



WASHINGTON REPORT

Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

16th District—Pennsylvania



The job of Representative in the United States Congress may be divided into two primary areas. There is, of course, the work in Washington. This part of the job takes in all of the legislative tasks, the committee work, and the dealing with the administration. The other aspect of the job involves "homework," or in other words the contact with constituents and the handling of their problems.

I have already begun weekly trips back to my home district. Each week when the voting sessions are over at my Washington office work is up to date, I return to the 16th District. First, I want to spend as much time as possible with my family, who are continuing to live in Lancaster. Second, I am operating two offices with equal responsibilities, and it is important that I am in each of those offices each week. Third, only by returning home can I talk personally to my constituents about their problems with the federal government. For that purpose, I have been holding regular office hours in Lebanon, Lancaster, and Middletown so I may be as convenient to see as possible.

The "homework" has already shown surprising results, and I am hopeful that it will continue to do so. Many people have stopped in to see me during my scheduled office time at home and they have brought with them a variety of problems. While I'm not certain of my exact "batting average" on problems solved thus far, I feel that this work has been stimulating because it provides me with information about you that I could not receive in any other way. I can not guarantee satisfaction in all cases that you bring to me, but my staff and my-

self will always try to the best of our collective ability.

One intended action of the federal government, particularly relevant to our district, has been receiving an increasingly greater amount of my attention. The President has called for a reduction in tariff on jeweled watches, and I am fearful that such a reduction will eventually cause the elimination of jobs for some of the district's most highly skilled workers. I wrote to the President and requested information on the proposed tariff change, and I was told that the experts feel that the domestic watch industry can presently withstand the competition of the cheaper foreign watches. The explanation centers around the amount of work being given to the watch factories by the government, primarily in the form of defense contracts.

I do not wholly agree with that justification, however. Today, over ninety percent of the jeweled watches sold in this country are made abroad. To provide further incentives to the foreign producers would seem to sound the death knell for our own watch makers. While the government contracts might fill the void created at present, I am concerned about the industrial situation if and when the government fails to provide contracts in the future. If the watch making capacity in this country has been abandoned because it couldn't compete, many skilled workers will be left without proper jobs. It seems to me that we will not be drastically affecting our position in world trade by not lowering the watch tariff, and we will be doing a great deal to protect what is left of the watch making industry in this country.

S.E. District DHIA Directors' Conf. Set

The annual Southeast District Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. directors' conference will be held on Thursday, March 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to an announcement this week by associate county agent Victor Plastow.

The Blue Ball Fire Hall will be the site for the meeting, Plastow said, adding that lunch will be available at \$2.50 per person.

All directors are urged to attend so they may become more familiar with their responsibilities, and obtain information directly from the state DHIA level, Plastow said. He noted that confirmation cards should be returned to the extension office no later than February 23.

Egg Production Facts Updated By USDA

A statistical bulletin updating earlier estimates for egg production and layers, 1960-64, was released recently by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The bulletin, published every five years by USDA's Statistical Reporting Service, shows adjustments made in earlier estimates, using as references the 1964 Federal Census of Agriculture and other data sources such as State Agriculture Census, marketing and utilization information, and SRS surveys.

The revised bulletin provides an historical record of latest official estimates, by states, on egg production and layers for the 1960-64 period.

Ten inches of snow equals about one inch of rain.

Plastow also announced that held on Monday, February 27, the next meeting of the Red at the Lancaster Farm Credit Rose DHIA directors will be Bldg., at 8 p.m.

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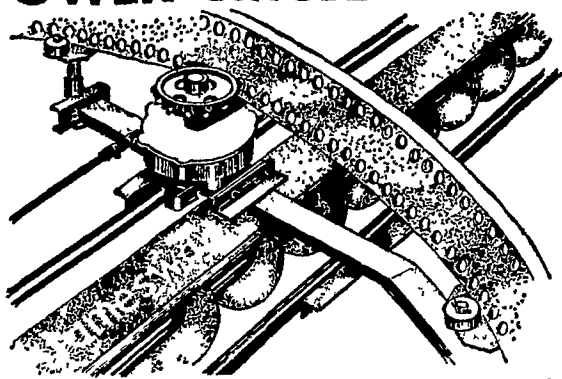
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