

OPINIONS: "State Budget A 'BUST' To Taxpayers"

The 1973 - 74 proposed State Budget is a "bust" for taxpayers, said the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey (CPES).

The nonprofit statewide taxpayer watchdog organization pointed out that the budget:

- Provides no tax relief.
* Apparently violates a state law by failing to project in the budget document spending and revenue estimates for the next five years.
* Perhaps underestimates a budget surplus for the current fiscal year.
* Increases state spending by a whopping \$933 million.
* Shows increased tax revenue of over \$1 billion under existing laws.
* Continues the practice of fiscal legerdemain.

CPES called for an "immediate summit conference" of the Governor, the State Comptroller, legislative leader, and/or their fiscal experts, to ferret out discrepancies in their varying estimates of a budget surplus at the close of the current fiscal year.

The surplus is questioned. It is to be noted that the Speaker of the Assembly, Perry Duryea, also questions the surplus which according to his estimate should stimulate thoughts of a tax cut.

"If there is a substantial budget surplus at the close of the fiscal year — most certainly some of it should be returned to taxpayers. To 'squirrel' or 'husband' away for spending or a tax reduction next year is not in the interest of taxpayers," charged the statewide taxpayer research organization.

CPES found "fiscal gimmickry" in the recently released \$255.5 million deficiency budget for the current fiscal year. While some items were necessary, CPES questions including moneys in the deficiency budget for items such as state official automobiles. The Survey also charges that such moneys should have been in the proposed budget for 1973 - 74 — under better legislative and public scrutiny.

The taxpayer organization agreed wholeheartedly with the budget document that controls must be placed on local government spending. But at the same time CPES urged the State to "get its own house in order".

The nonpartisan organization particularly pointed to rising public employee pension costs as a serious spending and tax problem.

CPES said that "priorities must be set in the spending of taxpayer moneys in this State — be it state or local. When a budget can rise by almost \$1 billion without any new major programs something is out of whack."

"One top priority should be — TAX RELIEF", CPES said.

Taxpayers need it NOW whether it comes in the form of a reduction of their state taxes or local taxes. Considering the overall burden a reduction in both would be desirable.

INFORM THE GOVERNOR, LEGISLATIVE LEADERS, AND YOUR OWN ASSEMBLYMAN AND STATE SENATOR THAT YOU WOULD LIKE A REDUCTION IN TAXES, DURING THE 1973 LEGISLATURE.

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!



50 YEARS AGO

January 19, 1923

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Lottie Stratton Wehl, 57, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Stratton, Thursday, January 11th. Her husband, one son and her parents survive. Funeral services were held Sunday with the Rev. Royal MacGowan officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

The A. M. Whelan Cheese Factory on South Hill, burned to the ground about midnight, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Deen of Greenwood Street are the parents of a son, Vaughn Luther, born Tuesday, January 16th.

Frank Bloss has purchased the A. O. Tucker residence corner of Greenwood Street and East Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker plan to move to Kalamazoo, Michigan in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Post are parents of a daughter, Delma Marie, born Tuesday, January 9th at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hurd.

The Misses Mae Cocoman and Ellen Driscoll, former clerks in the John E. Cannon Department Store, resigned their positions January 1st and will go to Buffalo the first of February to enter training as nurses.

George Tucker of Elm Valley, left Thursday for Kansas City, Mo., where he will take a course in an automobile school.

Henry Williams of Stannards has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Tucker of Elm Valley.

With the mercury 10 below zero and with much snow having fallen for three successive days, the country dwellers are snowbound and all roads being out of sight. South Hill residences have had no mail service since Saturday.

Edward Hyland is home from Dansville for a few days.

Miss Murtie Brewster is spending a few days in Hornell.

Mrs. Nina Palmer of Almond was the guest of Mrs. Alice Clarke the last of the week.

Mrs. Charles Ruger of Wellsville is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoard.

Byron Proper, accompanied by William Rogers of Hornell, went to Honeoye Lake last Friday for their annual fishing trip.

Walter Hammond left Wednesday morning for Billings, Montana, after a two months visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond.

Mrs. R. E. MacGowan went to Buffalo Monday for a week or two visit with her aunt, Mrs. Sisk. Miss Mary White of Bolivar, was the guest of Mrs. Lee Trowbridge and other friends in Andover from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. W. N. Rice returned home from a two weeks visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. J. Partridge and family of McLean, N. Y., and with friends at Newark Valley.

Ray Hammond of Corning visited his mother and family Sunday and Monday. He has a regular run on the New York Central Railroad.

A. L. Teal of Michigan is in Andover looking after cherry logs again. He was here about two years ago and had a saw mill on Rochambeau Ave. If sufficient lumber is found he will again start up the mill.

Mrs. C. W. Williams of the Parlor Grocery states that \$1.00 will purchase the following: 1 large can of milk 11c; 2 large cans of high grade peas 25c; 2 large cans of high grade corn 25c; 1 large bottle of catsup 18c; 1 large can of tomatoes 12c and 1 large pkg. of Armour's corn flakes 8c.

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January 27, 1933

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The Following Letter Was Sent To New York State Education Commissioner Nyquist by Senator Buckley, January 13

Mr. Ewald B. Nyquist, Commissioner of Education, Albany, New York, Dear Commissioner:

I would like to bring to your attention some deeply disturbing facts regarding the current program of the New York State Education Department, a program supported partially by federal funds.

For some time now, my office has received reports from a variety of sources, pertaining to the Mainland China curriculum presently being set up in Albany for use in schools throughout New York State.

The facts, as I understand them to be, are as follows:

- 1. The State Education Department has hired as a consultant, a man named Jack Chen who had been a longstanding propagandist and propagandist for the Communist Chinese.
2. Mr. Chen, as a resident of New York City in the 1930's and 1940's, was a contributor to major Communist publication, most conspicuously the Daily Worker.
3. From 1950 through 1971 — a period of 21 years — Mr. Chen lived and worked in Red China.

He is not a citizen of the United States.

4. While in Peking last year and on visits to New York, Mr. Chen contracted with your office to develop a fully comprehensive China studies program for use in the entire school system of New York from the elementary level to college.

Under the circumstances, it would appear to me that the taxpayers' money is being used for a program that purports to be merely education, but based on Mr. Chen's background and what experience has taught us about Communists, it is difficult to believe any program designed by him will be objective. Rather we can only assume it will constitute subtle propaganda in support of the Peking regime, one of the most brutal and tyrannical of our or any other time.

I would appreciate having from you the complete details of this program, the history of Mr. Chen's relationship with your department and a statement as to how this use of federal funds can be justified.

Sincerely, James L. Buckley

nearly a year. The Andover Variety Store was established many years ago by Mrs. S. J. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robbins are parents of a son born Monday, January 23.

Mrs. Jett Blodgett was given a surprise party Saturday evening by a company of friends in honor of her birthday.

The Post Office Department has ordered the bureau of engraving and printing to prepare its files for a three-cent postage stamp in memory of Calvin Coolidge.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Foster have moved from the Charles Updyke house on Greenwood Street into the tenant house on the Rollins farm.

Carpenters Jesse Slocum and Earl Kemp with their assistants, are building an addition to the farm house recently purchased by John Wain from the Dean estate. E. Claire Greene was elected last Thursday to the Phi Psi Omega, the men's honorary fraternity at Alfred University.

James Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch, brought to the News Office the champion egg of the season so far. It was from his Rhode Island Red fowls, measuring 8 1/2 by 6 inches.

John Potter, teacher in District No. 7, West Greenwood, spent the week-end at his home in Troupsburg.

Miss Mary Redcliff and daughter, Mary Grace, from above Rexville, passed the week-end with relatives at West Greenwood.

Ernest Trowbridge of Greenwood is passing this week at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge, while recovering from an injury received in a fall last week.

Mr. Clifford Hann spent Monday and Tuesday in Wellsville with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Baldwin.

Mrs. Ella Casey returned home Sunday from a visit to Hillside, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder and Mrs. W. F. Snyder spent the week-end in Buffalo with Mr. Snyder and also attended the Auto Show while there.

Mrs. E. J. Loughlen returned home Sunday after a week's stay with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Guttinger at Hornell.

Elton Greene returned home Sunday from Hillside, Michigan where he accompanied his father-in-law and family a week ago.

Mrs. Darwin Southerland and daughter of Richburg are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Mrs. George Wenz has returned to Buffalo after passing some time at her home on Center Street.

George Carr is passing the week in Knoxville, Pa., at the home of Fred Merrick.

Chandler Bassett is passing some time in Albany.

Charles Cochrane of Belmont spent Monday at the Bullard home Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard accompanied him home for a visit.

Mrs. Clyde Harris returned home Sunday after spending a week visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sherwood at Bolivar

30 YEARS AGO

January 21, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

The soldiers pictures published in this weeks edition are of two Independence boys: Corporal Francis S. Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke and Corporal Jason Hawks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hawks

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodruff are parents of a son, born Tuesday, January 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Stevens of Wellsville are parents of a son born Sunday, January 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Brewster of Greenwood Hill are parents of a son, Wayne Frederick, born Wednesday, January 13th.

Miss Ethel Marie Jackle of Silver Creek, N. Y., and Private Howard Gath of Andover, were united in marriage Thursday, January 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gath of Andover, by the Rev. W. C. Pero of Wellsville. Attendants were Mrs. Pauline Croyle, sister of the groom and George Gath, brother of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Halsey have moved from Baker Street to Wellsville.

The snows of the past two weeks augmented by the gasoline ban, have brought several sleighriding parties to our attention. A violent blizzard around January 19th, following 36 hours of rain and an ice storm caused some damage.

Leonard Clair, 68, of Alfred Station, died Monday, January 18th. His widow, 6 daughters, three sons a brother and two sisters survive. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Lester Regan of Rochester, spent two days last week with his mother, Mrs. T. K. Regan.

Mrs. Santo Diddo of Buffalo spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Beatrice Clair.

Mrs. Carol Walton has returned to her studies at the Missionary Training School at Nyack, N. Y.

Miss Margaret McQueen of Binghamton has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cannon this week.

Miss Beverly Tracy of Scio, spent from Friday until Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cassidy of New York City are spending a few days this week, guests of Mrs. E. Gagnier.

Mrs. Lloyd Mead of Elm Valley was called to Corning Wednesday by the death of her mother, Mrs. Linda Northrup.

Norman Drew and Claude Drew, Jr., in Naval Training at Sampson, N. Y., are enjoying a furlough at the home of their mother, Mrs. Lottie Drew of Elm Valley.

Mrs. B. F. Short of Addison is

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