

TAXES, TAXES EVERYWHERE and the Value of Our Dollar Shrinks!

An Editorial

"Pardon, I'd Like To See What's Going On!"



Wage earners are well aware of federal and state income taxes that are deducted from their pay checks.

Homeowners pay their property tax with an occasional gripe. Housewives know that certain purchases include the additional cost of federal luxury taxes — and of course some places have local sales taxes. Nearly everyone pays for the taxes on gasoline and cigarettes.

We know that all of these taxes exist because we pay them directly—we see them. However, there are many taxes that aren't seen—but are paid every day.

For example, The Citizens Public Expenditure Survey tells us that:

- Every quart of milk has 87 different hidden taxes.
- A pound of hamburger has 114 different hidden taxes.
- A pair of shoes has 126 different hidden taxes.
- One pair of overalls has 148 different hidden taxes.

These hidden taxes exist in every product on the market. They are the taxes paid by the suppliers of raw materials; taxes paid by the shipper; taxes paid by the distributor; and taxes paid by the merchant. These all add up to a myriad of taxes reflected in the final price paid by YOU—the consumer!

Whether you work on a farm, in a shop, an office or a store, behind a desk or with a pick and shovel, The Citizens Public Expenditure Survey estimates that you pay taxes—hidden and seen—at the minimum rate of 25 cents out of every dollar you earn.

Every tax, no matter who or what it is levied on, is passed along to the individual wage earner. Taxes levied because the government needs more money to meet its expenses. To keep taxes at a minimum, a government must live within its income; it is the responsibility of every taxpayer and voter to see that it does!

This is why every election should be a contested one. Our Democracy must have a two party system in order to exist! Without any contest at elections, very few people get out and vote. Public apathy sets in and before long we could easily find ourselves in the same shoes that the average Russian finds himself in. There, about 8 to 10% of the people rule the other 90%. If they do have an election, these few people put up 1 candidate for each office and then rule things with an iron hand.

Here in Andover, next Tuesday, March 17, the voters will have a free choice to elect two out of three Village Trustees. Besides this, it may lead to more active participation in the electoral processes among the people in the village, and may serve to encourage the candidacy of still more, able persons to run for public office.

To All Parents: Warn Your Children About That Stranger

There are few crimes, if any, more brutal, more shocking, or more revolting to a civilized conscience than those committed by sexual degenerates.

Some months ago a young woman was brutally attacked and slain by a maniacal killer who repeatedly stabbed the victim with a knife and left her body wrapped in a transparent laundry bag. The perpetrator of this vicious crime had been convicted for rape four years previously and was out on parole at the time of the murder.

Another example involved the enticement of an 11-year-old-boy by a strange man into an automobile. The young boy's body was found 4 days later bearing evidence of severe sexual assault. The assailant was identified and readily admitted the crime. Behind him lay a long, sordid record of perverted sexual behavior. Obviously, errors in evaluating the dangerousness of such deviates can result in the tragic waste of young life.

With the advent of spring and the following summer months, law enforcement can, with reasonable certainty, expect a 20 percent rise in forcible rapes and a large increase in sexual assaults and child molestations. Again, as in the past, police authorities will muster their forces, issue and broadcast public warnings, and take all possible precautions to stem this rising flood of perversion and rapacity, knowing all the while that their utmost efforts alone will not be enough.

All too often law enforcement is confronted with the deplorable results of a sex crime that might have been prevented by the proper instruction at home by parents, by prompt reporting of sexual deviates to police, and by realistic punishment of offenders by the courts.

There is little doubt that many sex crimes are the products of sick minds and that these minds are in dire need of treatment. It is sheer stupidity, however, to rely upon brief therapy and confinement to rehabilitate degraded sex criminals. Bulging police records on known repeaters and daily headlines on sex crimes are testimonials to the fallacy of such practice. Community protection demands the separation of these degenerates from society.

There is no shortage of theories on sex crime causation. Textbooks are filled with them. However, sex criminals for the most part strike knowingly and with deliberate intent. No amount of maudlin rationalization can hide this fact.

The real tragedy of sexual atrocities lies in the suffering of the innocent victims. Unfortunately, in many instances the victim's rights are never considered. The sexual degenerate, shielded by an array of technicalities and loopholes, bares his wrist for a light judicial pat and soon is free

BE SURE and GET OUT and VOTE — for the CANDIDATE of YOUR CHOICE!

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS BASIC TO ALL YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS! Only as your Newspaper is free to print the facts, can you be free to know them. Only as you know the facts, can you act wisely in the best interests of your Community, as you see them. In America, there is plenty of room for opinions. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!



Albany Report

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

You hear it every day. It's the same long, dreary story about politicians in the State Legislature and how they don't fight for their constituents, and it ends up every time on the same plaintive note:—"and all because of the political ambitions of ONE MAN."

Isn't it ironic, too, how the expression "one man" sounds so much like "that man!"

But shed a little tear, if you will, for that one man, who can be forgiven a bemused expression on his face as he contemplates a Legislature that probably makes no sense to him at all. Last year he wanted to raise fees, or taxes, and we wouldn't let him. This year he doesn't want to raise fees OR taxes, yet here we are, shouting for enough of an increase to add a little sugar to the school aid package, if that's what it's going to take.

There is a logic here that may not meet the eye, and there is proof here, too, that the old canard about a rubber-stamp Legislature is largely rubbish. We must start with the idea that it was probably ill-advised for Governor Rockefeller to promise no tax increase for two years. But at least it actually had the effect of curbing government costs to some extent and keeping taxes where they were. At the same time, of course, it left the Governor in his current pull-haul with the Legislature.

Last year the Legislature insisted upon its own interpretation of what it meant to raise taxes. An increase in auto license fees was prevented, but another result was to prolong the revenue gap in which the state is actually spending more than it is "earning." We could do this last year because there was room to cut the budget, but this year the budget is really tight and can't be cut appreciably without doing obvious violence to state services.

The Governor assumed we wouldn't favor a tax increase this year because, after all, it's an election year and you just don't raise taxes in an election year. But the Legislature knows that by failing to provide more money for education this year we would, in effect, be voting for local school tax increases come September. Many of us are willing, instead, to take a step we might not otherwise consider. We'd rather increase the tax on a currently unpopular commodity, like cigarettes, and give the money to schools than to acquiesce in the alternative of a local school tax increase.

to resume his assaults, rapes, and murders.

John Edgar Hoover

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1914

J. H. Backus, Publisher

E. J. Atwood was elected Village President by 38 votes over B. S. Brundage in Tuesday's Village election.

Mrs. L. P. VanWoert of Cornish is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Frisbey.

Miss Helena Bloss of Wellsville is passing this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bloss.

Mrs. James Pardon was called home from New York City Friday by the illness of her father, James McInty.

Mrs. Rosanna Joyce passed Sunday in Hornell guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lamphear.

Mrs. Charles Tanner of Hornell spent a few days this week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. Doran.

Mr. and Mrs. David Corwin have been visiting at the home of their son, Allen Corwin of Wellsville this week.

40 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1924

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. C. W. O'Donnell, 29, died unexpectedly Wednesday morning. Surviving are her husband, two daughters and a brother.

Miss Loretta Quigg has resigned her position as telephone operator in Andover.

Editor J. Harvey Backus was in Rochester Friday and Saturday in attendance at a meeting of the New York State Publishers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trowbridge of Greenwood, Ernest Trowbridge of Montpelier, Ohio and Mrs. Clara Emery of Buffalo were Sunday guests at the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge.

M. T. Garvin was a business visitor in Buffalo Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown were Rochester visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker left Wednesday for several days visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett of Perry, N. Y.

Mrs. Henry Carr returned Sunday from Harrisville where she has been assisting in the care of her mother, Mrs. Charles Page.

30 YEARS AGO

March 2, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Fred V. Brown and Miss Helen L. Hull were united in marriage in Wellsville February 13th.

Mrs. Benjamin Wallace is in Andover this week packing their household effects for removal to Belfast where Mr. Wallace has purchased a barber shop.

Miss Edna Barrett passed the week-end in Buffalo, guest at the home of her uncle, Robert Barrett.

J. C. Lever and R. O. Snyder represented the Andover National Bank at the County Bankers Meeting held in Fillmore Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick, daughter, Phyllis and A. L. Rogers were in Belfast Monday to attend a meeting of the Daymen's League.

W. E. Chase, Lee Millsbaugh, Roger Baker and Mr. Willson were in Wellsville Sunday night to sing at a special meeting held in the Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nottingham and daughter, Reta, were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pfleger of Wellsville.

A few grocery special advertised this week: Bananas, 6 lbs. 25c; Strawberries, quart 23c; Iceberg Lettuce, 2 for 15c; flour, 24 1/2 lb. sack 79c.

About 25 cents of the consumer's food dollar is spent in eating places outside the home. This includes school lunchrooms, hospitals, snackbars, cafeterias, and restaurants.

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