

# A PITIFUL RECORD

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babson Park, Mass., Feb. 1—It is going full blast again! The familiar seeds of New Year economy, budget-balancing, pay-as-you-go talk are being sown. As usual, the June harvest will be a big deficit, no real economies, another attempt to persecute business. This year's economy makes me sadder than ever. The sheer hypocrisy, the brazen effrontery on budgetary and fiscal matters shocks me. How simple it is to hoodwink the public on finances—and it has been done shamelessly for eight years.

The New Deal rode into Washington on an economy platform. "I ask you very simply to assign to me the task of reducing the annual operating expenses of your government . . ." "It is my pledge and promise that rigid government economy shall be enforced by a stern and unremitting government policy of living within our income . . ." Thus spoke Candidate Roosevelt in 1932. No promises could have been more completely shattered than these. President Roosevelt promptly doubled spending. As his eighth consecutive budget deficit went to Congress last month, his "rigid economies" had succeeded in doubling the nation's debt.

Every January there has been much talk of economy, drastic paring down of expenses, cutting appropriations to the bone. Each January there is talk behind the scenes about the need for new taxes. Then late each session a huge deficiency bill is railroaded through. Late each session heat is put on the tax committee to prevent any increase in taxes except on big corporations and millionaires. Each year the national debt gets bigger. Each year there is less and less hope the budget will ever be balanced, that "rigid economy" can ever be practiced in public places.

Worst of all, however, is 1940. This is an election year. No one ever expects Congress to be economy-minded in an election year. Congress was economy-minded last year, but the Administration was tooth and nail against economy. Now, what does the Administration do? The President, knowing Congress will oppose direct economy and will fight new taxes, harps on economy, cries about the need to put defense on a pay-as-you-go basis, brings out the familiar—but still effective—bromides about balancing the budget.

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## Annual Meeting Of Farm Bureau On February 14

### Emmons To Be Speaker At 26th Yearly Affair; Drop Morning Session

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association will be held in Wilkes-Barre Y. M. C. A. auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, February 14, when annual reports will be made and officers will be elected.

This year's meeting, which will attract farmers from all sections of the county, will have special significance since the Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. Rev. Peter K. Emmons of Scranton will be the principal speaker.

Heretofore both morning and afternoon sessions have been held, a good bit of the time being devoted to the deliverance of annual reports. This year the reports will be summarized and mimeographed and each person present will receive a copy.

Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association is an Agricultural Educational Organization directly under the control of Pennsylvania State College. There are no membership dues, every farmer may be a participant in the activities of the Association. Present officers are: President, Fred Bittenbender, Huntington Mills; vice-president, Nelson Y. Lewis, Pittston, R. D.; secretary-treasurer, Arthur Gay, Dallas R. D.

## OFF RELIEF ROLLS AT LAST, EARL BRINGS BACON HOME



The Job Mobilization Campaign helped Earl Frank bring home the bacon to his grateful mother in their little home. The County Mobilization Committee found a job for Earl and he went off the relief rolls after months of struggle. Above, Earl is seen with his mother laughingly re-enacting an economic triple play—from pay check to groceries to supper. Earl's first pay also provided a pair of glasses his mother had needed for months.

## Zero Weather Is Stubborn Enemy Of Local Utility

### Sleepless Nights For Warhola As Deep Frost Freezes 4-Inch Mains

The prolonged cold spell which, coupled with the lack of snow, has sent the frost three and one-half feet below the surface in some places has created a major problem for Dallas-Shavertown Water Company, which has been battling freeze-ups for the last two weeks.

The situation was relieved considerably this week when Leslie Warhola, manager, who has gone several nights without any sleep, made a flying trip to Philadelphia and returned with an arc welding machine which has facilitated the work of thawing out pipes.

Mains as large as four inches have been frozen by the sub-zero nights. At Buena Vista in Shavertown 1200 feet of two-inch pipe was frozen. Dallas has been spared any serious trouble as a result of unusual weather. Mr. Warhola is expecting no respite until there is a spell of warmer weather, or a fall of snow to blanket the ground.

The local water company has escaped any serious shortage as a result of the drought which has continued since last summer. Supplies of water for local consumers are now much more adequate than in many of the city water companies, Mr. Warhola said yesterday.

## Wilkinson Tosses His Hat In Ring

### State Representative Will Seek Re-election

Submitting his two-year record at Harrisburg as his best recommendation, Representative Don Wilkinson of Forty Fort yesterday announced his candidacy for re-election in the Sixth Legislative District, which includes Dallas and its vicinity.

Mr. Wilkinson is the first candidate in any of the local contests. It is understood he will aspire with the support of the county Republican organization. The primary election will be held on April 23. Mr. Wilkinson's petitions will be circulated beginning tomorrow.

Since his election two years ago to the Legislature at Harrisburg, Mr. Wilkinson has devoted much of his time to fulfilling the pledges he made to restore "home rule" to the municipalities of the State. His work in behalf of decentralization of authority and local tax reduction won for him an appointment to the Local Government Commission, a sub-group which studies municipal government and advises the Legislature.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Wilkinson asked that he be returned to Harrisburg so he can complete efforts which he already has well under weigh in behalf of the small town taxpayer.

## Sixty More Join Townsend Club

### Noxen And Wyoming To Have Their Own Units

A fifty per cent increase in membership within the last month has been reported by the Dallas Townsend Club, which will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night. The increase came after The Post printed the article disclosing the widespread interest in the Dallas section in Dr. Townsend's old age pension plan, an officer of the club said yesterday.

A new club will be organized at Wyoming on Sunday afternoon and another unit will be organized at Noxen shortly.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP BOND ISSUE IS APPROVED BY SECRETARY LIVENGOOD

(Special To The Post)

Harrisburg, Penna., February 1—A bond issue of \$20,000 voted by residents of Dallas Township last November to finance an addition to the high school received the formal approval of William S. Livengood, Jr., secretary of Internal Affairs, this week.

At the same time, Auditor General Warren D. Roberts approved payment of \$6,091.21 to school districts in several counties for education of children placed by the court. Included in the appropriation is a sum of \$101.24 to be given to the school district of Dallas Borough.

## POST SCRIPTS

There are a good many reasons why we like to sprawl in one of the big armchairs in Fred Kiefer's third-floor study. For one thing, there's usually good talk there, carried on behind a drifting screen of fragrant, blue tobacco smoke. Then there are the fascinating reminders of Fred's far-flung hunting trips. It's a pleasant retreat, for us less because of other admittedly interesting factors than because of a certain slim volume which is almost lost among the hundreds which line the long shelves of Fred's lofty refuge.

That volume has a magnetic quality which invariably draws us toward the spot where it stands. And every time we slip the thin, elegant book from its case and open it we are excited by its treasure. For bound into that slender volume is a page from a Bible printed 500 years ago by Johann Gutenberg of Mainz, Germany. We mention the matter because the world—or that part of it which is not occupied with more martial matters—will celebrate this year the fifth centenary of Gutenberg's invention of printing.

It is a simple trick of the imagination, while looking at the crisp, black figures on the rare page, to imagine another room, not so different in shape from Mr. Kiefer's study, but less cheerful. In the middle, sandwiched between two huge pillars which reach from floor to ceiling, is Gutenberg's press, a clumsy, awkward machine capable of 300 impressions a day. Along one wall are the tables where the ink is mixed on flat stones and smeared on daubers which are then pounded over the hand-carved wooden type. At the far end is a small fireplace, valiantly laboring to produce enough heat to dry the printed pages which flutter on the rope Johann has stretched from wall to wall overhead. One of those pages might very well be the one which, after 500 years and much travel, was to find a place of honor on a bookshelf in Dallas.

It is as inaccurate to say that Gutenberg invented printing in that room as it is to say that the Wright Brothers invented the airplane at Kittyhawk. The Chinese

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## 'SENIOR SKIP DAY' CRUMBLES UNDER WEIGHT OF DISCIPLINE

A deep-dyed plot at Dallas Borough High School for an outbreak of "hokey" on Monday afternoon was nipped in the bud by alert school officials.

Apparently a group of ring-leaders had proposed a "Senior Skip Day," which was to be observed by a wholesale skipping of afternoon classes. Supervising Principal T. A. Williams detected the unusual number of absences when he received his report from the teachers early in the afternoon. With the help of the truant officer, he began an immediate investigation, news of which brought some of the erring

## To Broadcast High Mass From Scranton Sunday

Catholics throughout the Roman Catholic diocese of Scranton, particularly those confined to their homes through illness or other handicaps, will be privileged to hear the singing of a solemn high mass on Sunday morning at 11. It will be broadcast direct from St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton over WGBI (880 k. c.). The full male choir of 70 voices under the direction of Harold G. Mundy, choir master and organist, will also be heard in a special religious musical program.

Rev. Robert A. McNulty, assistant-pastor of the Cathedral will preach the sermon, and the sermon and the mass will be interpreted and described by Rev. Francis H. Durkin, assistant pastor at the Cathedral, who will serve as commentator.

## Siren Tests End With Real Alarm

### But Most Folks Thought It Was Another Test

An actual alarm—turned in while volunteer firemen of Dr. Henry M. Laing Company were conducting siren tests last Saturday—took the community, and more than a few of the firemen, by complete surprise.

All afternoon the firemen, who are experimenting with an alarm system, had been testing. Townsend had been warned to ignore the siren blasts, so when the real alarm came most people dismissed it immediately as "more of that testing."

Taking no chances, about 15 firemen (more than were needed, as it turned out) responded. The fire was at the home of David Boyce, near Hays Corners, where sparks from a chimney had ignited shingles. No difficulty was experienced in extinguishing the slight fire.

On Wednesday morning the company answered a silent alarm and extinguished a fire which started when an oil stove exploded in a chicken house near the home of Frank Wagner on the Demunds' road, East Dallas.

## Carson's Speech Here On Wednesday Will Launch Crusade To Create Jobs

### Women's Organizations Cooperate With Rotary In Stimulating James' Mobilization Campaign

The opening gun in an ambitious effort to stimulate renovating and remodeling in this section, as a means of providing jobs for men or women now receiving government relief, will be fired next Wednesday night when William P. Carson of Harrisburg, representing Governor James' Job Mobilization Committee, speaks in Dallas Borough High School auditorium.

Mr. Carson's address and the showing of talking, technicolor moving pictures illustrating the purposes of the Job Mobilization Campaign, will be sponsored by Greater Dallas Rotary Club, with the co-operation of a number of women's organizations which have been banded together by Mrs. G. A. A. Kuehn, women's chairman for this section.

One of the films, the technicolor "Miracles of Modernization," will be introduced by a message from W. D. Fuller, chairman of the Governor's drive for jobs, and Mrs. Paul, chairman of the women's organizations in the state. The other film to be shown is "Homes of Today."

In extending a cordial invitation to everyone to attend, M. E. Kuchta, chairman of Rotary's committee, emphasized that winter is an especially good time for renovations on the farm.

"Spring plowing is the next big job on the farm," Mr. Kuchta said. "Until that time arrives, every farmer will find it pays to devote all possible time to the improvement and repair of farm buildings and equipment. This year the farmers will definitely co-operate in the state-wide movement known as the Job Mobilization Program."

Some farm projects suggested by Mr. Kuchta include repair or installation of lighting, plumbing, heating and lightning rod systems; doors, including storm doors and windows; termite control, fences, landscaping, walks, wells and cisterns, roofing, painting, barn pens, bins, pruning trees and shrubbery, transferring plants and trees and erection of various necessary farm buildings.

Coincident with its appeal for support from WPA workers and relief recipients in this section in the campaign for higher relief grants. The branch meets Wednesday nights at 7:30 in Shavertown grade school.

## Borough WPA Job OK'd At Capital

### Congressman Announces \$3,565 Grant To Dallas

(Special To The Post)

Washington, D. C., February 1—Congressman J. Harold Flannery announced this week the approval and allocation of funds for Jackson Street improvement project in Dallas Borough. The Federal government's contribution for the project, to be carried out by WPA labor, is \$3,565.

Congressman Flannery said the work will include placing of a base, surfacing, shaping and shouldering and performing incidental and appurtenant work. Dallas Borough Council project sponsor. The project is eligible for operation at discretion of the State WPA administrator.

## Play Rehearsals Begin Next Week

### McHose Calls Meeting Of Committee Tonight

The duties of committee members who will have charge of the play, "West of the Pecos," to be given by Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company early in March will be assigned by Chairman Calvin McHose at a meeting tonight (Friday) at 7:30 at the office of The Post.

The original committee of seven members has been enlarged to include a long list of members of the company who will be entrusted with the responsibility for the success of the production, which, it is hoped, will bring a considerable sum toward the company's building fund.

Mrs. Harold Rood, who will direct the production, began selecting her cast this week and expects to start rehearsals on Monday night. The dates for the production have been set tentatively for Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, and it is likely it will be presented in the borough high school auditorium.

Members of the enlarged committee are: General committee: Calvin McHose, chairman; Arthur Dungey, John Yaple, H. W. Peterson, Howell E. Rees, H. L. Ohlman, Fred Kiefer, Leslie Warhola, H. L. Smith, J. E. Bessecker.

Tickets: Arthur Dungey, chairman; Bert Jones, Henry Shupp, and the president of the Women's Auxiliary; Casting: Fred M. Kiefer, chairman; Mrs. Harold Rood, Howell E. Rees; program, J. F. Bessecker, chairman; advertising, Fred M. Kiefer, chairman; John Yaple, James Gansel; auditorium committee, H. L. Smith, chairman; T. A. Williams, William Baker, Sr.; production committee, Harry Ohlman, chairman; John Yaple, Clyde Veitch, Paul Shaver, Fred Welch, John Quail, John Durbin; music, Leslie Warhola, W. H. Peterson.

## People Want To Talk

Norman Garber of Mt. Joy, conservationist for the Department of Agriculture, was listed in the new telephone directory as "area conversationalist." Ever since he's been bothered by calls from people who want to sit and chat.

## TIME LIMIT SET ON OFFER OF FIVE-VOLUME HISTORY

Only a little more time remains to take advantage of the opportunity to acquire a five-volume set of U. S. and world history for 98c and three "Good Will Coupons" from The Post. The fourth coupon appears today on Page 6, and the order blank is in the advertisement on Page 3.

Paid-up subscribers who have their history sets already are unanimous in their delight, not only because of the low price, but because of the attractive binding and fascinating contents of the famous history. Unexpectedly, a number of

people have preferred the \$1.98 de luxe set, exhausting the supply. The Post had in readiness and necessitating orders by mail from the publisher.

Reservation blanks sent in early and which have not yet been taken up will be held for another week. After that time it will not be possible to reserve sets.

It is not necessary, however, to have sent in a reservation. Ninety-eight cents and any three "Good-Will Coupons," from any issues of The Post, are all that are required to obtain a history set.

## New Cable To Lehman To Improve Phone Service

A new cable line being constructed from Dallas to Lehman Center by Commonwealth Telephone Co. will improve service in the Lehman section considerably, according to M. E. Kuchta, manager of the company. The utility is making the improvement of its own volition. The line from Dallas to Huntsville has been completed already and the extension to Lehman Center will probably be finished by the end of February. The new line also provides for expansion of service in Lehman in the future.

## Temperance Lecturer To Speak At Lehman

Rev. Irving Bergerstock of York will deliver his novel chalk-talk lecture in behalf of temperance at the Sunday morning service at 11 at Lehman Methodist Church, where Rev. C. Duane Butler is pastor.

Dr. Bergerstock will speak at the Meeker Methodist Sunday School at 10 and at Maple Grove Methodist Church at 7:30. There will be no admission charge.

## Bus Company To Alter Station

### Will Attempt To Lease Red Flatiron Building

The red, frame flatiron building on Main Street, Dallas, formerly used by Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp. as its street car station will be repaired and improved, preparatory to leasing it for store purposes, according to information supplied yesterday by an official of the traction company.

The improvements will be made in response to a suggestion made by Councilman Joseph MacVeigh of Dallas, who called the company's attention to the unsightly appearance of the vacant building. It was originally suggested that the building be razed, but since it is well-constructed the traction company preferred to alter it to some useful purpose.

H. K. REINHARDT, ORANGE, IN HAGERSTOWN HOSPITAL AFTER AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Howard Reinhardt of Orange, district manager of the Cities' Service Oil Co., suffered a broken ankle and bruises in an automobile accident in Hagerstown, Md., last week and is a patient in a hospital there.

Mr. Reinhardt's companion, a salesman from the Hagerstown office, was driving when they collided with a New York car.

Mrs. Reinhardt made a quick trip to Hagerstown over the week-end. She is hoping her husband will have improved enough within a week to be brought home.