

THE ENDLESS TREADMILL

An Editorial

Here we are — almost in the middle of August. In less than three weeks School will be starting — the minimum wage has been raised to \$1.60 an hour — candidates for public office are beginning to emerge with their campaign promises — and with the price hike in steel, all manufactured items are bound to rise.

The higher the wage rise — the bigger percentage of income tax will be deducted from the workers salary. As wages rise, so does the cost of living since the manufacturer must pass the additional cost of his product along to the consumer. This allows more direct and indirect taxes to be collected along the way — and the end result will be that the worker will have less purchasing power than he had before.

The tragedy of all this is that not only the working man will suffer — but all of the retired people that are drawing Social Security as well as the people that are living on fixed incomes. For, as the cost of living rises — the value of the dollar decreases.

Thus it is time for all of us to do a little serious thinking and start asking our elected officials and public representatives to start cutting down on expenditures at all levels of government — as well as to use common sense and realism in state mandated controls!

First lets consider "THE ROUND TRIP" tax dollar — Federal aid from Washington, or — "something for nothin'"! It all seems like magic. Only IT ISN'T!!!

Federal funds are not manufactured in Washington. They are collected from states in the form of taxes — so they come from all of us — the taxpayers! As far as these taxes are concerned, New Yorkers are paying more than they are getting back in return.

According to the most recent statistics, The Citizens Public Expenditure Survey points out that New York taxpayers paid over \$2 for every \$1 that they received in "federal aid". In fact, 17 states paid more than they received.

But the most jolting fact brought out by the Survey is, that on an average, \$5 out of every \$6 collected are returned to the states from which they were collected.

More than 83 per cent of federal aid money is making a round trip to Washington. And, that round trip is costing taxpayers well over \$10 Billion a year for this administration!

If we are not willing to sit back and passively accept more tax increases, whether they will be in the form of a "Sales Tax" — "Property Tax" — or what have you, now is the time to start screaming about the high expenditures in government — at all levels.

As the candidates for public office come out to meet and talk to the "people", here is the golden opportunity to let them know that we want expenditures kept within available revenues, and are not looking forward to any tax increase in the next few years.

You'll be told: "We just have to have more money in order to provide the services people are demanding."

When you hear this statement, just ask yourself how many new services you have asked for in the last ten years, or how many your friends and neighbors have asked for.

Since State, County, and local expenditures have risen faster than population in the state-wide economy, income from existing taxes is certain to be insufficient.

The only alternative to new or increased taxes is to achieve a balance between expenditures and the yield of existing taxes. This is the real key to tax control, for it is only by controlling expenditures that taxes can be controlled.

Thus it is up to every citizen to raise their voice to all public officials whenever they see taxpayers money being wasted and to keep the "Press" informed as well as support it when it takes up the battle!!!

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50 YEARS AGO

August 16, 1918

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W. C. Greene has moved his family from Railroad Valley to Battle Creek, Michigan, where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Regan are the parents of a son, born Monday.

Walter Gee moved his household goods from Andover to Tidoute, Pa., this week, where he is working.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Padden of Buffalo are enjoying a week's visit at the home of his brother and family of East Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Vars and sons of Tulsa, Texas, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wahl, Jr., and other relatives in Elm Valley this week.

Lightning struck the home of Herman Jackson of Elm Valley during the electric storm Wednesday, tearing the plaster from the walls and jarring things up generally.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clarke and daughter, Emily, visited their son, Fred Clarke and family at Rochester from Saturday until Tuesday. Carl Clarke took them down in his automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Palmiter of Niagara Falls, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. M. J. Polmiter of Hartsville Hill, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stearns the last of the week.

Mrs. James Guinn and son, Raymond and daughter, Mary, are passing the week with her sister, Mrs. D. A. Murphy of Johnstown.

Mrs. Augusta Hincer returned home Saturday after a three weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Freeman of Elmira.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis has returned to Canisteo after a visit with her mother, Mrs. E. P. Clancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bennett of Elmira were guests of Mr. and Chas. Hoard Saturday and Sunday.

The Misses Mary and Regina Raufenbarth went to Buffalo Wednesday to purchase their Fall Millinery.

Mrs. L. Thompson of Canisteo spent a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clarke.

Thelma and Kenneth Alvord are passing a few weeks with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs. Geo. Alvord.

Mrs. E. A. Cassidy of New York City is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Gallagher.

Mrs. Sarah Lusk of Penn Yan is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne.

Mrs. Addie Coleman and Mrs. E. G. Probasco are guests of Mrs. Chas. Fay of Wellsville this week.

40 YEARS AGO

August 17, 1928

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mr. and Mrs. Leo Horan are parents of a son, born Thursday, August 9th.

Miss Carol Ryckman of Brocton, N. Y., has been appointed Public Health Nurse for the Eastern Division of the County.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Vars are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday, August 15th.

Mrs. Anna Benjamin of Buffalo is visiting her mother, Mrs. Alice Livermore of South Hill.

Mrs. Euphensia Crandall and Mrs. Effie Nye of Independence are attending Farm Women's Camp at Camp Shenawanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Clarke of Independence were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borden of Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Shriener and son of Wellsville returned home Sunday after spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill.

The friends and neighbors enjoyed a weiner roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ordway of South Hill, Saturday evening.

Norma Cleveland of Richburg

has been spending a few days with her uncle, Mr and Mrs. Harry Baker of West Greenwood.

George Hartrum, 90 died at his home on Baker Street Tuesday August 14. His wife and three daughters survive. Burial was in West Greenwood Cemetery.

Kenneth Alvord, Robert Common and Clair Greene were camping at Silver Lake the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Robinson and babe of Mt. West, Wyoming, arrived in Andover Monday to visit their parents and other Andover relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavema Langworthy of Westbury, R. I., have been guests of his mother and brother, Mrs. Agnes Langworthy and son, Edison this week.

Miss Jolie Joyce returned Sunday from Silver Lake where, in company with a party of Andover girls, she enjoyed a week's outing.

Miss Muriel Brague is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Heinburg at Buffalo.

Miss Katherine Folsing returned Wednesday from a two weeks trip visiting friends at Old Forge, Albany and Rhon, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kilbane and daughter of Cleveland, Ohio were guests at the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kilbane, last Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO

August 19, 1938

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mrs. Luella Campbell and two children of Little Valley are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye of Independence are visiting their sons in Buffalo and Orchard Park.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Howe and family of Harrisburg, Pa., and Mrs. Mary Howe of North Bingham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Clarke from Friday until Sunday.

S. W. Clarke took his daughter, Mrs. Glenn Baker and three children to their home in Toledo, Ohio, Thursday.

Miss Thelma Lewis is attending the Grange Lecturer's Convention at Ithaca this week.

Mrs. Emily King of West Greenwood, is passing some time with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Radeliff and family of Rexville.

Grocery Specials this week are: Cantaloupes 2 for 19c; California Oranges doz. 29c; 2 lbs. box Soda Crackers 17c; Dairy Cheese lb. 17c; Butter lb. 28c; Red Alaska Salmon, tall can, 23c; Cottage Cheese 3 lbs. 25c; Leg of Lamb lb. 29c; Beef Roast lb. 23c; and Weiners lb. 19c.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder and son, Craig left Sunday for Camp Wabocco in New Hampshire where their daughter, Miss Nancy Jane has been for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buffcutt and daughter, Ruth Ann of Sea Cliff, L. I., are spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stearns attended the Field Day Celebration in Hornell Wednesday and remained until Thursday with their son and family Mr and Mrs. Earl Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett and family left Thursday for Union, N. J., for a visit at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burgett.

Miss Edna Barrett of Buffalo was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garritt on Corwin Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns of Toledo, Ohio, were visiting her father and sister at the Folsing home last week.

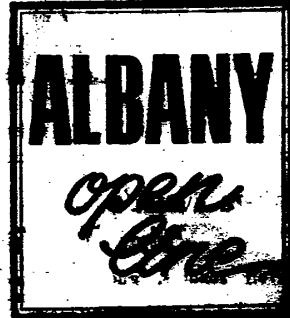
Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes and sons, Donald and Victor left Monday for New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris of Buffalo have been guests of Andover relatives for several days and attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Henry Joyce.

Miss Gertrude Joyce R.N., has returned to Buffalo after passing two weeks with relatives in Andover.

Ronald Pease of Stannards is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pease.

Turkey is cooked when a meat thermometer used in the thickest part of the breast or inside of the thigh muscle of whole turkey registers 185 degrees F. or 170 - 175 degrees F. in boned turkey roast.



by Miss Rankin

When the governor is away, almost anything can happen.

Last week, for example, while Rockefeller was away in Miami Beach at the Republican national convention, members of his administration were in Albany attacking his Medicaid program.

A month ago it would have been heresy.

But there he was, Dr. Daniel McMahon, a regional director of the State Health Department, telling a seminar for municipal officials that Medicaid is "an example of comprehensive non-planning."

Translated from bureaucraticese, that means the program is a mess and a waste of money.

That will come as a shock to anyone who has attended any of the numerous public hearings on Medicaid held around the state during the past two years.

One consistent observation of all these hearings was that no matter what the charge, state officials ALWAYS defended Medicaid — because it was the governor's program.

There is, it must be noted, some consistency in Dr. McMahon's remarks recently.

After saying Medicaid "wastes resources in the private sector," the state official said the answer to this is Rockefeller's compulsory health insurance proposal.

That proposal died quickly at the 1968 session of the State Legislature, not because anyone lobbied strongly against it, but because 1968 is 1968 — an election year.

The principal argument heard against it was that it would drive small businessmen out of business, since they would have to pay half the coverage of their employees.

No sane politician would do anything to drive small businessmen out of business in an election year.

Next year, however, is another story.

The city council of Saratoga Springs shocked everyone recently.

They rescinded their three per cent sales tax.

After Medicaid was passed in the state Legislature, a lot of counties and cities around the state put in sales taxes or substantially hiked the ones they already had. They blamed it on the rising costs of Medicaid.

This raised some suspicion that if the costs of Medicaid ever went down — the local taxes would not.

This year the Legislature cut back drastically the Medicaid program.

Save for Saratoga Springs, the local taxes have remained.

The fathers of Saratoga Springs apparently cut the tax out of charity to the merchants of the city.

One official, Tax Commissioner James R. Foley, said the tax had created a "tax island". Taxes in the city were higher than in the surrounding county. Therefore everyone did their shopping in the county.

During the Republican national convention Moses M. Weinstein was governor of the state.

The state constitution provides that if the governor, the Lt. governor and the majority leader of the Senate are out of the state, then the Speaker of the Assembly becomes governor. The first three are at the Republican convention.

Weinstein, Democrat from Queens, is left running the state. He became Speaker when Anthony Travia left to become a federal judge.

Weinstein's speakership may also be temporary. If Democrats manage to keep control of the Assembly after the November elections, he faces a fight to keep his post among his own party members.

