

Editorially Speaking:

High Price Tags

The argument over the causes and cures of commodity price inflation has degenerated into a buck-passing contest. Labor blames capital and capital blames labor. Various segments of business blame other segments of business. Government officials attack industry, and industry counter-attacks in turn. And a good many consumers seem to feel everyone save themselves is at fault.

The truth is that the guilt must be shared by all elements in the American economy. And the cure, if there is to be one, can be achieved only by unified attack on the fundamental forces that push prices up—and the value of the dollar down.

First of all, prodigal government is a very strong inflationary influence. The terrible burden of debt the country now has makes this danger infinitely greater than it ever was before. We must put our fiscal house in order.

The productivity of labor is all important. A basic reason for high prices is that output per man in producing industry has gone down—while wages have gone up. This philosophy of more money for less work is one of the best friends inflation has.

The attempt of some businesses to earn excessive profits comes into the same category. It is an inexcusable form of consumer exploitation. Fortunately, it is gradually being corrected as competition becomes more intense.

The type of prodigal buyer who will pay anything for what he wants made the black market in the past—and is a dangerous influence still. However, the easy money seems to be running out, which is a blessing to the country.

These factors contribute to the high price tags you see on goods in stores. They indicate why efforts of retailers to reduce prices cannot produce much in the way of results under present conditions. Reform must begin at the source—and until that happens the price problem will loom large in American life, so don't blame the retailer!

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

It is perfectly appalling what a two-weeks vacation can do to a garden. Willy-nilly, and from sheer force of circumstances, we have become converts to the school of thought that advocates weed-gardening as the answer to pest control, conservation of moisture in the soil, and camouflage designed to confuse and discourage a marauding rabbit or robin.

Two weeks ago there was a flourishing row of okra, and even a few struggling specimens of sweet pepper. During those two weeks of lack of supervision, the ragweed has taken over the okra and the sweet peppers have given up the struggle, spurlous versenkt.

The sweet basil is a total loss. Maybe it has sprouted, hidden beneath a blanket of ragweed, but if so, the leaves are impossible to identify. We didn't expect much from the asters, so have equally chalked them off to profit and loss.

Two rows of radishes, slender and tasty two weeks ago, have developed into crimson golf balls with cores of solid wood and a strength that brings scalding tears to the eyes and removes the tongue and tonsils at the first bite. And right here I would like to know who invented that good old fallacy that radishes have to be thinned in order to produce large specimens? Take it from one who knows, they don't. Radishes can pack themselves into a row as solidly as ball-bearings in a gear, with not a crumb of dirt left between them, and they still keep right on growing.

Buried in the ragweed are three struggling hills of cucumbers which may yet make the grade if given a little sun and air. They look anaemic in comparison with the flourishing cucumber vines down in the Carolinas which are just coming into production. The graduate students down there at the State College are experimenting with hybrid seeds and finding that the hybrids live up to all expectations. One hundred per cent germination to compensate for the higher price of the seeds, and the mature fruit has seeds so gelatinous as to be practically non-existent. One of the students is already scratching his head over his hundred vines. He feels that with the slightest encouragement those vines will leap the road and engulf the neighboring airfield.

The tomatoes are still with us, apparently in good condition and sans aphids. No sign of last year's blight. The string beans, of course, are quite intact. In our bitter lexicon of gardening, there is no such word as an ex-stringbean. Stringbeans give off a poison gas which causes bean beetles to shrivel and die, and lesser pests to hastily transfer their attentions to the lima bean vines in the next row. The stringbean crop will be as large as usual, in spite of neglect and smothering ragweed. We will have string beans for breakfast, for lunch, and for dinner, and we will press string beans upon our city friends who do not know any better, poor misguided souls that they are.

The only reason we planted them is that we had a quarter pound of seeds left over from last year, and inherited New England thrift got behind us and pushed. Toward the end of last season we discovered, quite by accident, what to do with the output. We allowed them to ripen fully, then skinned them out of their yellow shells and made them into black-bean soup. Not bad, but who wants black-bean soup three times per day?

Can Pineapple

Fifty cases of pineapple were canned Monday at Lehman Canning Center. The pineapple was purchased wholesale at \$5.50 for a case of thirty-six. The Canning Center will be open only by special arrangement with the school until the heavy canning season starts.

Lehman Show Nets \$1,200 For Firemen

Lists Will Be Opened Next Year To Include Nearby County Horses

In an unsurpassed setting and with beautiful weather prevailing, third annual Back Mountain Horse Show, under the auspices of Lehman Volunteer Firemen, was held at Lehman on July Fourth before an estimated crowd of 2,400 persons.

The show got off to a good start at 10 A.M. with 67 horses entered in thirteen different classes. Lehman High School Band and Twirlers opened the program after a short welcoming address by H. L. Hendricks, general chairman, over the loud speaking system.

Ideal weather prevailed throughout the day until late afternoon when an overcast sky and winds threatened but no rain fell.

At noon Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Company served a delicious baked ham dinner in the high school auditorium to about 500 persons. They had planned to serve 1,000 dinners but the long July Fourth weekend is believed to have attracted many family groups to other localities. The dinner was everything that was advertised—quick, efficient service, beautiful table decorations and excellent food. Mrs. Lansford Sutton was in charge, assisted by a corps of thirty women.

The Firemen's committee had everything on the grounds for the comfort of visitors. A long line of bleachers stretched along the western side of the field was open to everybody for the general admission charge, and box seats at \$1 each were arranged on the eastern side shaded by a row of apple trees. Arthur Ebert was chairman of the grounds committee, and Alex Tough was chairman of the stabling committee. Exhibitors had nothing but praise for the manner in which Alex had prepared for the comfort and care of the horses.

Parking and policing was handled by a nattily-dressed force of Police under the direction of Chief Joseph Ide and L. E. Beisel so that motorists could enter and leave the grounds with ease.

The refreshment stand was in charge of Loren Keltner, Leonard Ide and Ray Scarfoss.

Throughout the show there was plenty of action with a variety of excellent horses in three jumping events. The Western classes and Musical Chair Ride also afforded plenty of thrills.

At the end of the show, J. Raymond Chamberlain, judge, who was accompanied from Norristown by his wife and daughter, said that he had never been accorded such hospitality and courtesy as he had received at Lehman. Exhibitors were equally enthusiastic and pleased with the fine trophies and sportsmanship.

At a final meeting on Monday night, members of the general committee announced that the show will be held again next year, possibly at an earlier date, with entry lists opened to horses

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BOX SCORE

Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day

	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	2	10
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	15	2
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	
TOTAL	26	14

Five Of The Winners At Back Mountain Horse Show On July 4th



Woodwitch, owned and ridden by Mrs. Richard Johns of Dallas, won the silver plate presented by Irem Temple Mounted Patrol in the Road Hack class.

Mack Allen, owned by M. H. Corigan, Luzerne, and ridden by David Davis of Dallas, was first in the Walking Horse class. Here Mr. Davis receives the silver cup from Morton Connelly.

This pair won the Horsemanship class. Joan Anderson, riding Dimples,

owned by her father, Howard S. Anderson, receives congratulations and the trophy from Thomas Heffernan of Lehman. That's young Tom adjusting the ribbons, while Eileen O'Boyle gives Trigger a friendly pat. Drill, eighteen-year-old grandson of

Man-O-War, says "that's old stuff, but nice" as Eileen O'Boyle presents the silver bowl donated by Percy Brown to Edward Hartman, Shavertown, for winning in the Knock Down and Out class.

Weinberg Admits Health Menace

Promises To Repair Cesspool Immediately

Given a hearing yesterday afternoon before Alderman Miles Barber of Wilkes-Barre, A. L. Weinberg, agent for the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Union, pleaded guilty to charges of maintaining an overflowing cesspool on Huntsville Road next door to Dallas Borough Schools.

Charges were brought by Dr. F. Budd Schooley, president of Dallas Borough Board of Health, and Borough Solicitor, Attorney Burt B. Lewis.

Weinberg was represented by Attorney Peter Jurcak, counsel for the Slovak Union. Also brought before Alderman Brown on the same charge was Veronica Ginovsky, secretary of the Slovak Union.

Weinberg promised to have the cesspool repaired within five days. Costs of the hearing were placed on the County.

Other than Dr. Schooley and Attorney Lewis, no representatives of Dallas Borough Council or Dallas School Board were present, although Dr. Schooley said several of their number had promised to be present.

Railroad Sold For Junk

The miniature one-man railroad which the late Fred Kirkendall Jr. operated over a mile of track at his home on Machell Avenue, has been sold to Louis Cohen & Son, scrap iron dealers. Twelve men using two tractors and a crane truck removed the two locomotives and cars this week.

Elected Secretary

Clyde E. Brace has been elected secretary of Kingston Township School Board at a salary of \$600 a year to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frederick J. Eck. Others who sought the position were Paul Winter, William Davis and Harry Trebilcox.

Goeringer Adds To Dairy Herd

Buys Six Guernseys At Gardenville Sale

Raymond Goeringer, Dallas, was high bidder on five Guernsey cows and one Guernsey heifer at the Gardenville, Pa., Guernsey sale, largest Guernsey dispersal ever held.

Highest price which Goeringer paid was for Lockshore Goldie by Langwater Alexander that has thirty Advanced Register daughters with one record of over 700 pounds, eight over 600 pounds and 20 over 500 pounds of butterfat. Goldie's dam is Lake Hills Princess Goldie that has a junior two-year old record of 13689 pounds of milk and 682 pounds of butterfat and a senior three-year old record of 15795 pounds of milk and 802 pounds of butterfat. Goldie has been bred to Gardenville Coronation King that sold to A. M. Youngs, Titusville, N.J., for \$45,000.00, highest price ever paid for a Guernsey bull at public auction.

Other purchases, Rockingham Ultra Lil, Gardenville Melody Cynthia, have also been bred to Gardenville Coronation King. In addition to the Guernseys named above, Mr. Goeringer has purchased Gardenville Princess Judith, Gardenville Princess Eloise, and Gardenville Alert Prudence.

Top cow was Pine Manor Courtesy that went to the Sterling Farms, Inc., Stamford, Conn., for \$20,000.00.

More than 1500 attended the two-day sale where 271 head owned by Capt. J. N. Matthews sold for a total of \$445,825.00 to average \$1,639.00. The sale was managed by Louis McL. Merryman and Sons of Sparks, Md., and the Pate Sales Co., Trenton, N.J.

Picnic Plans Changed

Plans have been changed for the annual picnic of the Confidence Class of the Idetown Methodist Church. It will now be held on July 17th at the Harvey's Lake Picnic Ground, instead of at the home of Mrs. Susan Dodd, as previously announced.

Home Economist



MRS HANNAH M. ORR

Lehman Teacher Becomes Utility Home Economist

Luzerne County Gas And Electric Corp. Appoints Hannah Orr

Appointment of Mrs. Hannah M. Orr to become Home Economist with Luzerne County Gas and Electric Corporation has been announced by Charles E. Warsaw, President. Her headquarters will be in The Little White House, located at 241 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

Mrs. Orr comes well prepared for her new duties. She received her high school education at Troy, Pa., and her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from Mansfield State Teachers' College. She also took summer courses both at Mansfield and Pennsylvania State College.

Surface Water Floods Garage

Water Seeps Into Gas Storage Tanks

A situation which has bothered lower Main street businessmen for several months came to a head during the severe storm Monday afternoon. Surface water, unable to enter the blocked sewer in front of Hazletine's garage, formed a deep pool covering the street and sidewalk and flooded the garage floor where the interior drain system handled it.

Mr. Hazletine said the sewer has caused him trouble for more than two months. Water has backed up several times, covered the fill vents to his gasoline storage tanks and seeped into the tanks, from which it later had to be pumped.

Repeated requests to have the sewer cleaned, addressed to Councilmen Joseph MacVeigh and Timothy LaBar, met the suggestion that the subject be brought to the attention of Street Commissioner Joseph Hand. When approached on the matter several months ago Mr. Hand replied that his crews were busy oiling Borough streets.

In addition to the property damage caused to businessmen in the area, pools after recent storms have inconvenienced many pedestrians.

Electric Iron Causes Early Morning Alarm

An electric iron, accidentally left on in a downstairs room when the family retired Sunday night, burned through an ironing board and caused considerable smoke at the home of Mrs. C. A. Frantz about 2 o'clock Monday morning.

Excited calls of "Fire!" aroused Herbert Lundy, who turned in the alarm from the box at the intersection of Mill and Main Street causing a long alarm that brought most of Dallas to Main street.

Firemen quickly extinguished the smouldering fire with chemicals before any material damage was done.

Legionaires In Second Position

Play Wapwallopen Here This Sunday

Sunday, before a large crowd at Beaumont diamond, Dallas Legionaires split a double header with Mountain Top, first game going to the visitors 8 to 5 and the second going to Dallas 16 to 5.

In the first game Dallas out-hit Mountain Top 9 to 7, but was not able to hit in the pinches. Larry Newhart pitched a fine game and pounded out 3 of the 9 hits, while Bill Thompson did a good job behind the plate.

Chet Rusiloski pitched the second game and was never in trouble, striking out 8 batters and allowing only 7 hits.

Results of the game do not change the League standing so far as Dallas and Mountain Top are concerned. Mountain Top is still in first place with 8 wins and 2 losses while Dallas is in second place with 9 wins and 2 losses.

This Sunday Dallas will play a double header with Wapwallopen on the home field in Dallas Township.

W.C.T.U. To Meet With Mrs. Clarence LaBar

Dallas District W.C.T.U. which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. Z. E. Garinger will be held at the home of Mrs. Clarence LaBar on Norton Avenue on Tuesday, July 15. There will be a covered dish luncheon at noon. Members are asked to bring their own dishes and silver. If weather permits the meeting will be held out-of-doors. The business session will start at 2.

To Install Officers

Mountain Vale Council, 224, will meet Friday evening, July 11th, at 8 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall. Installation of officers will be held. Both new and retiring officers are requested to wear white for the ceremony.

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