

A TRIBUTE TO "MOM"

An Editorial

This coming Sunday is "Mother's Day" so, many families across the country will be celebrating the occasion with a family get-together to honor their respective "Moms" in their own customs and traditions.

Many of us that are grown up live long distances away from our parents and find it impossible to drop in and visit or entertain them. Thus on special occasions we send them a card and a gift, or perhaps even talk to them on the phone.

For Mother's Day, we think that one thing Mom would appreciate most of all would be a letter from her children with an account of everyday happenings, and a special invitation extended to come and visit a spell.

Mothers need to have the feeling that they are still wanted and needed by their family. Thus we could sit down with pen in hand, spend a few minutes in retrospect, and write a letter something like this:

May 7, 1975

Dear Mom,

Do you still remember teaching us to respect our parents and elders, using courtesy and politeness when ever we were addressed? — Who was it that taught us to respect other's toys, playthings, and belongings — and still not be selfish or greedy?

Who was it that helped us gather May Flowers, make candy and goodies to put in our little May Baskets made out of walpaper samples — and then watched us distribute them to our neighbors thus teaching us that it was "More Blessed To Give Than Receive?" Who stuck up for us when a substitute teacher punished us unjustly — and yet on the other hand, spanked us when we were naughty, either in school or elsewhere? We weren't continually warned and threatened — we knew that if we misbehaved we would get spanked on the spot — and on the seat — even if it was in Church or Sunday School.

Who taught me to stand up and fight my own battles when a big bully threatened me and made life miserable for me on the way home from school? Yes, as I remember, you told me to pop him when he came running out to hit me — or else you would spank me when I came home bawling from my lumps and bruises I found out that a bully with a bloody nose will run just as fast, if not faster away from you — as he would towards you to hit you!

Who was it that after Dad was accidentally killed in an auto accident, kept the family together and acted as both parents to us. Went on long hikes with us, encouraged us in our study of music, and was even game enough to let us teach you how to swim?

Who was it that let us bring our friends home to play cards or build model airplanes, and when we were through — raid the refrigerator — or help ourselves to the pie or cake in the cupboard? If I recall correctly you used to bake 9 pies every Saturday morning — and by Monday morning, they would all be gone. Of course, my pals were growing boys, and even my sisters' girl friends used to have a pretty good appetite.

Who was it that made us study and do our homework before we could go out and play — or else have our friends in? Yes, we each had our own chores to do — and they had to be finished during the week-end — before we thought about our entertainment. But, I can't recall ever grumbling about being overworked either.

Of course, I could go on for hours, time permitting with memories running through my mind, but instead must return to the daily grind. So "Happy Mother's Day" and we will plan on visiting you that day to bring you a few 'goodies' that you many not have in your mundane every day life.

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

This time the people and taxpayers of this State will get a chance to speak. That is my attitude toward a series of hearings on tax proposals advanced by Governor Carey and the Democrat Majority of the Assembly being held by the Assembly Minority Task Force on Taxation and the State's Economy. Minority Leader Perry B. Duryea has named me chairman of that Task Force, and we have already begun our work.

Hearings were scheduled to be held this week (May 8th in Syracuse and May 9) in Binghamton. They will continue next week in Albany on May 13, Rochester on Thursday, May 15 and Buffalo on Friday, May 16. Others are scheduled downstate. The hearings in Rochester and Buffalo would be the ones most interested area residents would be able to attend, so I will furnish the particulars. The Rochester session will begin at 10 a. m. in the Legislative Chambers (Room 4107) of the Monroe County Office Building on Main St. The Buffalo hearing also starts at 10 a. m. in Hearing Room Part 6 of the State Office Building, 65 Court St.

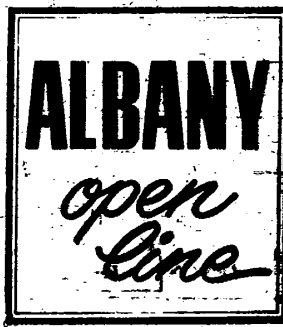
I would certainly urge any and all area residents to attend one of these important hearings. If possible and voice their opinions on the various versions of tax proposals which Democrats claim are necessary to keep this state running. If you or your organization wish to testify at these hearings you may do so by contacting the Task Force Director, Howard DeMartini in Albany at (518) 472-3942.

To return to my opening statement, I am particularly pleased that the Republican Minority of the Assembly has made provisions to hold these hearings, as they will provide the only statewide forum for residents to express their views on these massive tax proposals put forth by the Governor and Assembly Democrats. Until now the politicians and the press have done all the talking, and as each day passes the situation becomes more confusing.

It is interesting to note that when Governor Carey first revealed his startling plans for a massive \$800 million tax burden on this State, including his call for a 10-cent per gallon increase in the gas tax, he announced that he would hold 'public debates' around the State so that he could have input on the tax plan and his budget proposals from the citizens. Minority Leader Duryea, unilaterally opposed to those tax demands, immediately accepted the Governor's challenge to debate the issue, and suddenly, somehow, the plan for statewide hearings disappeared in the wind. The Governor never left his well-worn path between Albany and New York City.

Meanwhile, the discussions continued unabated in Albany where Assembly Democrats passed a \$300 million tax package, which they claimed would be necessary, but did so without a single Assembly Republican vote, and, luckily for all of us, the Senate refused to even consider the matter. The Governor did another one of his 'turnabouts' and revised his tax request downward to \$500 million and abandoned his call for the gas tax increase because of the public outcry. And then came the really startling revelation. Just 24 hours after a scathing message from the Governor to the Legislature that the taxes were desperately needed and a threat that he would veto any new spending measure without them, his own Budget Director revealed that revenues for the State were running \$142 million ahead of the predicted estimate of the Governor.

Thus, the assessment of Republicans in the Legislature all along that these tax requests simply are not necessary in 1975 has come closer to reality than ever. Unfortunately, neither the Governor nor the Democrats have been convinced of this, and it is my hope that if they hear from the people — those who elected many of them — through this series of hearings, that they may get the message. Certainly the residents of this State, the highest taxed in the nation by far, cannot afford it, and should make their voices heard



by Alex Harkin

The battle of the budget — and tax hikes — still rages here in Albany with Gov. Carey threatening to veto any bills that call for the spending of money not already in his budget, and Republicans insisting that no new tax hikes are needed this year.

Apparently, a lot of people agree with the Republicans.

A poll conducted recently for the Gannett News Service reveals that nearly half of the persons surveyed, about 2,000, young age residents of the state representing a cross-section, don't like the way the new governor is running things.

Less than six months ago Carey won the election with 58 per cent of the vote. Now 47 per cent of those asked don't like the governor.

The poll showed Carey is in disfavor mostly among upstate suburbanites, independents, Republicans and political moderates or conservatives.

Carey got a 37 per cent approval rating in his native New York City.

And while Carey and the Repub-

loud and clear.

What is happening in Albany these days is a travesty on the public. Last week, once again, the Legislature provided another \$80 million for the fostering Urban Development Corporation which was clearly nothing more than a pay-off to the commercial banks in order to get them to put up part of the giant tab for this mismanaged UDC mess. Between the UDC bills (now totalling nearly \$200 million) and the various giveaways to New York City, this State government is taking care of the bankers and the landlords. What it's doing for the people of the State is another matter.

The entire issue of additional state aid to education is still before us, and to date, there have been little if any concrete solutions to this problem which affects each and every resident of the State, rich or poor.

The Democrat answer is the usual one — tax the people. The Republicans (myself included) have maintained all along that there are ample funds available now in this State to finance the \$10.4 billion budget recently enacted, and still give additional monies to our school systems.

So that's what these hearings are all about. I am privileged to have the opportunity to chair the Task Force, and I have pledged that each and every citizen who attends these hearings will be given ample opportunity to express their views. Since the Governor didn't do it, we in the Republican Minority of the Assembly feel we have an obligation to give the public his chance. I sincerely hope you will plan to attend.

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announced his schedule for the week beginning May 8, 1975.

Thursday, May 8th — Assemblyman Emery will be attending a Public Hearing at the Public Safety Building, 511 So. State Street, Syracuse on the Minority Task Force on Taxation and State's Economy. Mr. Emery was recently appointed Chairman of this Task Force.

Friday, May 9th — Assemblyman will be speaking at Scio Central School from 9:00 - 10:00 a. m. He will be speaking at Richburg Central School from 10:30 - 11:30 a. m. and at Bolivar Central School from 1:15 - 2:00 p. m.

Saturday, May 10th — Assemblyman Emery will be attending a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Paul DeMartini at the Lions Club.

icans argue over taxes, State Comptroller Arthur Levitt was saying in a report that internal procedures in the State Department of Taxation and Finance are so sloppy that the state lost as much as \$6.8 million in taxes it could have collected but didn't.

Levitt said that it takes up to 43 days for the department to put tax funds it receives from taxpayers into state accounts, which means the state loses about \$145,000 a year in interest it might otherwise have been paid by the banks.

In another area, Levitt said many delinquent taxpayers treat notices to pay up as little more than a nuisance because of inadequate followup.

On the other hand, Levitt suggested, if the Legislature that a new state income tax form be written, one that would require even more detailed information from the taxpayers. He said this would allow computers to audit tax returns instead of auditors.

Fact-finders have apparently decided that state employees should get a \$102 million, six per cent across-the-board pay hike this year, retroactive to April 1.

The CSEA had asked for 15 and a half per cent and the state had offered a flat \$250 pay hike.



50 YEARS AGO

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June 1st 7,600 enumerators will begin the biggest census ever taken in New York State. It is expected the work will be completed in fifteen days. So look up your family records and be prepared to answer the numerous questions of the census enumerator. For Andover, Caroline Hunt and Reta Stearns are the enumerators.

On account of Fay E. Boyd serving his connections with the firm of Baker Brothers and Boyd, it is necessary that all persons outstanding be settled at once pending dissolving of partnership. MacLeod was in Chicago one week and accepted a position with Hubbard, Spencer & Bassett, one of the largest wholesale hardware mechanics in the country. He will work for a few months in the Chicago office before going on the road as a salesman.

Mrs. Frank Dawson died at her home in Newport, R. I., April 28. She was formerly Miss Myra Langworthy, daughter of the late Daniel and Mrs. Agnes Langworthy of Railroad Valley and well known in Andover. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the home in Newport and the remains being brought to Andover where burial services were held today. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

The Lane School was closed today, May 8th on account of Teachers Conference at Greenwood.

A School Meeting was held on Davis Hill. The Officers elected for the coming year are: Floyd Slocum, Trustee; L. E. Davis, Collector and Leo Davis, Clerk. Miss Genevieve Clarke of Beech Hill, will teach the school for another year.

Miss Ruby Robinson went to Genesee, Thursday and passed the week-end with her sister, Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson drove to Genesee, Sunday and brought her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge accompanied by Mrs. Frank Halsey, motored to New York City this week, where Mr. Trowbridge is in attendance at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge F. & A. M.

Mrs. George Edwin Hill of New York City, representative of the Tribune Fresh Air Fund, was in Andover, Monday in the interest of their organization. She was seeking the organization of a committee in Andover to supervise and solicit invitations for city fresh air children to come to Andover this summer.

Mrs. Eleanor Weaver Dexter widow of the late Seymour Dexter, died at her home in Elmira, April

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