

National Tax Weighed To Finance Schools

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon's promise to propose school-financing methods to relieve property-tax-payers has revived speculation that he may seek the value-added levy, a form of national sales tax.

Nixon made no mention Thursday of the value-added tax—or any specific tax—in that portion of his State of the Union message devoted to school financing.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said later that the White House has "a positive view" on value-added, but Nixon has not decided on that tax as the answer.

Regardless, comment from Congress indicates little chance such a tax would be voted this year.

The tax, widely used in Eu-

rope, is applied at each stage of production and marketing of a product. The tax is based on the value added to the product at each stage. Most economists agree that the consumer ultimately pays the whole tax.

Nixon said that later this year, after receiving reports from his Commission on School Finance and the Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations, "I shall make my final recommendations for relieving the burden of property taxes and providing both fair and adequate financing for our children's education."

The President asked the commission to give special attention to:

—The size and nature of the tax base that might be used for value-added, and what system of tax credit might be utilized "to eliminate otherwise regressive aspects of the tax."



LISTENERS — Political opponents of President Nixon listen to State of the Union message before a joint session of Congress

Thursday. From left are Sens. Edmund S. Muskie Maine, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Reps. John M. Ashbrook of Ohio,

Bella S. Abzug of New York and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota. — AP Wirephoto.

Late Run Sought On Bus Route

Liberty Coaches Inc. will be asked to add to schedules effective Monday a northbound run leaving Dobbs Ferry for Ossining at 4:45 p.m., Mrs. Genevieve L. Leary of the County Department of Transit said this morning.

Counts of passengers made recently show that this addition would accommodate a substantial number of the riders who would be without transportation under schedules announced this week. Mrs. Leary said. These time tables show last northbound trip leaving Hastings at 3:15 p.m.

Giving Can Be 'Bee-yoo-tiful'

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another called from behind the pale-green partitions.

AND JERRY DAVIS, who was watching it all and moving about among the folks who had shown up, sighed and exclaimed, "This is just beyond all expectations. I'm going to have a cigaret. If I had a drink, I'd have that, too."

And now, through the door came a man and woman with their son, who was in a wheelchair. Norman Bernstein and his wife joined the crowd of other Westchester residents who had come to donate their blood.

Their son, Walter, was 16 years-old. Until the age of 13, he had been fine and healthy. At 14, he started to lose his coordination, and then he lost his ability to walk. Last year he was operated on for a brain tumor; and in the process, he developed an ulcer and lost a tremendous amount of blood. Ninety pints were needed to save his life.

The blood was available, but the Bern-

steins were required to replace it. They went to their friends, even to strangers, but all they could manage to collect was 25 pints. Then they heard about this fellow named Jerry Davis who, it seemed, had been nicknamed "Mr. Blood" by some of his friends.

"WE STILL NEED 60 or 70 pints," they told Davis.

"Don't worry," he answered. "You've got it."

And Davis went out and held a "blood-raising" party, if you will, and he collected all that was needed.

So the Bernsteins were here, now, a year later, to give their own blood, because they knew how important it was. "You never know what illness means," Mrs. Bernstein was saying, "until it hits you."

ALL DAY, LAST SUNDAY, this festive blood-collecting party was going on inside the Genesis Hebrew Center, and when it was over a grand total of 233 pints had been given.

Discussion Of Job Status Termed 'Incidental' By Hitt

By PHIL GREEN
Staff Writer

Cortlandt Town Board members expect to discuss the job status of Mrs. Evelyn Setzer, whose reassignment brought loud objection this week from Republican district leaders, during the regular Saturday conference on new contracts, according to Supervisor William C. Hitt.

The sessions with officials of Local 456, Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, are being held in Croton Municipal Building to consider agreements for the coming year, the supervisor explained, stressing that consideration of Mrs. Setzer's status will be an incidental item.

THE SUPERVISOR reiterated this morning his surprise at the stir raised at the regular board meeting Tuesday night by a group of Republican district leaders concerning transfer of Mrs. Setzer from the Recreation Department to the Receiver of Taxes office.

Robert Bartsch of the county personnel office has confirmed belief of Cortlandt officials that transfer of an employee to a similar job in another department is proper under Civil Service regulations, Hitt said this morning.

Noting that such reassign-

ment have been made regularly, to provide additional help where needed and to fill vacancies, Hitt said reassignment of Mrs. Setzer was made following resignation of Mrs. Helen Townsend as a clerk in the tax receiver's office.

CONCERNING the tumult and shouting at the Town Board meeting, Hitt expressed belief this morning that Republican district leaders who "turned the session into a shambles" were following the lead of Edward H. Gibbs, member of the County Legislature for Cortlandt and Peekskill.

Gibbs began "grandstanding" after declining an invitation to sit at the board table, Hitt maintained. Concerning the legislator's statement that he had come to offer his services, the supervisor expressed surprise that he chose to make this statement at a public meeting.

"Gibbs called at Croton village offices to see Mayor Stanley H. Kellerhouse," remarked Hitt. "He could have stepped across the hall to see me."

Hitt said he had concluded on seeing Gibbs in the audience at the Town Board meeting that the county legislator had come to speak about exca-

vations proposed at Croton Point Park. He said he was surprised to discover that this was not the subject that prompted Gibbs's visit.

Noting that he returned from the Association of Supervisors conference in Fulton before adjournment of the session, on learning of county plans to start Croton Point excavations, Hitt said he conferred last Friday and again Monday with County Executive Edwin G. Michaelian.

The county executive heard the Cortlandt view of proposals, but declined to suggest any changes without the approval of Commissioner Charles E. Pound of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, who was meeting Monday with Croton Village Board members, Hitt said.

Town Board members will meet next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to continue the session adjourned abruptly this week, Hitt said this morning. Councilman Robert P. McManus moved to adjourn the Tuesday session, when Robert D'Alvia of Croton, a Republican district leader, continued to talk after Supervisor Hitt had ruled discussion of Mrs. Setzer's transfer to be out of order.

Methadone Program

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lined the proposed program, stipulating specific controls "to assure that a methadone maintenance program sponsored by the hospital is the best that can be designed and that it is properly funded."

Text of the board's statement follows:

"at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Phelps Memorial Hospital action was approved to attempt to establish a methadone maintenance program the earliest possible time.

"The following resolution was adopted by the board:

"RESOLVED THAT Phelps Memorial Hospital is in favor of, and will explore ways and means for, and attempt to accomplish, the establishment under the hospital's sponsorship of a methadone maintenance program to serve residents of the hospital service area on the following basis: (1) The program established, will qualify for accreditation by the New York State Narcotic Addiction Control Commission; (2) the program will provide appropriate professional services for a patient load with its capacities, and appropriate protection against diversion of methadone supplies to illicit use; (3) the costs of the program will be funded from state, county or local

governments or other non-hospital sources; and (4) it will be understood that, if sufficient outside funds to carry on the program should become unavailable at any time, the hospital will have no responsibility for the continuance of the program at the expense of maintaining its service of the general health needs of all the communities which the hospital serves and from which it draws its support.

"This step was taken following a recommendation made by the medical board that the hospital seek to implement a methadone maintenance center and was based on previously initiated studies of the extent of the problem, the status of existing centers for treatment, and the role that Phelps could play in forming the best possible facility to serve the Hudson River communities.

"In making this announcement, William B. Marshall, president of the board of directors, stated that Phelps recognizes and is responsive to the deep concern of many citizens in the Westchester area over drug addiction and treatment, as well as the concern "The Daily News," "The Citizen Register" and other area newspapers have expressed in thoughtful examination of the program."

Police Warn Drivers On New Signs

Village police will be issuing warnings to motorists who make what is now as illegal left turn from North Highland Avenue southbound into East-

ern Avenue. Police said the state had posted signs at the intersection which state the turn cannot be made. They said they would give a brief grace period to drivers who are used to making the turn and may not have noticed the new signs.

However, they said summonses will be issued in the near future to anyone spotted making the dangerous and traffic-slowing turn.

Motorists are also reminded that left turns from North Highland Avenue southbound into Croton Avenue are also illegal. Left turns for North Highland northbound into Broadway are permitted.

Obituaries

JOHN F. HERON
Born In Ireland

Funeral services will be held Saturday for John F. Heron of 35 Sherwood Ave., a retired grocer who was born in Ireland.

Survivors include his wife, the former Helen Quinn, two sons, John F. Jr. of Schenectady, N.Y. and Robert J. of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Harry Taxter of 27 Prospect Ave. and Mrs. Vera Floquist of Windsor Locks, Conn.; one brother, Rev. Patrick J. Heron and one sister, Mrs. Mary Brown, both of County Tyrone, Northern Ireland; and 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

HERON, John F.—On January 19, 1972 at Grasslands Hospital. Survived by wife Helen, two sons, two daughters, one brother, one sister, nineteen grandchildren, six great grandchildren. Reposing at St. Thomas Funeral Home 32 State St., where family will receive friends Thursday 7-9 p.m., Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Mass. of Requiem St. Augustine's Church Saturday 10 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. (1-20, 21)

SKAHAN, Cecile — of 181 City Island Ave., City Island, N.Y., on January 18, 1972. Beloved wife of James W. Skahan, devoted Mother of James W. Jr. of Blauvelt, N.Y., Robert Michael of Los Alamos, N.M., and Donald R. of Brantford Manor, N.Y. Sister of Mrs. William Mark and Mrs. Charles Clifford of New York City and Grandmother of nine. Services at The Geo. T. Davis Memorial, 14 LeCount Place, New Rochelle, N.Y. on Friday at 2 p.m. Friends may visit at the Memorial from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday. (1-21)

CARD OF THANKS

GIUSTI, Ferdinando F. — We wish to thank all our friends, neighbors and relatives for their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us during our recent bereavement. The Family of Ferdinando Giusti (1-21)

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Plant Delay

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the \$1.3 billion New York State and its local governments are already owed by the federal government without firm assurances that the money will be repaid."

He also expressed confidence that a new federal program will be enacted soon and advised municipalities to continue project designs to the point where bids can be taken promptly after federal legislation is enacted.

There are two bills before Congress now, says Schultz, and there is a possibility that eventual Congressional action could mean increased aid. If so, federal and state contributions can be adjusted, he explained.

THE COUNTY has been proceeding with measures necessary for its acquisition of Ossining Correctional Facility land for the sewage treatment project, first through amendment of the county Administrative Code.

The county must agree to handle all prison sewage, but the state, County Attorney John Mead explains, refuses to pay taxes, as would normally be required. The code is now being amended, therefore, to provide for a payment from the state in lieu of taxes on a "flow" basis.

There is a formula for estimating the amount of sewage or flow, but the situation is complicated by the fact that prison sewage would not go through the mains but would be fed directly into the plant. Attorneys are working on the amendments now, Mead says, and hope to have them ready in a few weeks.

The state would not pay as much on the flow basis as it would on the usual ad valorem (according to value) tax basis, Mead points out.

COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL Facilities Commissioner William Borghard says it is hoped that the county can take title to the land sometime this spring.

Before it can do so, however, the State Department of Correction, after declaring the land surplus, must transfer jurisdiction over the land to the State Office of General Services which would conduct the negotiations with the county.

One member of the OGS staff said the first transfer could not occur until several tons of coal piled up at the north end of prison are used up, but Commissioner Borghard says this is no problem, as it would be possible to work around the coal pile.

THE COMMISSIONER was asked to comment on questions brought up by unsuccessful Village Board candidates Tom Appleby and George Behling Jr. last fall during the election campaign.

One question concerned odor prevention. On this score Borghard said there is a great deal of misinformation about the ozone process Appleby and Behling asked about. His department is "very conscious" of the problem and all design engineers have been given general instructions concerning it.

All sources of odor are to be

Pound Names Cribari To PRC Post

WHITE PLAINS—

County Parks Commissioner Charles E. Pound today announced the appointment of Stephen Jon Cribari to the position of assistant supervisor of athletics for the Westchester Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

Cribari succeeds Bruce Neil, son of Croton, who recently was named director of recreation for the Town of Kingston, R.I.

A graduate of St. Lawrence University, where he did grad-

uate work in educational psychology, Cribari is a native of Mount Vernon.

At St. Lawrence University he was elected to membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, national men's leadership honorary, and was president of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. He also was recipient of the Lotus Ingalls Memorial Award for his contribution to campus journalism.

While attending college, he did general reporting for The Reporter Dispatch, White Plains, and upon graduation taught high school English in northern New York State and more recently at Mount Vernon High School.

At St. Lawrence, Cribari

was assistant to the director of the Community Development Corps, in charge of community recreation programs and public relations.

He is married to the former Nancy Zimmerman of Ridge-wood, N.J. They reside in Mount Kisco.

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