

HARRISBURG MEMO . . .

To: *The People of Pennsylvania*

From: *Milton J. Shapp, Governor*



Mrs. Eva M. Carney, Apollo RD3, writes that she is disturbed that her three small children must leave for school in the dark now that we have changed from Standard to Daylight Savings Time.

Governor Shapp: "I understand completely how parents feel and have urged school board directors across Pennsylvania to change the starting time for classes.

"By March when we will have more light in the morning hours the situation will rectify itself, but in the

meantime I, too, am concerned about the increased risk to children. The risks are there, either walking or bicycling or being struck by a car, the fears and confusion caused among very young children, and the ever present danger, especially in urbanized areas, of child harassment by criminal elements.

"Each school board should carefully evaluate its local situation. If local school boards ignore parental urging for this change then I recommend the parents contact the state Department of Education and make them aware of this fact.

"I have instructed the Education Department to inform all school boards that they have the power to set school hours as long as the schedule is consistent with state requirements."

J. Roy Burkhart, New Holland, RD1, writes that he observed a state employe exceeding the 55 mph limit on Route 222 earlier this month. He wants to know if state employes "practice what they preach."

Gov. Shapp: "I have informed all cabinet members and state employes that this administration will not tolerate the exceeding of the new 55 mph speed limit on Pennsylvania highways.

"While it shouldn't be necessary to have me tell them, all state officials and legislators must obey the state's speed limit just like any other citizen. There's no justification for any double standard here."

"The circumstances involving the state employe you allege was speeding will be investigated."

Mrs. Peggy Jones of Glenolden writes that she "is sick and tired of spending so much money on milk" and wants to know what can be done about it.

Gov. Shapp: "Since taking office, this administration has fought hard to reduce or abolish minimum retail milk prices set by the state.

"Unfortunately, our proposal never got anywhere

in the legislature; the courts overturned one such reduction, and in the past six months inflation has pushed retail prices higher than the minimum for the first time in recent years.

"Coupled with our ever growing national inflation is the fact that federal price orders are now a more significant influence on wholesale and retail milk prices than the others set by the state milk marketing board.

"My most recent appointment to the Milk Marketing Board, Peter Elish of Washington County, who will serve as board chairman now gives this administration clear control of the board. The other appointees are Harry E. Kapleau, executive Secretary; Nina Gowell of Pittsburgh, and J. Lin Huber, a Shaffer administration appointee.

"In the months ahead, I am hopeful we will be able to make the needed changes which will give the consumer a break on the cost of milk as well as provide a fair margin of profit for both the milk farmer and the dealer.

"While the state cannot override federal policies in this matter, we intend to do all we can and double our efforts to convince Washington, D. C. that the consumer is indeed fed up with the high cost of one of life's necessities."

(Questions to the Governor should be sent to him at the Office of the Governor, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

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