

**OUR WASTED TAX \$\$\$**

An Editorial

NEWS ITEM:

During 1972, upstate New York parents were faced with the gigantic task of naming 137,940 babies and they managed to come up with more than 9,000 names for the new arrivals.

The New York State Health Department's office of biostatistics recently explored the varying popularity of names over the last decade. Out of sample lists of upstate recorded birth records, a computerized comparison was made of the ten names chosen most frequently in 1961 with those picked most often in 1971. The sampling was made during a routine analysis of birth records covering the ten-year period.

Vito Logrillo, director of the office of biostatistics, said the information may be of help to prospective parents who usually spend considerable time in selecting names for their children.

In 1961, Mary was at the top of the list. Susan was next, followed by Deborah, Patricia, Karen, Lori, Lisa, Donna and Kathleen.

For the boys, in that same year, Michael was the most popular name. John, Robert, David, Thomas, Mark, Steven and Richard rounded out the top ten in that order.

In 1971, Jennifer was the most popular name for girls followed by Michelle, Christina, Lisa, Kimberly, Amy, Susan, Melissa, Tracy and Karen.

Yet, the boys' top three names did not change over the decade except for one new contender. Michael was still number one. John came next with Robert and Christopher tied for third. James, David, Scott, Steven, William and Joseph completed the list.

Only two female names, Susan and Karen, were among the top ten names both years while seven of the boys' names were on each list.

To update the survey and to note the changes over one year, the office of biostatistics also sampled 1972's upstate recorded birth. The girls' list was again headed by Jennifer, followed by Michelle, Christina, Lisa, Amy, Kimberly, Melissa, Nicole, Susan and Heather. Karen and Tracy were replaced by Nicole and Heather.

Michael was still first on the boys' list that also included Christopher, John, Robert, David, James, Brian, Joseph, Scott and William. Brian nudged Steven out of the top ten.

Many of the names chosen by some were much more imaginative than those listed in the top ten. The girls claimed Spring, Pandora, Genoa and Xiomara and although the boys boasted Wind, Spirit and Sundance, there was no boy named "Sue".

When we, the Taxpayers, are being bled dry by ever raising Taxes and start to protest to our politicians — oft times we are told that they are only following the "Wishes of the Public".

In the above News Item, while it may make interesting reading, we are wondering what is the justification of all of the time and taxpayers money spent to collect these startling facts? How many \$\$\$ went into this inane report? How many other agencies are collecting such "startling" information.

And, with the ever increasing popularity and population of Horses, Dogs, and Cats, it is not inconceivable that a state sponsored study of their names and genders won't be started — of course to add a few more relatives to the State's Payroll — and the Taxpayers Expense.

How about writing to your State Congressmen and State Senators asking to put a stop to: "ALL WASTEFUL SPENDING"! HOW ABOUT DOING IT RIGHT AWAY — LIKE NOW — TODAY!

**SMALL PRICE TO PAY**

Guest Editorial

Nothing can refresh the soul like a hot, spicy debate with associates over a political issue. But how often do we go beyond that and write our opinion to our Congressmen? Unfortunately, the answer is, "seldom or never". Too many of us fear that one opinion is barely audible in the hubbub of current events. Yet, as one legislator has said, "The mail box is nearly as important as the ballot box to a member of Congress."

A short, factual letter limited to one topic could be just what a Congressman needs to chart his course in the right direction, and you will never know unless you write. A major industry association gives some suggestions: "If you are writing about legislative proposals, explain how it affects you — Try to refer to a bill by number and subject — Make sure your views get to your Congressman early in deliberation of the bill. If you wait for a crisis stage or try to change the legislator's mind later in the development of an issue, you are not apt to achieve your goals. Finally, if the reply to your letter comes from an assistant, don't be upset. Public officials have staffs so that requests can be dealt with effectively."

It's easy to rationalize your way out of writing to your Congressman, but the plain fact is that our democratic republic could not function without citizen input. Remember: "An officials wants and needs to hear every point of view on an issue." An eight-cent stamp is a small price to pay for freedom.

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**50 YEARS AGO**

August 10, 1923

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The people of Andover joins with others throughout the United State, Friday afternoon in paying a tribute of honor and respect to the memory of our late President Warren G. Harding. Vice President Calvin Coolidge, succeeded to the office of President of United States and his first official act was to make proclamation appointing August 10 as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trowbridge and little son of Jersey City, New Jersey, arrived in Andover Wednesday, accompanying the remains of their daughter, Helen Augusta. They are now at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge.

Mrs. W. F. Mann and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bines, Miss Marion Rogers, Chas Bines and family, Ed and Albert Swain enjoyed a picnic dinner at the farm home of William Swain and family near Belmont, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. O'Connell and daughters, Cecelia and Gertrude, Postmaster and Mrs. John Common and son, Robert; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fuller, Edward Cannon and "Bobbie" Williams enjoyed a weiner roast at Richtmyer's Park near Almond, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Frank Holmes, Miss Mary Raufenbarth and Mrs. A. D. Fuller were Tuesday guests of Mrs. Robert Dean on South Hill.

Miss Helen Smith of Olean, and Berta Lou Hann of Hornell are guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Del Hann in Elm Valley.

Clifford Burdick and family of Davis Hill, in company with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Burdick of Tip Top, and brother, Dr. Elwood Burdick, visited relatives in Portville, Sunday.

George Mingus visited friends in Salamanca from Monday until Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Temple spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Temple of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett, motored to Prattsburg, Wednesday, to visit relatives. Mrs. Sarah Lusk, who has been passing some time with relatives here, accompanied them to her home in Penn Yan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Coleman of Wellsville were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Backus. Mr. Coleman left Monday for Graham, Texas in the interest of the Howden Machine Co. of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker and daughter, Miss Ruth, returned home Wednesday from a week's motor trip to Atlantic City and Philadelphia, Pa. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt of Rochester.

The 47th Annual Harvest Home of the Presbyterian Church, will be held at the Village Park, Wednesday, August 15th. A chicken pie dinner at 50 cents, will be served at noon. Rev. Carrel W. Flewelling, pastor of the Christian Temple of Wellsville, will be the speaker.

**40 YEARS AGO**

August 4, 1933

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Miss Mildred Perry of Andover and Raymond Fanton of Wellsville were united in marriage at the Andover Baptist parsonage by the pastor Rev. John McIntosh, July 31. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fanton of Wellsville.

Andover Rebekah Lodge had as guests at the regular meeting, Wednesday evening, forty representatives from Sister Lodges from Hamburg, Cuba, Allentown, Wellsville, Whitesville and Alfred. Mrs. Clara Ingall, Vice President of the Rebekah State Assembly was in charge. At this time the traveling gavel was presented to Mrs. Bessie Mulconery, Noble Grand, by the Noble Grand from Cuba



by Alex Rankin

The state's tough new drug law goes into effect September 1 and — you guessed it — before it even gets started it turns out it will cost more than legislators and the governor figured.

The drug law was perhaps the big issue of the 1973 session this year, a classic example of Rockefeller's tactics with the lawmakers. He began by hinting he might settle for nothing less than the mandatory penalty for drug pushers and wound up three months later pretty much where he wanted to be, with a law severely limiting the much-criticized plea bargaining system and mandatory prison sentences in some cases.

Capped off, of course, by all those new judges the governor can now appoint to handle the new cases.

The law also contained \$66.8 million to grease the program. But now Almerin C. O'Hara, chief of the state's Drug Abuse Control Program, said the program may really cost \$92 million.

"All of those original figures were guesstimates," he said. "They were not based on detailed budget work that we've gotten into since."

This is going to turn out to be one of the reasons that despite the fact that tax collections are running over estimates this year, there may be no tax cuts next year.

O'Hara said the program is going to cost an additional \$25 million because the expense of building 100 new court rooms to handle the expected increase in trials as the result of the restrictions on plea bargaining in the new law is about double what had been originally figured.

The law sets aside \$33.5 million for courtrooms. Now they will cost \$60 million, or about \$600,000 each in New York City, where most of them will be built.

Warren Anderson isn't giving up.

The Republican Senate majority leader from Binghamton had his bill repealing the tax on cardboard box containers and setting up unit pricing in grocery stores vetoed by the governor.

In a rare outburst, Anderson said the veto was ill-advised and tried to get it on the agenda for the special session last month. He failed.

Now he has refilled the bill, which he says is a measure that will benefit consumers, and has promised that it will be taken up first thing at the 1974 session in January.

Rockefeller in his veto said the state would miss the money if the tax were repealed. Anderson points out that the law hasn't been uniformly enforced anyway.

quehanna River at Laceyville, Pa.

**30 YEARS AGO**

July 29, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

William D. Clarke, 72, of Independence, died July 28 of injuries received while haying. He is survived by his widow, a son, a daughter, three brothers and a granddaughter. Interment was in Independence Cemetery.

This week's pictures of Servicemen in the Andover News are of Lieutenant Donald M. Lewis of Camp Davis, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Independence and Sgt. Edward J. Dougherty, serving with the U. S. Army Forces Overseas, son of Mrs. George McAndrew of Andover R. D.

Mrs. Florence Bloss of Andover, and M. Stanley Mace of Hornell were united in marriage by the Rev. W. W. McCall in Hornell, July 21. The couple will reside in Hornell.

A daughter, Sharon Louise, was born, July 24 to Sergeant and Mrs. Walter E. Struse at the Tullar Maternity Hospital in Wellsville. About a hundred employees of the Steuben Silk Mills and their families enjoyed the Annual Picnic and outing held at the Pingrey Hill School House, Sunday.

The American Legion Band will present another concert from the Baker's Hardware steps, Wednesday night.

Miss Patricia Lynch has been engaged as secretary to Harold Reid director of finance at Alfred University and will begin her duties next Monday.

Mrs. Arling Baker and Mrs. Richard Harder, entertained at dessert contract bridge party, on Thursday. Prizes were presented to Mrs. A. D. Fuller, Mrs. Brownell Miss Folsing and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord.

The Woodruff Cheese Co., and their employees held a tureen supper on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hulin, Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greene were the honored guests and presented a gift from the company. An appropriately decorated wedding cake was enjoyed by the group.

This year in connection with the Annual Flower Show at the Methodist Church, there will be a vegetable exhibit from the victory gardens. Amateurs only can compete for prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark motored to Elmira where they met her brother, Lt. Donald Lewis and

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