

TAXATION "AD INFINUM"

An Editorial

According to the dictionary that we used to check up on — this means: "Taxation without End" — or "Taxation without Limits" !!!

Well, How about That? In Rocky's new 1968-69 Proposed State Budget, the **Spending Increase** in: "State Aid For Local School Districts" is — \$291 Million !!! This is more than 2 1/2 times greater than the \$115 Million increase in "Public Welfare including Medical Assistance" !!!

—And, there is NO END IN SIGHT!!! The following borrowed Editorial presents a "peek into the future":

THE STATE NURSERY A Borrowed Editorial

Not every trend in education is worthwhile, nor do we believe a trend should be approved simply because it concerns children, even though they are a mighty sympathetic subject.

The latest suggestion is certainly one we adamantly oppose. It is the proposal of the New York State Board of Regents that the nether end of the educational line be extended to include three-and-four-year-old children in pre-kindergarten classes. The four-year-olds would be brought in by 1974 and the three-year-olds by 1978.

"The first four or five years of a child's life are the years when growth in physique, mentality, emotion, and communication is most important. These are years when growth must be carefully nurtured — the time when schooling should begin," the Regents state.

The board, which has been right before, is dead right in calling attention to the importance of growth, physically, mentally, and emotionally, during these precious formative years — but — the molding should be done by **parents** — not by **teachers!** No teacher alive, except for his or her own children, possesses the affinity for a child of three or four that is latent in the child's mother and father.

They are the ones to form their children physically, mentally, and emotionally. What small amount of formal education is required can be supplied by the parents.

We are opposed to New York State taking over the formation of our children for the same reason we dislike the communist's loathsome sway over the individual, or the sway which some ignoble experiments in communal living in this country have held over the individual.

Parents are lazy enough in their duties toward their children. Putting their three-and-four-year-olds in the care of professional baby-sitters called "teachers" would be to have them abrogate almost every natural function of cultivating children except those of conceiving and bearing them.

It's a fantastically abhorrent suggestion. But, even if we were wrong for the above reasons, could we possibly be wrong when we point out that the cost of pre-kindergarten schooling, coming on the heels of Medicaid and astronomical state aid, would absolutely bury the poor tax-payer under a burden that helpless fellow could not possibly carry?

—The above Editorial appeared in a recent issue of the "Suburban Press", Orchard Park, N. Y.

And, with ambitious plans like this for the future — how are we Taxpayers ever going to get past "the present"?

However, you may still have a choice: 1. You can give your consent to the spending rampage by remaining silent and go to the Tax Collector like "Sheep to the shearer". Or, 2. You can demand major budget cuts by the Legislature — reminding your State Senators and Assemblymen that they will meet the Taxpayers in the voting booth in November of this year!

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50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1918

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Private William J. Dodge, Jr., was born in Andover, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1894 and died at Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C. after a short illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Andover Baptist Church Tuesday with burial in Hillside Cemetery. His wife, his parents, three sisters and three brothers survive.

Miss Myra B. Scott and Frederick A. Farley, both of Andover, were united in marriage last week by Rev. Chas. Collins.

John DeRemer has been appointed as regular Carrier on R. F.D. Route No. 3 taking effect Monday, January 28th.

L. P. Crandall has sold his grocery business to George Beebe, his residence on Baker Street to E. R. Rogers and left Andover Monday evening on a business trip.

Fifty Eastern Star members and friends enjoyed a sleighride and dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker Wednesday evening.

Miss Ella Lynch and Michael Dougherty, both of Andover, were united in marriage Tuesday by Rev. J. J. Sheehy.

Henry Eggert of South Hill has sold his dairy of fifteen cows last week to Garvin Bros., and purchased of them a fine flock of sheep.

Miss Mary O'Leary of Andover is spending this week guest of her uncle, William Dean and family of South Hill.

Raymond Guinn was the guest of Howard Richardson of Hornell the first of the week.

Miss Grace Cheesman of Alfred spent the week-end guest of her father, J. D. Cheesman.

Leo Snyder came home from Ithaca Saturday, remaining at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder until Wednesday.

Private J. Victor Stearns left Monday for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., after a three weeks furlough.

Every business place in Andover was closed Monday for the observance of Dr. Garfield's Order for Closing on First Fuel - Saving Monday.

The Freshman Class of Alfred University entertained the Junior Class last Saturday evening with a sleighride to Andover and dinner. The Ladies of the Rebekah Lodge served them a four-course dinner at the I.O.O.F. Hall. Sixty-six were present.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1928

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 Mrs. Maude Clarke, who has been spending some time in Knoxville, Tenn., returned to her home in Independence Saturday.

Mrs. Stucky of Port Allegany is spending a few days with Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence and helping care for her brother.

Stephen Lewis of Whitesville is visiting his brother, Bert Lewis and family of West Greenwood.

Mrs. Sherd Austin returned to her home Friday after spending a week with Greenwood relatives.

Mrs. Clifford Frost and two daughters spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Flay Pease.

Charles Austin of Whitesville, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carrol Chase of Whitesville, Jan. 18th, following a long illness.

Mrs. Grant Sherwood is at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Church of Voorhees Hill this week, assisting in the care of her granddaughter who is ill with pneumonia.

James Dougherty returned Friday night from Buffalo where he had been in attendance at the Automobile Show held there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilcox of Hornell were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Baker.

Carlyle Myers of Rochester has been passing the week with relatives in Andover.

Mrs. Ella Millspaugh of Whites-

The battle lines are drawing tighter.

Gov. Rockefeller told the state Legislature he wants a tax hike. The Legislature told Rockefeller it won't give him a tax hike. And the mailman is dumping sacks of mail in lawmakers' desks telling them they don't want a tax hike, period.

"I got 50 letters in one day," said one Central New York lawmaker. "I never got that many in a month."

Anthony J. Travis, speaker of the Assembly and top Democrat in Albany, has made it clear that despite budget economies he intends to keep the promise he and Rockefeller made to school districts last April — that they will get a two per cent increase in their operating aid costs.

Only half the promise can be

ville passed the week-end at the home of her son, Lee Millspaugh and family.

Mrs. Ella Traster returned to her home at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Monday after passing the holidays and several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Vickers and family.

Mrs. William Pease of West Greenwood spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. James Wentworth of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Davis of Davis Hill, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carson of Bloomville from Wednesday until Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 28, 1938

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Members of the Dairymen's League delivering milk at the local League Plant received \$68,515.07 during the 12 months period just closed.

Deputy Sheriff Schuyler V. Cline, 69, of Belmont, died at his home Saturday morning, January 22nd.

Mrs. Cynthia Scott Ingraham, 81, died Saturday, January 22nd. Her husband, Frank, a son and three brothers survive. Burial was in the Burdick Cemetery at Alfred.

Miss Ida Mae Howland has received word that she has been accepted by the director of Nurses of the Holyoke Hospital at Holyoke Mass., and will enter training as a nurse there Monday, February 1st.

At the Annual And-Well Producers, Inc., meeting held Saturday the following officers were elected: H. W. Jackson, President; Everett Clark, Vice-President; C. L. Lynch, Secretary and C. E. Bufdick, Treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Giles are the parents of a son, born January 26th.

Rather unusual — a thunder storm followed by snow flurries Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence in company with Mr. and Mrs. Walker, were in New York City from Wednesday until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Independence spent Monday with their daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark of South Hill.

Mrs. Anna Benjamin of South Hill spent the week-end guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hulbert of Petrolia.

Miss Harriet Williams R.N., of New York City is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mable Williams.

Fay E. Boyd in company with J. L. Parson of Angelica, were in Albany Monday until Wednesday where they attended the Annual American Legion Legislative Dinner at the Ten Eyck Hotel Tuesday evening and other Legion business meetings.

Mrs. T. R. Bassett and son, Chandler Bassett were in Buffalo from Thursday to Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett.

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by Alex Rankin

kept, however. The promise was that it would come from the state lottery. The lottery, however, has been a failure so far. So the money will come out of the taxpayers' pockets. It will cost \$2 million.

Some legislators aren't worried about that so much as they are worried that the whole thing will set one of those governmental theories in motion — costs never go down, they always go up — and Rockefeller and Travis might decide to get some votes and promise four per cent next year.

Legislators are filing some interesting bills. They include: One by Bronx Republican John Calandra would double the salaries of legislators from the present \$15,000 to \$30,000 a year and give Senators \$25,000 each to run offices in their home districts and Assemblymen \$15,000 each.

A bill that would require every city, town, village or fire district to provide medical, surgical and hospital service or insurance for paid firemen, at no cost to the firemen.

A bill by Republican Assemblyman Vincent R. Ballella Jr., of Port Washington that would allow volunteer firemen to get their auto license plate at half price.

State Comptroller Arthur Levitt says audits of local governments by his office reveal 620 instances in which only one firm had bid on an item up for competitive bidding.

Levitt says studies show that where there are more than one bidder, prices are generally five or six per cent lower than the price the government unit anticipated.

Levitt said the item on which single bids were most frequently received was highway equipment — 359 times.

In one case, he said, one firm was the single bidder on 55 highway equipment contract awards with a total value of more than \$800,000.

Other items which draw bids are asphalt, salt, stone, gasoline and pipe, he said.

Levitt said the survey involved 17 counties 204 towns and one village. "I am concerned by the indication that municipalities and local taxpayers are not receiving the full benefits that are intended to flow from the competition for contract awards," said Levitt, the state's elected watchdog on state and local government spending.

New Bill Introduced In State Legislature

Senator James H. Donovan (R) 44th Senatorial District, has announced that he has introduced a bill in the New York State Senate to amend the Social Services Law to make it permissive, after July 1, 1969, for local governing bodies (County Boards of Supervisors or Legislators, as well as appropriate City Legislative Bodies) to establish their own Medicaid eligibility levels. All such modifications would require the State Board of Social Services certification that such modifications shall not deprive the locality of Federal reimbursement nor disqualify them from receiving Federal funds.

The Senator pointed out under revised Federal Law, various eligibility standards will be permissible throughout the State after July 1, 1969.

The Senator further pointed out, inasmuch as localities are forced to bear an equal share of the total Medicaid cost with the State government, they should rightfully have a voice in determining what these costs ultimately will be.

Maple sirup and sugar are commercial crops from Maine to Minnesota and in adjacent areas of Canada. More than two-thirds of the United States production comes from New York and New England.