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FARM TOPICS

Make Buildings Ratproof - One of the effective controls of rats is rat-proofing of buildings. It will prevent the rats from getting an adequate feed supply by keeping them out of granaries, corncribs, feed hoppers, and other structures.

Keep Poultry Records - Good records are essential to profitable poultry management. The records will show which birds are producing at a profit and which ones are losing money for the poultryman.

Protect Potato Quality - Careful handling is necessary to protect the quality of potatoes from farm to market.

Use Proved Dairy Sire - Select a proved sire to head the dairy herd. He should have sired daughters having higher production than their dams and also higher production than the average cow in the herd where he is to be used. Good or better type also must be considered.

Store Sprayer Safely - Every sprayer needs a thorough cleaning before it is stored for the winter. Lubricate the pump and check for worn parts to be replaced before another season. Oil leather plungers but not rubber or fiber plungers.

Test Soil Samples - Lime should not be applied to farm soils unless needed. Have the soil tested for lime needs. Take a little soil from a half dozen spots in the area to be limed and mix it for the sample to be tested by the county agricultural agent.

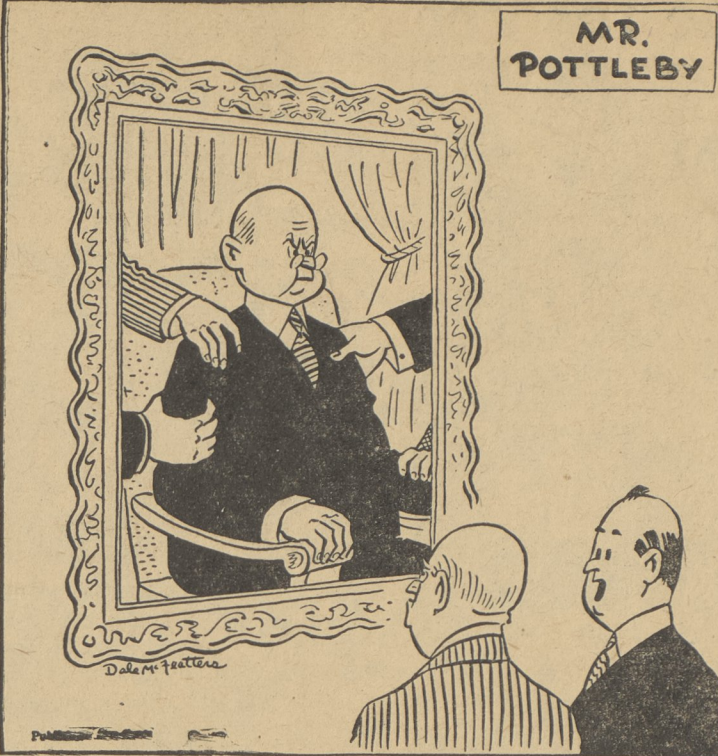
better grade of milk produced.

Expect strong Market - A strong demand for most farm products is expected in 1949. Feed costs are expected to be lower but other farm costs are likely to increase.

Produce Strong Shells - Eggs must have strong shells to avoid breakage. Feed oyster shells and vitamin D to the layers.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

by McFeatters



"We had a hard time getting him to pose for a portrait!"

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Week of January 2



BILL'S BITS

By Bill Hart

Team	W	L
Lehman Inter-Church	1	0
Dallas Methodist 'A'	1	0
Dallas Methodist 'B'	1	0
East Dallas	1	0
St. Therese's	1	0
Huntsville Christian	0	1
Kunkle Methodist	0	1
Carverton	0	1
Shavertown Lutheran	0	1
Trucksville Methodist	0	1

The lid's off on another hot basketball season . . . The Back Mountain League swings into action tonight with the top game of the evening slated for Kingston Township's floor as the Katies play host to Fairview Township . . . Both squads, together with Dallas Borough, are rated as top place teams . . . Fairview features a high scoring attack with veteran pivotman Gene Straus and guard Frankenfield at its head . . . Kingston Township is counting on its all senior quintet to cop its first championship in the Back Mountain League . . . This game is a toss-up with the final standing of the teams hanging on it.

Dallas Borough will entertain Laketon with open arms tonight . . . The Boro-ites figure as tops in this encounter with their fast attack and pressing defense giving them the nod . . . The Blue and Gold is sporting another all senior combination which already has a decisive win over Forty Fort to its credit . . . Laketon will rely on the dead shooting of Danny Gultus to keep them in the running.

Dallas Township travels to Lehman in another toss-up affair . . . Neither team is very strong, but the Sooties will have the slight advantage of playing on their home floor . . . Harter draws a by this week and can just wait and see how things shape up . . . The Plymouth Township boys don't stack up as a top team, but may cause a lot of trouble to the rest of the league.

The Church, League finally got off to a belated start Monday after several weeks controversy over the prospective gyms to be used for its games . . . The loop is evenly balanced with ten teams, coming from all parts of the region, as members . . . The teams are from such scattered places as Trucksville and Kunkle, Carverton and Lehman . . . Bert Owens is league president assisted by Bill Baker, Jr., Jack Roberts and Byron Kitchen . . . There are many veteran ball players on the rosters with the greater part of them recent high school graduates . . . It has been pointed out that this is a post-school league — no high school students are eligible for any of the teams.

Top game of the week was the nip and tuck contest between Lehman and Trucksville at Lehman gym . . . The score was tight right down to the final whistle as Kleban, Lehman, sunk a basket in the closing minutes to put Lehman in the lead 31-30 . . . Trucksville had a chance to tie the game right at the end when it failed to make it good so Lehman took the game 31-30 . . . In the other game played on the Lehman floor Dallas Methodist "B" defeated Carverton 37-26 . . . Templin, Knecht, Edwards and Roberts led the Dallas team against a surprisingly strong Carverton outfit.

Three games were played on the Dallas Township floor with St. Therese's taking Huntsville Christian 49-40 in the highest scoring game of the evening. Roberts featured with 16 points for the losers while Hart and Mackravitz totaled 32 points between them to pace the victors . . . In the next game Dallas Methodist "A" team took the measure of Shavertown Lutheran 28-17 in a low scoring but fast and well played game. Drake with seven points was high for Dallas, while Newhart with five was tops for Shavertown . . . East Dallas defeated Kunkle 25-19 in the final game . . . The game was slow with numerous fouls called throughout . . . Wilson sunk 11 points for the winners as Jiggs Elston had seven for the losers.

Shavertown	Lutheran	Dallas Methodist 'A'
G. F. T.	G. F. T.	G. F. T.
Kitchen f 2 0 4	Drake f 2 3 7	
Fink f 1 0 2	Brown f 1 1 3	
Eberly c 0 0 0	C. Brobst c 3 0 6	
Newhart g 2 1 5	H. Brobst g 2 2 6	
Lozo g 1 0 2	Moore g 2 2 6	
Inman g 2 0 4	Bisbing g 0 0 0	
Bolean f 0 0 0		
Koons f 0 0 0		10 8 28
		6 1 17

St. Therese's	Huntsville Christian
G. F. T.	G. F. T.
Hart f 9 8 21	K. Grose f 6 0 12
McGarry f 2 0 4	Davis f 2 1 5
Youngbl'd c 1 2 4	Price c 2 2 7
Makravitz g 5 1 11	H. Grose g 0 0 0
Sedler g 4 1 9	Roberts g 8 0 16
Wallo f 0 0 0	
21 7 49	18 4 40

East Dallas	Kunkle
G. F. T.	G. F. T.
Stanton f 1 1 3	Wasser f 1 1 3
Martin f 2 0 4	J. Elston f 3 1 7
Harding f 1 0 2	Knecht c 2 1 5
Hughey c 0 0 0	W. Elston g 1 1 3
Morris g 2 1 5	Bachman g 0 1 1
Wilson g 5 1 11	
Shea g 0 0 0	
11 3 25	7 5 19

Lehman Inter-Church	Trucksville Methodist
G. F. T.	G. F. T.
Stolarick f 3 0 6	Naylor f 2 1 5
Lewis f 0 0 0	Williams f 1 0 2
Major f 0 0 0	Harrison c 2 2 6
Rusiloski c 3 4 10	Smith g 2 0 4
Tough c 0 0 0	Anthony g 3 3 9
Kieban g 6 3 15	Gregory f 1 0 2
Disque g 0 0 0	Cherry c 0 0 0
Mekeel g 0 0 0	Evans g 1 0 2
	Schunaker g 0 0 0
	Webster f 0 0 0
12 7 31	12 6 30

Dallas Methodist 'B' 37—Carverton 26
(No box score available)

Home Shortage Is Being Met

Building Activity Declines In State

Twelve months ago many a contractor the length and breadth of Pennsylvania—and the Nation too—scoffed at the thought that building activity would decline for another three years.

Builders too, basking in the sun of a war-born housing shortage and a consequent era of financial prosperity, plugged confidently ahead demanding of any and all who would pay, the highest prices on record.

But the housing shortage in Pennsylvania is gradually being eliminated and the number of houses for sale is steadily on the increase.

Building activity—due to fantastically high prices—is gradually falling off throughout the State.

Records of the State Department of Labor and Industry over the past half dozen months show that the number of building permits taken out are on a definite decline.

In August for example, of 346 cities reporting, a total of 1603 building permits were taken out for new residential homes.

In contrast, during the month of September the number of permits issued for new homes dropped to 1241. Correspondingly the estimated cost of these new homes dropped from \$17,259,766 in August to \$11,711,962 in the following month.

A spokesman for the department pointed out that this represents a decrease in home building permits of 22.6 per cent and a 32.1 per cent decrease in estimated costs.

Emma Miller Class Enjoys Holiday Party

The Emma Miller Class of Kunkle Methodist Church enjoyed a party at the home of Mrs. Arline Kunkle last Tuesday evening. Present were: Mrs. Myrtle Hess, Grace Ide, Elizabeth Hess, Naomi Ashburner, Florence Klimeck, Edith Weaver, Virgie Elston, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Kunkle.

New Year's Eve Party

Mrs. Claire McKenna entertained at a New Year's Eve party at her home at Idetown. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. David Ide, Ethel, Richard, Harold, Bruce and Glenn Ide, Mrs. Della Parrish, Bess Cooke, Mary Claire, Patsy and Eleanor McKenna, Mrs. Frank Wright and the hostess.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DALLAS

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ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 532,911.41
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,009,800.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	144,480.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	58,840.50
Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
Loans and discounts (including \$11.96 overdrafts)	1,437,859.50
Bank premises owned \$14,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$3,861.88	17,861.88
Total Assets	\$3,207,753.29
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,060,419.07
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,565,724.47
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	6,105.87
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	297,247.14
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	29,482.17
Total Deposits	\$2,958,978.72
Other liabilities	3,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$2,961,978.72
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital stock:	
Common stock, total par	\$75,000.00 \$ 75,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided profits	11,774.57
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	9,000.00
Total Capital Accounts	\$ 245,774.57
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$3,207,753.29
MEMORANDA	
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	305,000.00
(a) Loans as shown above after deduction of reserves of	1,419.25

State of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne, ss:
I, Frederick J. Eck, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FREDERICK J. ECK, Cashier
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