

Cost of Living Rise in Pennsylvania Is Put At 7 Percent

The cost-of-living items cost Pennsylvanians 7 percent more last December than in December of the previous year, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia reports.

During the same time, however, total wages increased 11 percent. The most recent gains were made in plants producing metals, metal products and machinery.

In its monthly review of Pennsylvania business, the bank said economic activity was at a high pitch during the final month of 1950. Most business indicators, including department store sales, bank loans and deposits, factory payroll, crude oil output and check payments, registered increases for the month.

Department store sales jumped 13 percent above the previous month, and store managers continued to maintain large supplies of items such as furniture, floor coverings, television sets and radios.

Fast-rising food prices helped to push the consumer price index up 3 percent during the month, the bank said.

Factory employment registered small percentage gains only in the Williamsport, Altoona and Philadelphia areas during the month, but the level was far above that of a year before. Johnstown was up 1 percent over 1949.

Most People Move in Winter Months

By Pennsylvania News Service Judging from information reaching the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, most Pennsylvanians do their residence changing in December and January.

During these months recently, Acting Secretary of Revenue Otto F. Mosser disclosed, we were notified by 384,172 motorists that they had moved from one place in the state to another. Throughout the other ten months we were told of only a total of 270,668 such cases.

Actually, the department said, the vast majority of those prospective drivers had moved at other times during the year but advised the bureau only when the Jan. 1 deadline began to draw near.

Their neglect meant that a 'change of address' form had to be sent, plus thousands upon thousands of special letters to clarify other discrepancies. This mass of correspondence naturally consumed time added to the last-minute rush, and resulted in many

FOLLY PARSON'S FOOD FARE

How to Cut Meat Costs

With meat costs sky-high these days, you'll welcome this Corned Beef and Potato Casserole recipe. Made with a canned corned beef base, stretched with potatoes and ready-to-eat cereal, this delicious combination serves six—at a price low enough to meet any worker's budget.

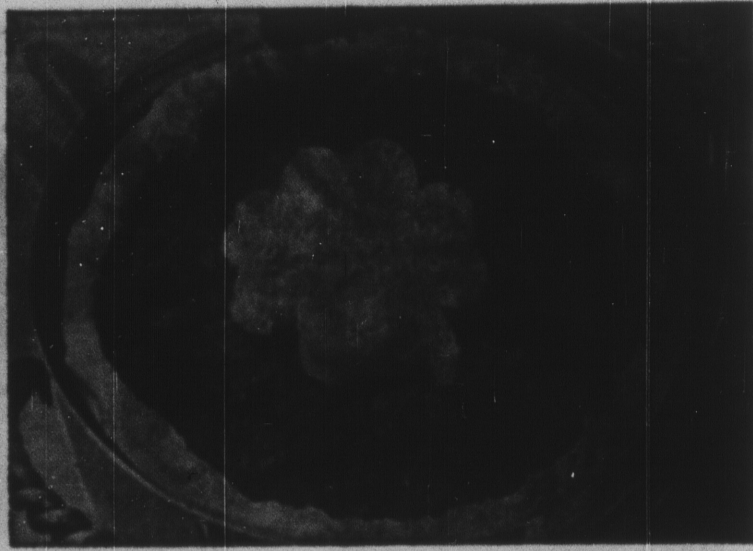
And here's a special tip: start using cereals as meat-stretching ingredients, because they're the most economical energy-providing foods available.

CORNFED BEEF AND POTATO CASSEROLE

- 3 cups warm seasoned mashed potatoes
- 2 cups corn flakes, crushed
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups (1 12-ounce can) chopped corned beef
- 1/4 cup catsup
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Spread mashed potatoes lightly over bottom and sides of greased baking dish, 8x8x2 inches. Combine remaining ingredients in order given and mix well. Place corned beef mixture in potato shell letting potatoes form border around edges. Bake in preheated moderate oven (350° F.) about 45 minutes.

Yield: 6 servings (about 1 cup each).



Thousands of Operators Being Without Their Cards for awhile

It was pointed out that a person found driving with a license bearing other than his or her correct name and address, is liable to arrest and fine. With defense work getting underway and many persons on the move, the Bureau is looking for a great increase in address changes.

LANDSCAPE GROUNDS

Part of the joy of living comes from having pleasant surroundings. A few shrubs carefully selected and placed in right locations will help make the home grounds more attractive.

The biggest mistake most of us make is the fear of making one.

MOTHER VISITS QUADRUPLE AMPUTEE

THE KORBAN WART quadruple amputee Marine Cpl. Werner Rosenberg, 21, San Antonio, Tex., sees his mother for the first time at an Oakland, Calif., hospital, since his return to the United States. Presbiterian and Communist land grenades which exploded in his machine gun nest, caused Rosenberg to lose his ten fingers, his left leg below the knee and his right leg above the knee. (International Semaphoto)

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Report Discloses Pennsylvania Cows Have Costly Diets

(By Pennsylvania News Service) The average Pennsylvania dairy cow in 1950 consumed more than a ton of concentrates but less than half, or 46 percent of the total ration, was home grown on Pennsylvania farms, the State Department of Agriculture said this week.

At the same time the department announced the production of milk on Pennsylvania farms during the year was 448,000,000 lbs., an increase of two percent over December, but four percent below the record high January output a year ago.

The number of milk cows on farms during the month was estimated at 972,000. A total of 1,638,000 tons of concentrates was fed to Pennsylvania dairy cows during 1950. The amount fed per 100 pounds of milk averaged 35 pounds and the per cow average for the year was 2169 pounds.

This high rate of feeding was a major in Keystone State dairy herds setting up an all time record for milk production in 1950, nearly six billion pounds, officials said.

The increased cost of milk production was reflected in a 15-cent advance between December and January in the price farmers paid for 100 pounds of all mixed dairy feed.

Pressing Booklet Offered in County

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Stray Pets Use Traps for Food

State Game Protector Robert Rea of Clifton says that in and around Pittsburgh stray dogs and cats live well during the rabbit trapping season.

He says one rabbit trapper reported that a dog made nightly trips around his trap line, peering traps around until they turned over and fell open, whereupon he would pounce on the luckless bunny as it hopped out.

"The cat, is just as efficient in stealing from box traps," says Rea, "but it uses a simpler, escape-proof method. The feline pushes the trap lid open and goes in for the rabbit, heading out when the job is done."

Rea also says one of his deputies recently watched two dogs, one large and one small, working. The little dog would enter every groundhog hole to chase the rabbits out while his large companion stood guard to prevent the hunter as they left their burrows.

Beet, High in Vitamin A, First Eaten for Its Greens

The beet is a root vegetable which came originally from the European continent, and was used by the ancient Greeks and Romans. However, the symmetrical root of the present-day type is comparatively recent—less than 300 years. In a way, carrots and beets have a parallel history.

The Europeans have perhaps preferred root crops, the Asiatics seed crops, and the original Americans fruiting vegetables. Therefore, most of the underground vegetables have been developed in Europe—even the potato, which probably was a comparatively unimportant crop in America and which now occupies first place among vegetables.

The beet shows a number of forms. At first it was eaten only by the poorer people of Europe for greens. Even today beet greens and Swiss chard, particularly, form an important item of food. There is also the table beet which is usually red in color, but may also be yellow; the sugar beet, which is hardly edible as a table vegetable but has a very high sugar content; and the mangel, which is grown entirely for stock food.

Beets are high in easily-digestible carbohydrates, and are therefore an excellent energy food. The mineral content is high, especially the phosphorus and iron, but the calcium content is rendered worthless by rather high oxalic acid. Beets are also high as a source of vitamin A, and contain amounts of vitamin B and C.

The best vitamin and mineral content, contrary to popular belief, is in the top of the beet. So, if you wish to get the best food value, eat the tops and throw the root away. One big advantage of beets as a vegetable food, is that they lose nothing during the canning process.

Veterinarian Gives Tips Of Value to Dog Owners

A number of suggestions for making life safer and more enjoyable for your dog are given by Dr. R. E. Witter, veterinarian at the University of Illinois.

If you value your dog and your children, Dr. Witter suggests having your dog vaccinated against rabies each year. "More than 6,000 dogs die of rabies in 1949," he reports, "and 17 persons died of the disease after being bitten by dogs or other rabid animals."

And don't guess at treatment if your dog is sick. Many patent remedies are available, but the safe thing to do is take the dog to a veterinarian for correct diagnosis and treatment when he first becomes sick.

"Keep friendly with your neighbors by keeping your dog at home," Dr. Witter advises. "A dog that is allowed to run loose may pick up and bring home disease, or he may be injured or killed by a car."

Dr. Witter says it's a good idea, too, to teach dogs to obey. For example, training your dog not to run after cars may save his life. You can find several good books or pamphlets on obedience training at your library, he says.

Sorghum Grain Check

Check your sorghum grain in the bin. If it was not thoroughly dry when stored, it may be molding and heating. Juicy sticks from the combine can sometimes add enough moisture to dry grain to cause spoilage. Cracked kernels in the grain seem to hasten spoilage. If you have not already done so, run the sorghum grain through a fanning mill to remove the debris and cracked kernels. If the grain continues to heat after this treatment, turn it with a shovel or load it out onto wagons and back into the bin to air it and cool it. Sorghum grain that is allowed to heat may lose its ability to germinate or even become unfit for feed.

Artificial Breeding

Artificial breeding of dairy cows can result in 60 per cent of the cows settling the first service if every phase of this work is properly controlled.

The breeding association will need to select only fertile sires and send only high quality, fresh, properly cooled, and diluted semen to the inseminator in the field. The herd owner has the responsibility of watching carefully for signs of heat, of keeping a record of every heat period, and of notifying the inseminator promptly when a cow is first observed in this condition. If cows persistently fail to settle, the cause needs to be determined and veterinary attention called if needed. Cows need to be bred from 60 to 75 days after freshening.

Effects of Noise

If noise can kill an egg, kill bacteria and coagulate proteins, it can certainly bring about changes in the human brain. Experiments show that the bursting of a blown-up bag raised the brain pressure four times above normal and high doses of morphine or nitroglycerine. Continuous noise was found to produce thickening of the ear drums, with a subsequent loss of movement. Today New York cab drivers who ply in the most congested areas of the city where there is a constant blare of auto horns, are becoming hard of hearing.

Ebensburg Post Sponsoring School Safety Patrol Trip

Ebensburg Post 943, American Legion, will sponsor eight Ebensburg area boys, representing four schools, at the 15th annual national school safety patrol assembly in Washington, D. C. The announcement was made at a meeting of the post last Thursday evening.

Two boys will represent each of four schools. The schools are Holy Name Parochial, Ebensburg Borough, Calver Public and Revlon Public. The annual patrol rally will be held in May.

New Developments To Up Coal Output

Mine Car Spotter, Reduces Trip Time

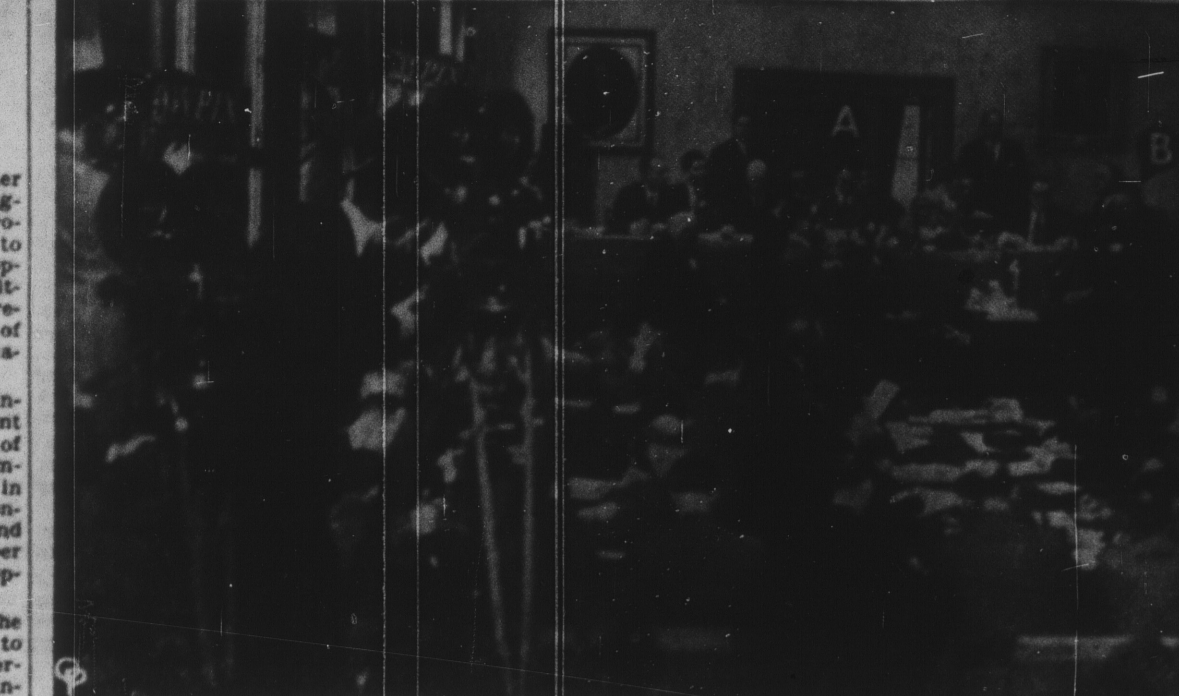
A hydraulic mine car spotter which greatly reduces trip changing time and a new electric rotary drill especially designed to coal stripping are recent developments in the mining field resulting in greater coal production reported in the February issue of Coal Age, McGraw-Hill publication.

The spotter, which was put into operation in two development sections of the Watson mine of the Westmoreland Mining Company, Blairsville, Pa., succeeded in making car loading from one continuous and added from one and one-half to two tons per man per day to its coal output in development work.

The publication notes that the spotter has salvaged from 14 to 16 man hours a day that formerly had been lost. Prior to the introduction of the new system the belt and chain conveyors feeding the car loading points had to be stopped for an average of four minutes every time the locomotive pulled out the loaded cars and substituted empties—some twenty times a day. That necessarily meant delays at the face and a loss of coal production.

As for the second development, the new electric rotary drill, it is now setting new overburden drilling records at the Enos Coal Mine Co. properties at Galland, Ind. The drill, originally designed for quarrying, is the first of its type ever used in coal stripping, and is another in the company's line of "firsts" in coal production. The magazine reports that drill operators say the new machine cuts limestone almost as fast as soft shale.

SENATE CRIME PROBES OPEN SENSATIONAL HEARINGS



HERE IS A GENERAL VIEW OF THE HEARING ROOM IN NEW YORK'S FEDERAL BUILDING AS THE SENATE CRIME INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE BEGAN ITS PROBE OF ALLEGED LINKS BETWEEN CRIME AND POLITICS IN NEW YORK. FACING CAMERA IS SENATOR ESTES KEFAUVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. AT RIGHT (B) IS GEORGE LEVY, LAWYER AND DIRECTOR OF THE ROOSEVELT RACEWAY TRACING TRACK AT OLD WESTBURY, N. Y., WHO WAS THE FIRST WITNESS. AT LEFT, TELEVISION CAMERAS ARE SET UP AS THE SPECTACULAR INVESTIGATION GETS UNDER WAY. (International)

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