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Wishes Every One

A

Happy New Year

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

A resolution to end resolutions for the New Year, to make no magnificent gestures, to scratch from the list those items which clearly can not be lived up to for more than a week.

A feeling of gratitude to the truck driver who negotiated that slippery driveway and delivered four tons of anthracite to the yawning bin. The bottom had been showing

through in spots. True, the rear wheels of the truck ground themselves practically down to bedrock in their effort to get under way again, but that is a matter which a few shovelful of dirt will mend, come spring.

Orchids to the man of the family who actually enjoys spending his weekends in sawing logs for the fireplace and stacking them neatly in the basement.

A lingering, gloating survey of the pantry shelves where enough staples are assembled to out-sit any blizzard. The menu might run heavily to baked beans, oatmeal, and canned soup, but it won't run out.

A sneaking delight that this will be an entirely adult New Year's celebration, with no shrieking adolescents bursting into the quaking house at three A.M. demanding fresh doughnuts and a large picnic pot of coffee, rolling back the rugs for a jitterbug session, then abandoning the whole project and streaming forth again into the dawn of the New Year, leaving the front door wide open behind them as they go. Ah, youth. Ah nuts.

A baffled feeling of wonderment at that Christmas turkey, which surely must be a blood relative of the widow's cruse. Whether to reduce the horny remnant to soup or to hash is the current thought-twister.

A reconnaissance to the north bedroom upstairs where bushels and bushels of walnuts are drying, and the comforting reflection that without their shucks they will take up far less room. Reduced still farther in bulk by cracking and picking, they will approach the vanishing point, with very little to show for the man-hours of labor involved. Cracking walnuts is an explosive operation, with shells flying under the furniture and into the adjoining rooms, but it has a great deal to recommend it. It is a purely mechanical process, requiring no gray matter whatsoever, leaving the mind free to follow other pathways.

A conviction that if living in the hills of the Back Mountain region in the winter time can be classified as vegetating, let there be more vegetating. Life progresses at a more leisurely pace than in the city. That mile and a half of country road between the Pump House and the metropolis of Dallas furnishes a water-tight alibi for not doing anything I don't want to do, while proving absolutely no barrier to the accomplishment of those things which seem important or pleasing.

So here's to New Year's in the country, and long may it wave.

Hold Christmas Party

North Mountain Community Association held a Christmas party at the Mooretown Church Hall last Friday evening. The hall was gaily decorated with Christmas greens and tree and Santa was on hand to distribute gifts to the tiny folks and young people. Christmas goodies were served and carols sung.

Mrs. Connet Verbyla was chairman of the affair assisted by Marie Altivillo, Fay Petroski and Irene Petroski.

Hunting License Fees May Go Up

Lawmakers Will Consider Proposal

Pennsylvania's hunters stand a very good chance of having their hunting license fee upped a notch or two.

The lawmakers, when they gather for their biennial session in January will be asked to increase the fees of both the resident and non-resident licenses.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs has already endorsed the idea.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has also tacitly placed its indirect stamp of approval on the plan.

And this week into the mails went questionnaires and literature to more than 900 organized sportsmen's clubs in Pennsylvania—asking them what they thought of the idea of increasing license fees.

The present fee for a resident hunter's license is \$2—the same as in 1927.

The Game Commission in its letters to the 900 clubs in Pennsylvania pointed out that the current state game conservation program, if continued, would cost in the neighborhood of \$3,200,000 a year.

The Commission points out further that unless the license fee is jacked up, next year's work will be curtailed to about \$750,000. The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs has recommended increasing the fee to \$3.65 for resident and \$25 for non-resident licenses.

Johns' Pointer Wins in Jersey

Sepp Von Grabenbruch, the German Shorthaired Pointer owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Johns of Hill View Farm, Dallas, won a smashing victory a week ago at the most important Gun Dog Stake in the East, the Jockey Hollow Club Trial held near Troy Hills, N. J. The stake was won in the third heaviest snow storm in the history of the metropolitan area. Despite this handicap, the Dallas Pointer pushed through to make points and six flawless retrieves on ring-neck pheasants shot by Robert G. Johns, who handled and shot over the dog in this event.

The competition in this trial was keen as the entry was made up of English Setters, English Pointers, Gordon Setters, Brittany Spaniels and other German Pointers—all top-flight representatives of their respective breeds. Sepp was the first German Shorthaired Pointer ever to spiral to first place in a Jockey Hollow Club Field Trial.

Three weeks ago three sons of Sepp won and placed at the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club Field Trial held at Chester, N. J. These dogs were Fritz Von Grabenbruch owned by H. R. Weaver of Franklin street, Dallas; Brick V. Grabenbruch owned by Robert Johns of Hill View Farm, Dallas and Biff V. Grabenbruch, owned by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Jeter Jr. of Kingston, son of our Dallas Bank's president.

Township Boys Win FFA Awards

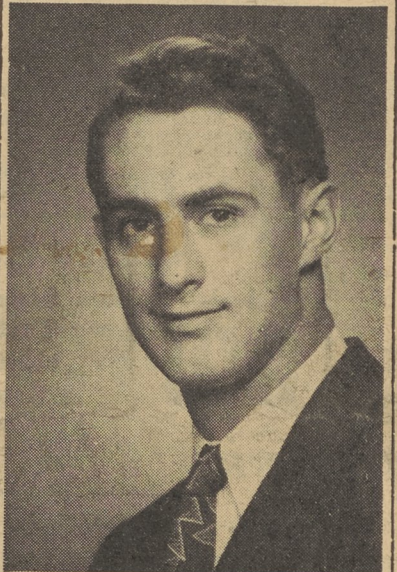
Projects Are Among The Best In State

In a recent project contest held at State College, three boys from the Vocational Agriculture Department of Dallas Township High School won medals for outstanding work.

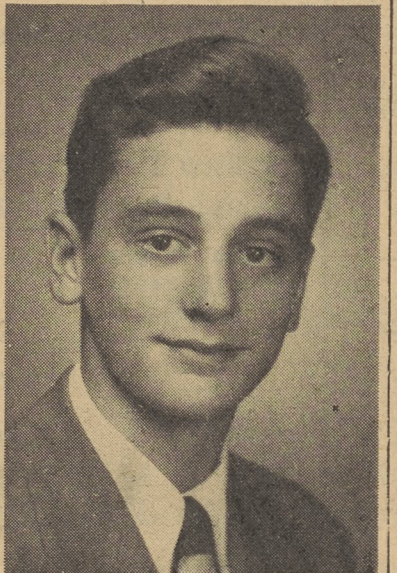
They were Thomas Stash, Overbrook Avenue; Willard Race, Centermoreland and Harold Swank, East Dallas. Swank also won a Keystone Degree.

Thomas Stash, who is interested in swine, took hogs as his project for two years. He bought an especially bred Berkshire from Hillside Farms to raise as a sow. By good care and special breeding he was able to raise a litter of nice heavy hogs which won a place among the first five such projects in the entire state. For this he received a gold medal.

For the past two years Willard Race took cucumbers as his project. Always interested in raising truck crops, he did a fine job. "Whatever he does", says his instructor, Sheldon Mosier, "he believes in doing right. His ground was in excellent shape for planting and he put a forkful of manure under every hill and followed up with good fertilizer and dusting



Harold Swank



Thomas Stash

program. The results showed a fine yield and a high net income placing him in the first ten winners in the state." He received a silver medal. Willard has been active in FFA work and was secretary last year. He was in the judging contest last year at State College. He was also on the Township football squad.

Another who won in the project contest was Harold Swank. Along with three other projects he had three acres of tomatoes from which he received a high yield and a good income. He received a bronze medal for having a project within the first fifteen winners.

In addition he won the Keystone Degree in the FFA. This degree is given at the State Farm Show only to outstanding boys, and is based on project work and scholastic and leadership abilities. He was vice president of FFA, active in church work, played in the school band and was secretary of the Senior Class.

Two other Dallas Township boys have won state wide recognition. They are Harry Bellas and Kenneth Martin. Both will play in the FFA band at the State Farm Show in January.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Watch Night Services will be held at the Free Methodist Church, New Year's Eve from 9 until 12

General Business Off 5 Percent During 1949 Says Roger Babson

Does Not Believe There Will Be War. Military Activity Will Be Up 50 Percent

1949 IN A NUTSHELL			
GENERAL BUSINESS:	Off 5%	AUTOMOBILES:	Up 10%
NATIONAL INCOME:	Off 5%	BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION:	Off 20%
FARM INCOME:	Off 15%	LUMBER:	Off 5%
BITUMINOUS COAL:	Off 5%	FOREIGN TRADE:	Up 5%
ANTHRACITE:	Off 10%	AIRLINE PASSENGER MILES:	Up 10%
CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION:	Up 3%	MILITARY ACTIVITIES:	Up 50%
STEEL OUTPUT:	Up 5%	INCLUDING AIRCRAFT:	Up 50%
RETAIL TRADE: Off 5% to 10%			

All Is Ready For Farm Show

Indoor Exposition Opens January 10

In line with long-standing tradition, the 33rd annual State Farm Show will be opened Monday evening, January 10 by Governor James H. Duff with brief exercises being held in the large arena.

Always designated as "Governor's Night", the Monday evening official opening of the Farm Show comes nearly 12 hours after the doors of the 14-acre indoor exposition have been opened.

Also in keeping with Farm Show tradition, immediately after governor Duff's address to an expected audience of 10,000 persons, a two-hour exhibition of horsemanship and other special events will be given by members of the Pennsylvania State Police.

On Tuesday evening the Arena presentation will be the Fourth Annual Rural Talent Festival with more than 600 participants under the direction of W. R. Gordon, Pennsylvania State College extension service. Title of this year's festival is "Susquehanna".

One of the most popular of farm Show events is the annual State Championship horse pulling contest slated for Wednesday evening. Entries in this event are open until January 3.

Following the parade of prize-winning livestock on Thursday evening, State Championship horse-shoe pitching and log-sawing contests will be held. The deadline for entries of these events has already passed.

Competitive farm exhibits will total close to 10,000 individual entries, ranging from trays of edible nuts to heavy draft horses.

Doll Named to High Post in New Jersey

Ronald C. Doll, son of H. Stanley Doll and the late Florence W. Doll, has been appointed administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools of West Orange, N. J.

Mr. Doll, one time principal of Dallas Township Schools, has been associated with West Orange schools for a number of years, and has done outstanding work in the field of student guidance.

DOG LICENSES READY

Dog Licenses for 1949 are on sale at the County Treasurer's Office, Fred Kehrl, Jr., Factoryville, Dog Law Enforcement Officer for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties, announced yesterday.

All dogs six months old or more must have a license.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Updyke Observe Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Updyke celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Tuesday, December 28 with a party at their home in Demunds.

Mrs. Updyke is the former Bertha Belles of Demunds. Mr. Updyke, now seventy-two, spent his boyhood in Courtdale. Formerly a repair man in the mines, he is now retired.

They have two children living, Palmer of Kunkle and Sam of San

Christmas Tree Delights Kids

Fred Welsh Invites All to See Display

Fred Welsh is the sort of fellow who takes his vacation in the winter time—a week of it just before Christmas—not to go to Florida, but to prepare the elaborate Christmas tree in the living room of his home where scores of youngsters come to admire it every holiday season.

Fred spent seven days and nights on the project giving it the final touch at 11:30 Christmas Eve. Now everybody is invited to drop in and see it during the two or three weeks Mrs. Welsh will allow it to remain in her living room.

Fred has spent more than thirty years collecting the various items that make up the miniature landscape which takes up a space 7 by 11 feet at one end of his living room.

The whole layout involves an expenditure of \$1,500 to \$2,000. The display involves fifty-six lighted homes, three railway trains, elaborate wooded areas filled with wild beasts of all kinds, Indian villages, nativity scenes, a hunting lodge, a model dairy, new this year; a city, and a new children's playground.

A mountain and forest scene along one side of the room cover a radiator. Eight bats of cotton were required to form the snow scenes and more than 500 feet of electric wire were used to make the intricate electrical layout that controls more than 200 lights in the towns and villages. Twenty-five pounds of green sawdust were used to provide grass for some of the forests and farm lands.

Fast trains pick up the mail enroute without slacking their speed while at railway stations, station masters call out the names of stations along the way. Street lights blink as the trains speed through the darkness.

All in all it is a sight to delight the heart of any youngster and Fred and his family are only too glad to welcome all visitors to enjoy their holiday fairland.

Devens Purchases Main Street Property

Announcement was made this week that A. C. Devens, Dallas miller, has purchased the Main Street business property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ritter and now occupied by Hazeltine's Auto Service.

Mr. Devens says he has no immediate plans for the building, but purchased it as an investment.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1949

By: Roger W. Babson

1. Total volume of business for 1949 will be less than that of 1948. There surely will be many soft spots.

2. Most industries will show smaller net profits. This means that, in many cases dividends will be less in 1949.

3. Military preparedness will be a new and powerful industry which this country never heretofore experienced in peace times. It is destined to bolster employment for some years ahead, but not the standard of living.

4. Inventories quoted both at their dollar values and in volume will increase during 1949. Both raw material piles and manufactured goods will be in greater supply during 1949.

5. Some rationing or priorities may be attempted in 1949. The public will make demands for price controls in the case of certain products. Beware of installment purchases in 1949.

6. We expect the peak in wholesale commodity prices has been reached for this cycle. We, therefore, advise going easy on inventories. 1949 is a time to get out of debt and stay out of debt.

7. The retail price of some goods, other than food products, may be higher during 1949, but we believe that the Cost-of-Living Index has turned downward.

8. Retail price changes lag after wholesale price changes. This explains why we expect many retail prices on good quality merchandise to hold up for awhile after wholesale prices decline.

9. The total farm income for 1949 should be less than that of 1948, due to lower prices for wheat, corn, pork, poultry, eggs and certain dairy products. Farmers should diversify more in 1949, get out of debt, putting surplus money into savings and prepare for real trouble some day.

10. The supply of certain vegetables and fruits should increase during 1949. The price of these should fall off, barring some weather, insect or blight catastrophe.

11. Poultry and dairy products will also increase in volume during 1949, prices averaging less than 1948 prices.

12. Farmers will continue to work for extensions of subsidies. The above four Farm Forecasts assume normal weather. A drought could upset these.

13. The Federal budget will not be decreased during 1949.

14. Federal taxes will not be decreased during 1949, but there may be some readjustments to encourage venture capital and to ease the tax burden on wages.

15. We forecast that an attempt will be made by some cities to put ceilings on real estate taxes or enact local sales taxes.

16. The long-term capital gains tax of 25% will remain unchanged.

17. Goods on counters will be of better grade in 1949.

18. There will be many "mark-down sales" of inferior quality goods. Curbs on installment buying will continue.

19. The dollar value of all retail sales in 1949 should about equal that of 1948, perhaps 5% off.

20. The unit volume of retail sales will be less in 1949 than in 1948.

21. Our foreign trade will remain about the same. We shall continue to help Europe; but it will be on a more efficient basis.

22. More foreign credits will be granted during 1949; but these mostly will be direct to business concerns.

23. There will be greater competition from other countries in legitimate foreign trade where the credit is good.

24. Throughout 1949 war talk will continue; but no real World

BOX SCORE			
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day			
	Hospitalized	Killed	
DALLAS	2	11	
LEHMAN	1	1	
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	4	
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2		
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1	
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2		
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1	
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP		2	
TOTAL	51	20	

WAR PREPARATIONS WILL CONTINUE. LABOR OUTLOOK

25. Good business depends upon two things: (1) reasonable wages and (2) reasonable prices. When both of these factors are in balance there is good business; but when they get out of balance, look for trouble. Low prices are of little help when people have insufficient wages with which to buy; but it is also true that good wages are of little use if prices are too high for people to buy. The Taft-Hartley Law will be repealed or amended to encourage free speech, union protection and increased production.

26. The income of wageworkers must increase before an advance in prices. Contrariwise, too high prices always precede a decline in employment and wages. This downward cycle leading to unemployment may begin in 1949. Much depends upon crops and weather.

27. Labor leaders who get increased wage rates usually get re-elected, while those who do not get wage increases are liable to be defeated. Hence, labor leaders have naturally kept urging higher wages, although they may feel in their hearts that wages are high enough for the time being. We forecast that 1949 will see some change of attitude in this regard and that wise leaders will be more interested in preventing the "bust".

28. If wages are too high, organized labor is the first to be laid off when business declines. Unorganized workers have the steadier jobs and will go through 1949 without losing their positions.

29. Some labor leaders will, during 1949, work for pension systems and sick benefits. This would be a constructive program for employers who can afford to do it, but many employers cannot afford even these benefits at this time. Both employers and wageworkers will some day unite in urging a program which will give steady work throughout the year. This is the best hope for lower building costs. Bricklayers, painters and carpenters are criticized today for doing such a small amount of work, but we must remember the many days when they are unable to work due to weather and other conditions.

INFLATION

30. Inflation (high prices) comes when consumption exceeds production. This means that inflation can be checked only by increasing production or by reducing the money supply. The job of getting prices down today depends, therefore, upon what management and labor produce per hour. We believe that wage increases during 1949 will be accompanied by a corresponding increase in the per hour production of the wageworkers.

31. Some object to the large profits that their employers are getting today compared with the 1930's. It, however, should be remembered that during these depression years most employers had no profits whatsoever. We forecast that profits will continue to be regulated automatically by the law of supply and demand, rather than by the government.

32. At some time during 1949 we forecast that the point will be reached where the nation's inflated money supply will have become fully employed. Hence, emphasis may shift from efforts to stop inflation to efforts to halt deflation.

STOCK MARKET

33. 1949 may not be a better year stock market wise than 1948. Investors will especially get out of stocks of companies which have most of their assets in big "vulnerable" in case of war cities, reinvesting in companies whose assets are well distributed and safe from attack.

34. The Administration will not want the Dow-Jones Industrial Average to go too high on account of the consequent effect upon labor's demands. Commodity speculation will continue to be curbed.

35. The wisest will not try to

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