

Lest We Forget

It must ever be borne in mind during these days of big government that in the last analysis the unspectacular plugging of private citizens in private industry is what is going to win the war. The people who are accomplishing production miracles are not on the public payroll.

They are the men who get the coal and metals out of our mines and the timber and food out of the mountains and from the land. They are the men who get the oil out of the ground, refine it to produce the cannon ball power required in modern war. They are the men who keep the assembly lines rolling. They are the millions of American workmen and business men without whom not a wheel would turn. They are the soul and the spirit of free enterprise.

In peacetime their energies were devoted to producing a better civilization. Today their energies are devoted to producing for war. Why? Because free enterprise and political liberty have been threatened by military aggression. To save our political liberty we must save free enterprise. We must save the right of a man to hold a job or operate a business without paying tribute to anyone, either in votes or money.

Some bureaucrats would like to impress the idea upon the people that a combination of political genius and public authority are the mainspring of the war effort: that industry was a hopeless shambles of squabbling business men until the guiding light of regimentation came to their rescue. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The government and our military forces now need the products of industry, just as in peacetime the public needed them. Consumer demand for more and better products was not followed by any claim that consumers created those products. Similarly, merely because military necessity requires the government to demand more and better machines of war, it certainly does not follow that government is the producer. It is not. And if the proper function of either government or industry becomes confused in the public mind, it bodes ill for the future of America.

End "Feather Bed" Loafing

The majority of American citizens will say "Amen" to the following quotation from a New York Times editorial.

"The quickest way to increase manpower is to increase the national working week to an average of not less than 48 hours. What even counts more than man-hours as such is the total productivity of labor within those hours. We must end the feather-bed practices built up by the unions, the make-work, the unnecessary jobs. We must increase the efficiency of labor, management and organization. These are some of the things we must do before resorting to compulsory labor service, with the tremendous problems this presents."

Specifically, examples of "feather-bed" practices referred to by the Times, are rules and practices that limit production, such as extremely short hauls between division points on railroads which, under present contracts, constitute a full day's work for the train crew, the limitation of soft coal miners to 35 hours per week, and the restrictions on most effective utilization of labor in the construction field in building trades contracts, which require the services of three or four men to do a job one could do more quickly alone.

There is no use in longer trying to dodge the fact that the length of the work week and rules and regulations that restrict maximum individual output, are today the heart of the manpower problem.

When most individuals in the land, and when every soldier in uniform has given up his normal living standards for the duration to help win the war, it is indecent, to say the least, for any group in this nation to use its power to try to maintain pre-war privileges and "feather-bed non-production" at the expense of our armed forces and the taxpaying public.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

Along about this time of the year it is difficult to realize that the real depth of winter is still before us. The calendar shows a grudging but everlengthening daylight, though reckoned by wartime, seven A. M. is still the middle of the night.

With long-distance weather forecasting out of the picture for the duration, on account of the aid and comfort it might give those little yellow men in the South Pacific to know that Wyoming Valley is due for a cold snap, the classic goose-bone will once more come into its own as a reliable method of forecasting changes in temperature and humidity. By next fall, people will be checking up on squirrels to see how many nuts they are frugally salting away for the winter, and examining the length of fur on the common or garden rabbit.

There is a man out in Oregon who forecasts coming events by means of chicken innards, but that seems like carrying a good thing too far.

Judging from the way this winter has started, whether we may expect violets or icebergs in February is anybody's guess.

A sub-zero spell before the actual calendar date set for the beginning of winter, inevitably complicated by an acute shortage of coal and fuel oil, a thaw, a freezing drizzle, a steady downpour, and finally a flood, seems to portend something extra special in the way of weather for the remainder of the winter.

When the Susquehanna goes on a rampage, and valley dwellers are singing prayerfully, "River, stay away from my door," residents of the Back Mountain area doubtless settle back with a feeling of smug complacency, secure in their knowledge that no amount of high water can disturb their tranquility.

Hill-dwellers do their evening chores and leave the barn to the cattle, confident that both barn and cattle will be found in the same

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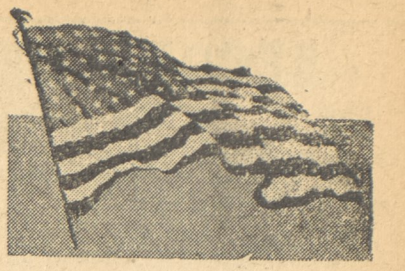
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Cannery Officials And Growers Will Discuss 1943 Tomato Acreage

Hutchison Arranges Mass Meeting At Dallas Township High School

In a renewed effort to interest local farmers in growing canning tomatoes for the armed forces as well as to provide a supplemental cash crop in this area, representative of the Chef Boy-ar-dee Packing Company of Milton and James Hutchison, county agent, will discuss 1943 contracts with local growers Friday evening, January 15, at 7:30 in Dallas Township High School.

Gas Shortage Hounds School League Teams

New Rationing Order May Seriously Affect Crowds And Players

WHERE THEY PLAY TONIGHT

Laketon at Lehman
Dallas Twp. at Harter
Kingston Twp. at Dallas

Uncertain whether they will be able to finish any of their schedules because of the effects of gasoline rationing on their own transportation and that of their followers, teams of the Back Mountain Basket Ball League will open their season tonight with games at Lehman, Dallas Borough and Harter High Schools.

Deprived first of transportation by school bus under an order from the State Department of Education, followers of the teams in each school volunteered to provide transportation in privately owned vehicles, but this week's order of the OPA barring gasoline for all motorists parked at athletic events dampened the ardor of even the most stout-hearted fan.

In order to forestall any excuses connected with transportation, officials of the league have ruled that any team failing to put in an appearance at a scheduled contest will forfeit the game.

Team supporters at Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Dallas Borough say that they can walk to contests among those schools if necessary but they may have difficulty meeting schedules at Lehman and Harter.

Dallas Borough

Dallas Borough with three championship teams to its credit in the past three years will enter its contest with Kingston Township tonight with only two veteran's—Bob Moore

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Denmark Native Dies Thursday

Titanic Survivor Was World War I Veteran

Barne G. Tribler, seaman and adventurer, died Thursday, December 31, at the age of forty-nine at his home overlooking Huntsville Reservoir. Mr. Tribler, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, had visited practically every point of interest on the globe.

At the age of fifteen he went to sea as a deck boy on a cargo vessel. He had served as a cook in a Canadian lumber camp and for a group of big game hunters in Africa. He was cabin boy on the Titanic when it sank, but was rescued. He saved a Scotch girl's life himself that day. He was with the American fighting forces in World War I.

Following the Armistice he married Celesta Moore of Kingston and made his home there, where he was a trucker and, later, owned and operated a restaurant. Six years ago he retired and moved to his present home. Early this summer, he returned to work at the A. C. & F. Plant, where he was employed until his death.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Jack of the Army Air Corps, and a daughter, Margaret, who is employed in the Kingston National Bank.

Reverend R. W. Lyon was in charge of the services held Sunday afternoon at 2 from the home. Harry Edwards, James Nelson, James Harrison, Bruce Myers, George Lamoreaux and Leon Bodie were pall bearers. Flower carriers were Walter Chamberlain, Harry Randall, Howard Ridway, Murray Fiske, and George Lyod. Interment was in the Mt. Greenwood Cemetery with military services by the Luzerne Post of the American Legion.

Curly-headed Van Dyke Tiers, a favorite since the Quiz Kids show first went on the air, was back with his old pals last Sunday.

At 15, Van is one of the youngest students ever to enter the Universi-

Dallas Representative



HAROLD E. FLACK

... among the many new members sworn into office this week when the General Assembly convened in Harrisburg was Harold E. Flack of Saginaw Avenue, Dallas, who is representative in the Legislature from the Sixth District.

Ten Selectees Are Called Up

Group Will Leave On January 14th

Among 62 men called for their pre-induction physical examinations by Draft Board No. 1 of Wyoming are ten from the Back Mountain area. If they pass their physical examinations they will leave for the Army induction center on January 14.

They are: Harry Henry Metzgar, Pioneer avenue, Shavertown, — a transfer from Bridgeport, Conn. draft board; Frank Koehler, Dallas R. D. Edgar Charles Hoffman, Clearview Terrace, Trucksville; Albert George Allen, R. D. 1, Dallas; Delbert Ell, Shaver Avenue, Shavertown; Nick Fitzko, R. D. 4, Dallas; Charles Sheldon Fitzgerald, R. D. 3, Dallas; Lloyd R. Garinger, R. D. 2, Alderson; Raymond L. Pritchard, E. Center street, Shavertown and David Charles Evans, Center street, Shavertown, now of Kingston.

Stork Greet Dr. Brown Again On New Year's Day

Following a custom of many years standing, the Stork greeted Dr. H. A. Brown of Lehman again this year on New Year's Day. The old fellow— hale and hearty, kept his appointment with the doctor at Nesbitt Hospital where he stopped off for a moment while delivering a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shouldice of Jackson.

DALLAS GIRL STUMPS QUIZ KIDS WITH SEVERAL WHISTLED TUNES

Stella Cummings, 33 Lake Street, Dallas, has been awarded a portable radio by the sponsors of the QUIZ KIDS program, for a question used on the program, Sunday, December 27th.

Her question, read by Joe Kelly, was: "Stella Cummings of Dallas, Penna., says that song writers are always wondering about something or other. 'I'll whistle some of this wonderment to you, and you tell me in each case what it is the song writer was wondering about."

The first song was "I Wonder What's Become Of Sally" by Ager, but none of the Kids was able to name it. Then Joe Kelly whistled "Star Dust," which Margaret Merich, 14, was able to identify, but she was unable to tell exactly what the author was dreaming about. The lyrics of the song infer that the composer was wondering about a past romance. The third part of the question was "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," which Harve Fischman, 12, not only identified correctly, but sang the words in a somewhat abashed voice.

QUIZ KIDS goes on the air every Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. (CWT) over the Blue Network.

College Boy Is Back

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ty of Chicago. He is making the same remarkable grades that he did in the Chicago public schools and it is expected he will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree when he is only 17. He is majoring in chemistry.

Van, the first college Quiz Kid, sat next to a second-grader, Joel Kupperman, age 6. He and Joel have something in common besides exceptional gray matter. They both have trouble with their voices; Van's voice is changing and it often cracks in the middle of a sentence— Joel has a babyish lisp.

Gerard Darrow, 10 the nature whiz, mentioned on the air that he wanted an alligator. The Darrow apartment in Chicago is crawling with them. Listeners already have sent him 7.

Gerard got love birds for Christmas and calls them: "Bill" and "Co."

New Year Resolutions

Joe Kelly asked the kids their resolutions to remedy their sins of the past year. This is what he got:

Harve Fischman, 12: "I'm going to run errands for older women whose sons have gone to war. Also, I'm not going to throw any more spit balls."

Stephen Adler, 12: "I'm going to quit smearing red crayon on the guys at school to make people think it's lipstick."

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Serious Feed Shortage May Cut Farmers' War Production Record

Dealers Are Unable To Obtain Fixed Formulas Needed For High Production

Feed dealers throughout the Back Mountain Region, and for that matter throughout Luzerne County and northeastern Pennsylvania, are faced with the most severe shortage of dairy, poultry and other general purpose feeds in their history. Not within the memory of the oldest dealer has there been a time when their stocks were so low or so many items in their lines exhausted.

County Growers Can Boost Their Net Cash Income

A & P Expert Says Group Marketing Is The Solution

Luzerne County's 2,386 farm operators can increase their cash income as much as \$142,000 a year on fruits, nuts and vegetables alone by working with retailers in developing group marketing programs, it was estimated today by a leading distributor of Pennsylvania crops.

"With approximately 90 farmers in this county and more than 17,000 farmers throughout Pennsylvania using farm marketing cooperatives to streamline wartime distribution, the general trend toward group action in marketing is one of the most important agricultural developments in the state," according to Earl R. French, marketing director of A & P's produce-buying affiliate, the Atlantic Commission Company.

"Our experience shows growers can boost their income 10 to 15 percent by working together to provide adequate volume and standard grade and pack, and by working with distributors to cut out unnecessary handling operations and cost. This 10 to 15 percent would bring approximately \$95,000 to \$142,000 extra annually on fruits, nuts and vegetables alone to Luzerne county growers, who in one recent year received \$951,634 from their sales of these products. Growers could similarly increase their cash income from other crops by group action," French explained.

As an indication of the effectiveness of cooperation between growers and distributors, French said economies worked out through group marketing programs were one important factor helping Pennsylvania growers to realize \$1,983,459 last year for fresh fruits and vegetables sold through the Atlantic Commission Company.

With wartime food supply conditions emphasizing the need for shortening commercial distances between growers and consumers, group marketing programs can not only aid the "Food-for-Freedom" program but also provide a vitally important key to post-war farm prosperity, French declared.

He pointed out that the groundwork for building these programs is already well prepared in Pennsylvania, which "group-markets" milk, cream, butter and other dairy products, livestock, wool, poultry, eggs, mushrooms, grapes, apples, peaches, tomatoes, sweet corn and lima beans.

Kiefer Issues Tire Warnings

Motorists' Delay Will Jam Inspection Stations

Tire inspection stations will run into a serious jam unless motorists cooperate by acting immediately to have their tires inspected, Fred M. Kiefer, Chairman of the Dallas War Price and Rationing Board, asserted yesterday. He warned that after January 31st it will be illegal for motorists to operate automobiles not approved for continuous operation.

In the four weeks since the tire inspection plan went into effect on December 1st, only a small percentage of passenger automobiles have been inspected, Mr. Kiefer said. Four weeks remain and there is likely to be congestion at tire inspection stations in the last few days before the January 31st deadline unless motorists begin now to cooperate. Tire inspection stations have official OPA placards and they inspect tires under a schedule of ceiling prices based on 25 cents a car for simple inspection which does not require removal of the tires.

Business before the Board was devoted mainly to routine matters. President Fred M. Kiefer appointed three standing committees: Finance, Albert Jones and Fred M. Kiefer; Property, S. N. Goss, Fred Hughey and Ralph Elston; Teachers, S. N. Goss and Albert Jones.

Many branded feeds and private formulas have disappeared from warehouses entirely and straight run feeds such as scratch grains, wheat and corn are almost as difficult to obtain.

Cause of the shortage is attributed to transportation difficulties both into and out of the big mixing plants in Buffalo and other grain terminals. While there is no actual shortage in such grains as corn, oats and wheat, these feeds have usually been shipped to local dealers in mixed cars along with concentrated and private formula feeds instead of in full car lots.

Shortage in Formula Feeds Shortage of private formula feeds has delayed the making up of mixed cars and this in turn has delayed delivery of straight grains to local dealers. There is, however, an acute shortage of such concentrates as soybean oil meal, linseed oil meal, cotton seed oil meal and gluten — concentrates which are a part of all scientifically balanced feeds evolved during the past 30 years for high production. All of these concentrates are used in greater or less proportions in private formula feeds, according to Stanley L. Moore, proprietor of Trucksville Mill, who is one of the local dealers who has had a difficult time supplying his customers. Mr. Moore says there is likewise a shortage of meat scraps, powdered milk and bone meal which have been diverted to other outlets because of the war.

Results of these shortages will not be felt in the national economy, he believes, for a matter of two or three months, but he and all other feed dealers agree that they will be seriously felt then. He explains that the Government has asked the farmer to produce more food, but that the absence of formula feeds containing concentrates will seriously reduce production of meat, eggs, and butter.

Dealer Gives Comparisons Using straight run grains under the old time feeding programs, Mr. Moore says, farmers could not achieve the high production they have come to expect during recent years on scientific feeding programs. He cited poultry meat as an example. "The broiler grower would find it impossible to grow fowl in confinement during winter months on grains—it just can't be done. Hens cannot be brought into egg

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Board Appoints Two Teachers

Physical Education Job Is Still Open

Ruth Rhys, Warrior Run, who has been substituting in the Commercial Department at Dallas Township High School was elected Monday night at a meeting of Dallas Township School Board to continue in that capacity during the military leave of absence granted Miss Kozemchak who is now in training with the WAACs at Fort Des Moines. Miss Mary E. Whitby of Edwardsville, a graduate of Bloomsburg State Teachers' College, class of '42, was elected to teach the primary grade replacing Mary Jackson, recently resigned.

The Board deferred action on appointing a physical education instructor.

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Noxen Postoffice Exam.

The Civil Service Commission has announced that it will receive applications until close of business on January 15, 1943, for the following postmasterships in Pennsylvania: Glenfield, Great Bend, Harmarville, Leesport, Marion, Center, Matamoras, Noxen, Tionesta.