rapidly growing suburban area, provide a means for quick and safe transportation throughout the Genesee Valley and offer a convenient connection between the metropolitan areas of Western New York and the Southern Tier counties," the Republican Legislators said.

The measure would not commit State funds to the project, Senator Conable and Assemblyman Willard added, but would supply permit engineers to investigate possible routes, decide on location and plan construction details. Cost of such planning would be met from regular departmental appropriations. Actual construction probably would be several years away.

"Traffic and route studies made by the Department of Public Works indicate the extent of the need for the Genesee Expressway," the Legislators said in a statement. "They indicate that present highways in the area are inadequate to meet both local and long distance traffic requirements. The Expressway will both speed up the flow of through traffic and relieve congestion for local traffic."

"Local support is strong and we are convinced that an orderly improvement program for state highways is consistent with economy and care in the spending of public money."

The proposal would amend the Highway Law by adding a paragraph describing the 72-mile route in general terms. The starting point would be on the southerly

Albany Report

By Barber B. Conable, Jr., State Senator, 53rd District

ALBANY REPORT

A tight money situation, such as we have this year, always brings a spate of revenue-raising schemes from those who want to spend money. Thus it is fairly safe to assume that this year the friends of legalized off-track betting will be singing in chorus every time the topic for discussion turns to money.

I don't favor this plan for any number of reasons, not all of which concern morality although I'm willing to say that the moral objection is sufficient even if there weren't other reasons.

This would be an expensive way to raise money. For instance, when more public revenue is needed the income tax rate can be increased without increasing collection costs and the same is generally true of other normal and traditional tax methods. But think of the number of new state employees that would be needed to administer a whole new revenue-raising system, like off-track betting. Think of the inspectors, the investigators, the communications expense, the leases for betting parlors, the technical problems involved with out-of-state races, the high echelon commissions needed to supervise the system.

And if all these costs don't reduce the net enough to discourage you, think of the reduction in proceeds this competition would bring to race track betting, which as the only present legal gambling available to New York State now generates about \$125 million a year in tax revenue.

Would legalized off-track betting put the bookies out of business? One of the expressed arguments in its favor is that off-track betting would destroy the illegal gambling now flourishing in urban areas. But we are reliably informed that the bulk of this illegal gambling involves betting on horses.

There are other reasons why the bookies would continue to operate. They keep no income tax records of winners while the legal betting parlors would have to. They would be able to spread their risk by placing their own bets with the legal betting parlors. And you can bet with a bookie on race tracks even if you don't bet on horse racing.

Legalized gambling away from the tracks would be a true regressive tax, hitting the lowest income groups hardest because ability to pay is not the standard as much as the inability to resist the temptation to gamble. For the State to use this device would be another step in the wrong direction. I won't bet it can be defeated indefinitely, but if it's a political gamble to oppose it this year, I'm willing to take the chance!

Rochester city line in the vicinity of Clifton Avenue South. The route then would extend southerly on new location, crossing the State thruway in the vicinity of the West Henrietta interchange and continuing to the vicinity of Genesee. From there the route would be generally southerly to the Dansville area, then southeasterly to connect with the proposed Southern Tier Expressway in the vicinity of Bath.

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