

HOW ABOUT "CAPTIVE COLLECTORS"?

An Editorial

Governor Rockefeller recently proclaimed July 18-24 as "Captive Nations Week", paying tribute to, refugees in this country from Communism as "valued neighbors, loyal and industrious members of the State and Nation."

Declaring that no fewer than 25 nations embracing populations totaling about 410 million are held captive by the Communists, the Governor said: "We know that eventually this empire will crumble as have all others amassed by the ruthless force of arms. But that is poor consolation to the victims suffering oppression and unhappiness."

We have a weapon against Communism in recognition and understanding of the plight of these captive peoples. With them, we look forward to the day when their enslavement shall come to an end."

NOW, Just Two Weeks Later, almost every business has become a "CAPTIVE COLLECTOR" for the newly implemented "State Sales and Use Tax".

Do not be misled by the "Certificates of Authority" which appear in most private business locations throughout the state. They are issued by the State Department of Taxation Sales Tax Bureau, supposedly authorizing the business to collect sales and use taxes.

The fact is — these businesses are compelled to collect the taxes — and are being used as agents of the state government.

Your local friendly storekeeper is thus becoming an unpaid agent of the state, responsible for nipping pennies away from You — and turning them over to Albany. In addition to this, he has to keep records and turn in reports every month along with the cold cash collected from the already overburdened taxpayer.

To add insult to injury, in many cases he has to pay sales tax on items he has to buy in order to operate his business — plus becoming a free file clerk — to file exemption certificates for his customers that are willing to go through the red tape of securing said certificates.

This means that his books, records, and files are open to any Sales Tax Inspector that should happen to come along and demand to see them. And more than likely — if a mistake should be found — he will be subject or liable to a fine or some kind of punishment!

Is this Democracy? Did the people have a chance to vote on this Sales Tax Issue? As far as that goes, how many people did anything to try and prevent the passage of the Sales Tax Bill? Did You write a letter to your Congressman or to the Newspaper Editor protesting against it?

What is happening to the Citizens of to-day that they will allow their duly elected politicians to pass legislation that will gouge more money from their dwindling bank-roll? Especially in a State where residents are paying more taxes per capita — than in any other State in the Country. (According to our memory, the last figures quoted by the Citizens Expenditure Committee, placed the figure at around \$529 in taxes paid per year by every man, woman, and child in the State.)

Like "Rocky", we have a weapon against "Oppressive Taxation", — but we need the support of the people that are against it. Unless enough Citizens who are descendants of members of the famous "Boston Tea Party" who decried: "Taxation without Representation is Tyranny", arch up their backs, stand up on their hind legs and put a stop to the State Spending and Tax Program, it looks as if every businessman will be a "Captive Collector". And the only apparent way to escape from it — is to become a refugee — and flee to another State!

Do you suppose that they would then proclaim a "Captive Collectors Week" to pay tribute to we refugees.



50 YEARS AGO

July 30, 1915

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Mrs. Julia A. Lee, 87, died Friday. Two daughters and two sons survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott are the parents of a son, Robert, born July 23rd.

Henry Horan of South Hill visited his daughters, Mrs. Smith of Wellsville and Mrs. West of Elm Valley, Monday and Tuesday.

Marion Rogers accompanied her Aunt, Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb of Belmont home Tuesday for a week's visit.

Mrs. L. I. Bloss and Aunt, Mrs. J. C. Nichols were in Hornell last week guests of Mrs. A. W. Reed. Mrs. M. C. Moran and daughter, Agatha of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting at the home of her father, John Kilbane.

A. L. Rogers and son, Leon, left for Denver, Colo., Monday. The trip is being made in the interest of the health of his son.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cumming were called to Eldred, Pa., last night by the death of his sister Miss Elrene Cummings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Greene and daughter of St. Mary's, W. Va. motored to Andover and were guests of his brother, J. C. Greene and family, Friday and Saturday.

Charles F. Henderson of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. A. R. Henderson and other relatives in Andover the past week.

30 YEARS AGO

August 2, 1935

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Mr. and Mrs. George Calhoun observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gee.

Louis C. Livermore, 87, died at his home in Independence Thursday, July 30th. His wife, a son, and a daughter survive.

Charles Burdick of Coldwater was a week-end guest of his brother, Menzo Burdick and family.

Miss Ethel Cannon of Buffalo returned home Thursday after several weeks visit with Miss Clara Gardner and other Andover friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett attended the funeral of Mr. Holmes' mother, Mrs. George Holmes at West Clarksville, Monday.

Michael Gavin, Harry Smith, II, E. Robinson, Clifford Burdick and C. A. Robinson were in attendance at a Sub-District meeting of the Dairymen's League in Friendship Monday evening.

A. L. Rogers, B. B. Hann, E. Walsh and Frank Raufenbarth were delegates from Andover Hook & Ladder Co., to the Firemen's Convention at Richburg this week.

40 YEARS AGO

July 31, 1925

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It rained 18 days out of the 31 in the month of July 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mead of Elm Valley are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, July 30.

Inez I. Kenyon of Wellsville and E. E. Ordiway of Andover were united in marriage July 24th at Coudersport, Pa.

150 people were present at a variety shower held at the West Greenwood Grange Hall Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pease.

Mrs. Carrie Slade of Andover spent from Wednesday until Friday with her brother, Floyd Clarke of Independence.

Miss Ruth Baker is visiting her sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Henderson at Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Garvin and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Taft of Pittsburgh, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Floyd Vars and daughter

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

LAYFIELD BROTHERS CLEAN HOUSE AT BRADFORD SPEEDWAY THURSDAY NIGHT

At the Bradford Speedway Thursday night, the weather was a little cool, but the races were really hot. In fact, with a nice crowd of spectators in the stands and plenty of cars in the pits, it was pretty close to a perfect evening.

In the Sportsman Class there were 8 to 9 cars in each heat with 14 in the line-up for the feature. In the Modern Class, there were around 8 in every heat with 12 able to make it in the line-up for the feature.

The Sportsman Feature was really a rip-roaring affair, highlighted by a spectacular crash when Harold Burton from Olean, driving No. 47, spun out on the No. 4 turn in the 6th lap and went crashing into one of the huge light poles thereby plunging that area of the track into darkness. The driver emerged from the car practically unscathed — although closer examination showed that he lost a couple of front teeth as a result of the crash.

After the Indian-File re-start, Herby Layfield from Allentown, N. Y., driving his familiar No. 48, really poured it on and gradually worked his way up thru the pack to take over the lead in around the 15th lap and stayed out in front to pick up the "Checker" for his 1st Feature Win at this track.

In the Modern Feature, Bill Layfield driving No. 45, not to be outdone by his brother, skillfully maneuvered his car thru and around the slower cars to take over a fairly early lead and then was able to stave off all challengers to romp home for his 1st victory in this car.

For a brief re-cap of the racing results in the Sportsman Class —

Herb Layfield driving No. 30, won the 1st heat; Bob Grove, No. 79, the 2nd; with Bill Layfield driving No. 54, taking the "Consy". In the Feature — Herb Layfield, No. 48, took 1st; Larry Swander, No. 99, 2nd; Dutch Strang, No. 14, 3rd; Jim Hakes, No. 30, 4th; and Cricky Benjamin, No. 39, 5th.

In the Modern Class — Bill Brock, No. 4B, took the 1st heat; Bud Perkins, No. 57, the 2nd; and Bob Bigley, No. 7, the "Consy".

In the Feature — Bill Layfield, No. 45, took 1st place; Jay Plyler, No. 3, 2nd; Bob Bigley, No. 7, 3rd; Roger Treichler, No. 74, 4th; and Ted Schimp, No. 91, 5th.

Friday night at the Hornell Raceway, things were pretty quiet during the heats with the exception of a human interest angle which bears repeating. Bill Layfield, No. 121, twisted his rear axle off in the 1st Modern Heat he was in and didn't have a spare to fit his '65 Buick — so it looked as if he was grounded. However, since Bill is a rather enterprising racing driver, he persuaded the Track Announcer to loan him the rear axle out of his personal '64 Buick passenger car. With his pit crew working at high speed, the boys had the borrowed one out, and installed in Bill's car in time for him to go out and win the "Consy". When we asked "Bill" what would happen if he twisted off the borrowed axle, he replied "we'll just borrow the other one".

In the Sportsman Feature, the crowd was thrilled with the terrific battle between Bill Layfield, driving 11/16, and Herb Layfield with his own No. 48. Accidents in the 1st lap and again in the 16th lap, made 2 re-starts necessary with the 2nd one whittling down the lead that Bill had built up in the first half of the race. Herby finally captured the "Checker" by passing his brother on the No. 4 turn on the last lap of the race and leading him across the finish line by a scant few feet.

The Modern Feature was also

Marjory, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Guy Hackell at Moulton, Me. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder left for New York City Friday where they will enjoy a two week pleasure cruise which includes Boston, New Foundland and Bermuda.

Mrs. Edward Dougherty and daughter of Buffalo are guests of Mrs. Grace Howland this week.

marked with two re-starts, one in the 1st lap when a bunch of cars tangled in the back-stretch, and again when Art Tomack, driving No. 82, went partially over the bank in the 5th lap and then rolled over in the middle of the track on the No. 4 turn. Fortunately, none of the drivers were hurt in any of the accidents, and after the 2nd re-start, Bill Layfield, No. 121, moved out in the lead closely followed by Bud Perkins, No. 57, and Leo Houghtaling, No. 42. In around the 16th lap, Leo was really pouring it on when he spun out on the No. 4 turn and ran head-on into one of the huge light poles in the infield, snapping the pole off about 6 feet above the ground. This of course smashed the battery of floodlights which plunged the whole No. 4 turn into darkness. This, since it was too dangerous to resume the race with No. 4 turn dark, and it was impossible to make temporary repairs to the lights in a short time, the race was declared finished as of the previous lap with the three leading cars already mentioned taking the 1st three slots. Despite the terrific impact with the light pole, neither Leo nor his car were injured except a badly bent front bumper.

For a brief re-cap of the races: In the Sportsman Class — Jerry Updyke, No. 81, won the 1st heat; Herb Layfield, No. 48, the 2nd; with Don Chalmers, No. 218, taking the "Consy". In the Feature — Herb Layfield, No. 48, took 1st place; Bill Layfield, No. 11/16, 2nd; Phil Pike, No. 14, 3rd; Don Chalmers, No. 218; 4th; and Harold Jewel, No. 140, 5th.

In the Modern Class: Butch Harris, No. 96, took the 1st heat; Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, the 2nd; and Bill Layfield, No. 121, the "Consy". In the Feature — Bill Layfield, No. 121, was 1st; Bud Perkins, No. 57, 2nd; Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, 3rd; Paul Hideck, driving No. 333, 4th; and Gabe Haynes, No. 10, 5th.

At the Sportsman's Raceway Saturday night, the whole evening's program could be summed up in one word — a real "thriller". With plenty of cars in the pits, every heat was bitterly contested and when they got around to the Features — wow!

In the Sportsman Class, Larry Swander, No. 99, really had his Hudson roaring and broke a bad luck "hex" by winning both a heat and the feature in thrill-packed contests with his friendly arch-rival, Herb Layfield. After nosing Herby out in the heat, Larry picked up where he had left off as soon as the Feature started, and moved out in front of the pack early in the race with Herby slowly gaining ground on him, until he lost the left front wheel off his No. 48. Herb still managed to hold on to his 2nd position for several laps without losing any ground but finally spun out on the No. 1 turn when he had to turn rather sharply to avoid hitting one of the slower cars. After this turn of events, Larry was able to romp home in a breeze to pick up the "Checker" for his first Feature win in a long time.

In the Modern Feature, Howie Slocum, driving No. 58, for the first time, jumped out to an early lead and gradually added to it as the laps flew by while his nearest competitors slugged it out for the next four positions. This was a 4-way battle between Basil Schutt, No. 13; Floyd Green, No. 7; Bill Layfield, No. 121; and Warren Kinney, No. 16; with Floyd and Bill passing each other several times in the closing laps of the race. However, neither one of them were able to take Basil as he hung in the groove every lap without making a mis-eue and thus ended up in the No. 2 slot, with Floyd and Bill a scant few feet in back of him in that order.

For a brief re-cap of the races: In the Sportsman Class — Dick Seamans, No. 22, won the 1st heat; Larry Swander, No. 99, the 2nd; and Howie Slocum, No. 184 the "Consy". In the Feature — Larry Swander was 1st; Bill Deming, No. 11, 2nd; Dick Seamans, No. 22, 3rd; Don Halliday, No. 11/16, 4th; and Randy Fay, No. 007, 5th.

In the Modern Class: Gabe Haynes, No. 10, took the 1st heat; Floyd Green, No. 7, the 2nd; and Bill Layfield, No. 121 (Please Turn to Page Four)

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