

# State Tax Ideas Wanted

(See Editorial, page 1-B) Gov. George W. Romney has announced that he will call a special session of the state legislature on Sept. 11 to work on fiscal and tax reform. He has held meetings around the

state to let citizens voice their ideas on the proper approach to the tax problems.

To give our readers an opportunity to express their opinions on what taxes should be eliminated and how the loss of revenue should

be offset, we have listed below the most talked about taxes with a ballot.

READERS are urged to indicate where they want tax relief and how to pay for it. The Eccentric will publish the results.

At each meeting around the state, Romney has brought up Michigan's revenue needs, showing that without enriching present services or starting new projects, the state will need at least \$50 million more a year to keep up with the growth of the population of the state.

THE \$50 MILLION can be broken down approximately as follows:

- \$16 million to cover the new students enrolling in the primary and secondary schools in the state.
- \$10 million to cover the new students enrolling in our institutions of higher learning.
- \$17 million to fund the state pension requirements under the new Constitution.
- \$7 million to cover legislation enacted in the last session of the legislature such as community mental health centers, the new school bus law, and pay increases for governmental employees.

Any new tax program would have to provide at least \$50 million, Romney has said.

AT THE SAME TIME that new revenue is raised, the new tax program should be designed to solve some of the tax inequities that businessmen believe have hindered business and driven jobs to other states.

The major objections to the present tax setup revolve around the state business activities tax, which is a tax based on gross volume of a business. This tax hurts new businesses that are not making a profit and discourages the hiring of new employees, be-

cause new volume means more taxes.

Personal property taxes against business inventories and machines mean that everytime an industry buys a new machine it pays more taxes.

Neighboring states do not assess this tax to the same extent or at such a high level, and it is blamed for the movement of automobile plants to Ohio.

THE CORPORATE franchise tax, which is a tax on the privilege of doing business in Michigan, is higher than in neighboring states. Another objection to the present tax structure is that lower income families pay a high proportion of the state taxes through the sales tax and taxes on beer, liquor and cigarettes.

By RUTH VOGT  
Special Writer

Please, you man, woman, or child who took my daughter's purse last Saturday, may I talk to you a moment here? I thank you.

If you had been aware of the difficulty this little act caused, I'm sure you wouldn't have taken my dollar clutch bag which held her glasses, her drivers' license and a little loose change.

SHIRT (NOT READ or drive) without her glasses, I will have to take her up to her summer classes at Oakland and spend the morning there, England, from my housework and other children.

Neither will she be able to, (for a few days until we are able to go across town to Jefferson in order to obtain her special prescription for new glasses) study her assignments given in this valuable, but expensive, summer school subject.

THIS IS too bad. She took this summer school work, after her nurse-maid's job ended last week by which she earned her own money to pay for it, so that she'd have the best skills possible in order to take advantage of our educational facilities.

After one week, she loves this course, spending her evenings reading and studying ahead.

Because you took her clutch purse last Saturday after she put it back on the closet shelf after lunch, she will fall behind in her assignments.

YOU DIDNT realize this, I know. "Oh, buck up, sad face," you might be replying about here to my laments about your thoughtless deed. Buy her new glasses, another purse and get her driver's license re-issued.

Let this be a lesson to teach her that not even a nurse's closet set aside for their possessions is safe from petty theft these days. This will show her, (and you) just what kind of society all of us are living in. Yeah, man! It's rough these days to trust anyone."

THAT IS WHERE this whole thing hurts. Right at the core it touches on our society. Everyone is part of this climate. You, my daughter, myself and all the rest.

Isn't it a paradox, too? On almost every other corner, it seems, another huge and beautiful church is being erected or has just been completed.

Our T.V. airways are filled with all kinds of inspirational talks, especially on Sundays. Our libraries and book stores and drug store racks overflow with helpful material on how to grow spiritually and how to be helpful to mankind.

YET? FOR all these many aids our crime rate seem to zip right along until, each year, it reaches another high.

"Ow, gee! You don't consider swiping your daughter's junky old clutch purse a major crime, do ya?" you might reply about here.

No. It isn't a major offense, but I'm worried for fear you'll just go on and on to, maybe, bigger things.

YES, HER glasses and driver's license can be replaced eventually. But what about you? Can your philosophy toward life and people and law and God be remedied before it leads you quite far away?

That's what worries me and causes me to lament. Please think about this. Thank you.

## Lewicki Returns From New York

Ted Lewicki, local representative of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., has returned from New York City, where he participated in a special advanced training course relating to estate planning and business life insurance underwriting.

Lewicki, who lives at 1559 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, recently was appointed to the position of Metropolitan Insurance Consultant, in which capacity he will continue his insurance sales and service activities from Metropolitan's Van Dyke Office in Detroit.

## Brook Appoints Sales Director

Announcement was made this week by Frederic C. Pew, president of Max Brook Inc., Birmingham realtor organization, that Earl W. Fernelius has been appointed to the position of vice president and director of sales.

Fernelius has been associated with the Brook organization for the past eight years in sales and executive capacity and has specialized in the sale of residential property, builder accounts and acreage for investment and development.

AFTER GRADUATION from college, Fernelius taught in the Bloomfield Hills school system before entering the real estate business.

He is married and has two children, aged 7 and 14. He is an associate member of the Oakland County Chapter of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers and has served on the extension faculty of Oakland University lecturing on real estate subjects.

## Kasco Stands Mute On Larceny Charge

Gary L. Kasco, 19, of 3798 Lincoln, Bloomfield Township, stood mute Monday at his arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court on a charge of larceny from an auto.

Kasco, who was ordered to stand trial on the charge by Judge Clark J. Adams, was released on \$500 personal bond. No trial date was set.

Birmingham police believe the youth was the head of an auto parts theft ring that had been operating in Birmingham, Ferndale and Royal Oak.

Kasco is presently on bond from Federal Court in Detroit on charges of selling false identification cards to area teen-agers.

## Racing

(Continued from 1-A) son Heights, \$20 speeding, \$50 racing and six months probation. James B. Springer, 19, of Pontiac, \$35 speeding, \$75 racing and six months probation.

Donald J. Gare, 20, of Walled Lake, \$15 speeding and \$45 racing. James M. Melick, 18, of Clawson, \$5 speeding and \$25 racing. Davey Whitmill, 22, of Birmingham, \$15 racing.

Robert Bobchick, 29, of Detroit, \$15 speeding and \$45 racing. Richard Molina, 19, of Pontiac, \$100 in fines, a year's probation and five days in the Oakland County Jail.

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THOMAS F. MCNUTT

## Executive Dies On Business Trip

Thomas F. McNutt, president and founder of Wolverine Tractor & Equipment Co., Southfield, died Aug. 6 in Chicago while there on a business trip. His home was at 16 Barbour, Bloomfield Hills.

Funeral services were private and held Saturday at Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. McNutt was born in Madison, Ind. For many years he was connected with the J. D. Adams Co. of Indianapolis as sales manager before coming to Michigan as founder of Wolverine Tractor & Equipment Co.

HE WAS a member of Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, the Masonic Lodge and the Detroit Golf Club.

Mr. McNutt is survived by his wife, Virginia; two sons, Capt. Thomas V., stationed at Bentwater Air Force Base, England, and Robert C. of Birmingham; three sisters, Mrs. Mae Gullion of Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. E. F. Hatfield of Louisville, Ky.; and Mrs. Maude Dooley of Amarillo, Tex.; and three grandchildren.

## This & That

(Continued from 3-A) "Too many Americans have traded God for gadgets," a preacher told a convention of Free Will Baptists in Detroit recently. "People are living for the present world, with actually not much thought or preparation or idea of the world to come." (Well, Reverend, hasn't this condition arisen many times in the recorded history of other nations?)

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## Resident Advances Toward Commission

Richard A. Reid, 344 Tilbury, Birmingham, is among the 235 cadets at Miami University, Oxford, O., who advanced into the second year of training toward an Air Force commission.

By enrolling for a total of 141

academic credit hours in the four-year degree program at Miami, the Air Force ROTC affords the qualified individual a commission in the Air Force Reserve upon graduation.

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1. Business Activities Act a tax on the gross volume of business	100
2. Sales Tax on food	1
3. Sales Tax on drugs	34
4. Intangibles Tax a 3 1/4% income tax on stock dividends which should be repealed if the state enacts an income tax	32
5. Corporation Franchise Tax tax on the privilege of doing business in state—if present rate is halved	8
6. Excise tax on beer if reduced to level of neighboring states	10
7. Excise tax on cigarettes if reduced to the level of neighboring states	10
8. Excise tax on liquor if reduced to 4%	up to 230*
9. Reduce personal property taxes on business machines and inventories	8
10. Reduce real property tax on senior citizens	up to 700
11. Reduce real property tax on residences	up to 700

## New Taxes

1. State Income Tax based on taxable income as determined for federal income tax. Each 1% on individuals raises \$82 million
2. Each 1% on corporations raises \$22 million
3. Increase State Sales Tax 1% raises \$100 million.
3. Let local units of government enact excise taxes (including income taxes) to cover cost of education locally, reducing state expenditures. Would raise up to \$50 million.
4. Raise real property tax. If present taxes are doubled would raise \$450 million.
5. Miscellaneous Nuisance Taxes could raise \$50 million.

### The Birmingham Eccentric Tax Poll

Taxes I feel should be repealed	How I would raise the lost revenue
1. _____ \$ _____	1. _____ \$ _____
2. _____ \$ _____	2. _____ \$ _____
3. _____ \$ _____	3. _____ \$ _____
4. _____ \$ _____	Total _____ \$ _____
5. _____ \$ _____	Name _____
6. _____ \$ _____	Address _____
Total _____ \$ _____	

Add \$50 million for increased revenue needs \$50

Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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