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WHAT'S NEWS

Energy At a Glance

Washington: The Senate Finance subcommittee on energy and foundations opened hearings on President Carter's windfall profits tax and used the occasion to criticize the administration's general energy policy.

Washington: President Carter Monday presented Congress with his second national energy plan, pushing his move to phase out price controls on domestic crude oil and defending the further development of nuclear power.

Washington: The Energy Department Monday said U.S. energy consumption rose only 2 percent in 1978, a smaller increase than the previous two years.

New Orleans: Two U.S. geologists Monday said oil production will peak as early as 1993 and further production will decline due to physical exhaustion of prospective oil fields.

Washington: House and Senate are scheduled to vote this week on Carter's emergency gas-rationing plan, with proposals changes limiting coupons to three cars per household and offering wide-open-spaces states extra allocations.

Sacramento, Calif.: California Monday became the first state in the nation to adopt an odd-even gasoline buying program designed to shorten lines at the pump and ease the shattered nerves of motorists.

Los Angeles: The California Democratic Council Monday urged the state to establish its own publicly owned oil company, with a network of service stations, to assure California motorists enough gasoline at reasonable prices.

Memphis, Tenn.: Motorists traveling through west Tennessee may be inconvenienced by gas shortages this summer, but they probably will not face shortages comparable to those in California, oil company officials said.

St. Louis: Representatives of gasoline dealers in more than 30 states voted unanimously Monday to propose a four-day service station shutdown May 17-20 in protest of federal restrictions on profit levels, according to the newspaper Oil Daily.

Mexico City: Seven U.S. congressmen conferring with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo say they have persuaded him to increase oil production and exports north of the border.

Ottawa: Canada and Mexico Monday signed a \$5 billion 10-year energy agreement that will provide Canada with up to 100,000 barrels of oil per day in exchange for nuclear technology assistance and as much as 3 million tons of coal.

Chicago: Shell Oil Co. said Monday it will start marketing more unleaded than leaded gasoline to meet the growing demand of most new car buyers.

Las Vegas, Nev.: The Chamber of Commerce said hotel room occupancy this month is down 40 percent at some resorts because of the gasoline crunch, in spite of the increase in gaming revenues.

New York: The United States will go from one energy crisis to the next unless oil-producing nations curb U.S. consumption by raising crude oil prices, Kuwait's oil minister warned in an interview published in the MidEastReport.

Caracas, Venezuela: Venezuela's president said the South American oil-producing nation would not object to new oil price increases but would like to see OPEC to adopt a plan to help poor nations finance their oil bills.

Doha, Qatar: The Sultanate of Oman, a small Arab producer that is not a member of OPEC, Monday announced an increase in the price of its crude oil by 17.1 percent to \$17.50 a barrel on May 1.



Courthouse Construction

Two construction workers consult over the work to be done inside the future G. A. 12 courthouse in the former Marshall's building in Manchester. The \$1,087,471 project, awarded to Alma Construction Co., has been underway for a month and will take about a year to complete, according to the Department of Public Works. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Voluntary Gas Plan Favored by Grasso

HARTFORD (UPI) - Gov. Ella Grasso today clung to the hope for voluntary conservation of gasoline and said she was opposed to a planned four-day shutdown by station owners to protest federal pricing policies.

Warning that rationing is the alternative to voluntary sacrifice, the governor also announced a statewide program to monitor retail gasoline stations to be sure consumers get what they pay for at the pumps.

The question of gasoline supplies and federal foodragging on the problem look up almost all of Mrs. Grasso's weekly Capitol news conference.

She said any mandatory actions such as rationing could be averted if consumers made a conscientious effort to cut down on driving.

But if conservation was not forthcoming by the summer, the possibility of a rationing plan could not be ruled out. "It's possible," she said.

She said a 15 percent reduction in gasoline usage "by all of us" would be enough "to meet our needs."

Thomas Fitzpatrick, the state's energy chief, said the level could be reached if motorists lopped off from 15 miles to 30 miles a week. He said this would save from 1.5 million to 3 million gallons a week.

Asked if people's reluctance to conserve gasoline was due to the dislike by many that there is an energy crisis, the governor said, "Human nature is always seeking to find the least painful route."

The governor repeated her criticism of the federal government for doing little to ease the supply plight, especially for New England. She said "oversight is not being followed" by the government and the state "is doing the policing that should be done in the public sector."

She declined to say whether federal energy chief James Schlesinger should be fired by President Carter. "That's a judgment only the president can make."

She said the energy problem looms as a "very real challenge" that Carter and Democrats will have to face in the 1980 election year. "It will have its impact," she said.

Gasoline station owners from across the country met in St. Louis Monday and decided unanimously to ask their colleagues to stage a four-day closing protest against government pricing policies.

Representatives from Connecticut indicated their support for the shut down May 17-20.

The dealers are protesting federal regulations limiting them to the same profit margin allowed in 1973, although they have reduced gasoline allocations.

Mrs. Grasso said, "I hope they won't do that. It will only penalize them, and the consumers."

When asked if she would do anything to stop such a shut down in Connecticut, the governor said, "We'll have to wait and see before any action is planned."

Mrs. Grasso said she has asked the federal government to enforce state pricing regulations through state agencies to investigate any complaints of price gouging.

Mrs. Grasso said "the overwhelming majority of gasoline stations in Connecticut are abiding by state and federal laws" and she asked the state's Gasoline Retailers Association to advise all stations "so that they will be aware of the actions which our state is taking."

Nuclear Power Now Top Issue

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The long-simmering debate over nuclear power is now a full-fledged presidential issue.

President Carter said Monday he supports its continued use. Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., who ran second to Carter in the 1976 Democratic primaries, cast doubt on its future. The leader of Sunday's anti-nuclear demonstration in Washington warned it will be the trucks and trains moving around the country with fuel rods, spent fuel, nuclear materials of different kinds, "he forecast. "And more and more the public is concerned about this." If cities and states follow New York City's lead and ban such shipments, he said, "you get to a point where nobody will take the nuclear waste. You can't get your fuel rods from where they're made to where they're going to be used. So I think the future of nuclear (power) is in doubt."

Carter met Monday with protest leaders, and said, "It's out of the question to shut down all the nuclear power plants in this country," adding, "We do, however, want to shift toward alternate energy supplies and also strict conservation programs to minimize the requirement for the use of nuclear power."

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New Budget Holds Line On Tax Bill

By GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER - The town's General Fund budget for 1979-80 will increase 3.47 percent, the smallest increase in years, to \$7,607,100. The General Fund tax rate will be set at 42.98 mills, which will mean little, if any, tax increase for most property owners in the upcoming year. Some may pay less in taxes in 1979-80.

The present mill rate is 50.34 mills, but the decrease in the taxing rate will be coupled with the second year of the revaluation phase-in, which will boost taxable assessments of properties.

The 1979-80 budget will mean the probable elimination of the leaf pickup program and any capital improvements. It also will include the opening of the West Side Rec on Sundays for part of the year and the creation of a long-sought training officer's position in the Fire Department. (See story on page 4.)

Democrats credited their detailed review of the budget as the reason for the minimal increase. The 3.47 percent increase is the smallest since the town began keeping such records seven years ago. Stephen Penny, chairman of the board, said, "It is a taxpayer's budget." Penny said in his budget message.

The budget includes a 5.35 percent increase in the education budget and only a 0.38 percent increase in the general government budget.

Republicans criticized the Democratic estimates on revenues, which they feel have been set too high. They also questioned why they had not been given similar figures about the revenues.

Republican Carl Zisser said he had asked about the revenue estimates as late as Monday afternoon and was given lower figures than the Democrats used Monday night to set the budget.

The 42.98-mill rate, combined with the phase-in, will mean a reduction in taxes for any property owner whose property assessment did not go up more than 103 percent as a result of revaluation. Democratic Director Joseph Sweeney said.

For instance, a home that increased in assessment from \$15,000 to \$30,000 during the revaluation would have paid \$96.12 in taxes this year. Next year, the homeowner will pay \$90.50.

There was a \$12,211 reduction to \$1,599,144 in the fire district special fund budget, which pays for the Town Fire Department, that mill rate decreased from 6.88 to 6.12. Using the previous example, that homeowner will pay \$123.32 in fire taxes, an increase from the present-year tax of \$123.84 for the same property.

The budget includes a 6.3 percent increase in the salary of Town Manager Robert Weiss. His 1979-80 salary will be \$38,340.

In other budgets separate from the General Fund, the board approved the following: water, \$1,414,530; sewer, \$1,195,375; special parking tax district, \$70,400. The mill rate for the parking district will remain at 10.5 mills.

Balanced Budget Cuts State Fund

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The House has sent a clear message back to the states that are clamoring for a balanced federal budget: don't ask us to put our house in order and then expect revenue-sharing funds.

Lawmakers Monday defeated two bids to restore \$2.3 billion in state revenue-sharing funds to the Budget Committee's recommended 1980 fiscal plan.

One proposal would have restored the revenue sharing, but cut so-called categorical grants by \$2.5 billion. It failed, 237-147.

The second, simply to restore the funds, was rejected, 195-190, after committee Chairman Robert Giallombi, D-Conn., accused states of "writing us saying, 'Get your house in order and balance your budget,' and then adding, 'P.S. Don't forget to send us our revenue sharing.'"

Thirty states have passed resolutions calling for a constitutional convention to require a balanced budget.

Giallombi's committee cut the revenue-sharing program from the budget even though its authorization doesn't expire until next year.

Many proponents of the two amendments argued revenue-sharing's fate should be debated when it expires, not now.

The issue will come up again, however, when the House and Senate budget committees meet to reconcile their 1980 budgets. The Senate already has adopted a plan that includes state revenue-sharing monies.

The House is working on a budget proposal setting government spending at \$532.7 billion next year, with revenues of \$507.8 billion and a deficit of \$24.9 billion.

By law, the House and Senate must have adopted their 1980 target budgets by May 15.

Study Shows Waste In Auto Repair Work

WASHINGTON (UPI) - When an undercover operative drove into a car dealership in Houston, his 1977 Dodge's main problem was a single spark plug deliberately damaged to make the engine miss.

"My car is getting poor gas mileage and has lost power," he said. "Check to see if you can find what the problem is."

He wound up paying \$56.80 - for the one bad spark plug and replacements, as well for the seven other good ones the garage insisted were gone.

That incident is fairly typical of the department survey in seven cities. Secretary Brock Adams said Monday American consumers may be wasting half of the \$50 billion they spend each year on car repairs.

His advice? Try to get more than one estimate for a repair job, and rely on diagnostic centers which give an accurate picture of repair needs before the job is done.

The deliberately fouled spark plug was frequently employed in the survey. The undercover agents, male and female, were given the same "My car is getting poor gas mileage" script or a similar one to deliver to the shop.

In the case of five shops where the spark plug trick was used, Adams said, the operatives were overcharged a total of \$596.

Some of the overcharge can be laid to outright fraud, he said, and some

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Open House at Hospital

Dr. H. John Malone, chief of pediatrics at Manchester Memorial Hospital, greeted guests during an open house in the newly-renovated pediatrics section of the hospital.

McCoy Gets Sewer Vote

VERNON — Some Democrats on the Town Council were reluctant Monday night to authorize Mayor Frank McCoy to execute an agreement with the state for a license for sewer construction on state-owned property. But the opposers were overruled and the authority was given to the mayor.

Trash Pact Canceled

SOUTH WINDSOR — Town manager Allan Young said today he would cancel South Windsor's three-year contract with trash contractor E.P. Hayes Inc. of Rocky Hill.

Council Corrects Budget

VERNON — Correcting some errors in five line items in the proposed general government budget, the Town Council Monday night reduced that budget by \$8,827 for a total of \$8,229,255.

Finalized Town Budget Adds, Deletes Programs

MANCHESTER — Town residents may not have a leaf pickup this fall, but they will have the West Side Rec open on Sundays starting in September. There won't be a new Engineering Department position, but there will be a training officer for the Fire Department.

New Student Center Aiming for Sept.

MANCHESTER — Manchester Community College and state officials are hopeful that the Student Center which was destroyed by fire April 7 can be rebuilt on the same spot by Sept. 1.

DAR To Hear — AFS Student

MANCHESTER — Juan Pedrini, an American Field Service student from Argentina who is attending Manchester High School, will be guest speaker at the Oxford Parish Chapter DAR meeting Thursday.

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Directors To Conduct 2 Hearings

MANCHESTER — The Town Board of Directors meets tonight at 8 o'clock and will conduct two public hearings.

The meeting is the second of the month for the board. Most of the public hearing were held last week, but two — both concerning the transfer of Community Development funds — will be tonight.

Academic Adviser Coming to Vernon

VERNON — An adviser from the Board for State Academic Awards (BSAA), Connecticut's external degree agency, will be at the Rockville Public Library May 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Church Group Has Eye On Old Senior Center

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Area Conference of Churches has asked that its needs be considered when future use of the present senior citizens center is discussed.

Program Promotes Job Skill

MANCHESTER — An open house, highlighting career and vocational education, is scheduled Wednesday night from 7 to 9 at Manchester High School.

Valuable Jewelry Stolen

MANCHESTER — More than \$4,000 worth of valuable jewelry was stolen in a burglary at an apartment on New State Road over the weekend, police reported.

Talks Set on Unionizing

BOLTON — The State Labor Board will have a conference May 22 at 2 p.m. at the Community Hall to resolve the issue of the local road crew's petition to join a union.

Students Register As Voters

MANCHESTER — A total of 113 Manchester High School students signed up to become voters at a registration session held last week.

Tree for Mini-Park

Another tree is planted in the mini-park at Manchester's Verplanck School. Making sure that the young pine gets enough dirt and water are, from left, Brenton Berrio, Lynn Camire and Michelle Beaulieu.

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