

WHAT YOUR WORK WILL BUY

Are you one of the many people who are troubled by the high cost of food? If so, an analysis prepared by The National Industrial Conference Board will come as a surprise.

In 1948, twelve hours of work, by the average worker, would purchase a week's food for his family—whereas, in 1914, 30 hours of work was required. Putting it another way, the worker in 1914 had to spend about three-fifths of his total wages on food, while in 1948 one-third would take care of the grocery bill. In the last third of a century, food costs have increased a little more than 150 per cent while hourly earnings have risen sixfold.

There are many reasons for this—notably the great increases in pay gained by labor. There is, however, one important factor which may be overlooked, and that is the enormous increase in efficiency registered by retailing. What is true of food is true to a greater or lesser extent of practically all the commodities we buy. There has been something resembling a retail revolution in the last decade or so. It was led by the chain systems, which pioneered the idea of cutting the profit earned on each sale to the bone, and still earning a satisfactory overall profit by increasing the volume of business. Other kinds of stores quickly adopted the same plan. The result is the store of today, with its extensive stocks, its attractive displays, its excellent standards of service, and prices which are as low as conditions permit.

Thus, retailing has made a very real contribution to American living standards. The proportion of income which most workers must spend for the basic necessities has gone down—and the proportion which may be used for savings, recreation, luxuries or anything else the worker desires, has gone up. It's the fashion these days to gripe about high prices—but the average man enjoys a great many more of the good things of life than he used to. Retailing has done much to bring that about.

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PILLAR TO POST

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

Half the feed, and half the hay  
Must be on hand by Groundhog Day.

That's a Chataqua County saying from goodness knows how many years ago. Chataqua County, New York State, is roughly two hundred miles west of Dallas but only about fifty miles north, so the climate is not far different from ours, except for the part that Lake Erie plays in the weather, tempering the climate somewhat in the fall to accommodate the grape belt, and making it correspondingly colder in the spring before the ice moves out.

Probably the same rhyme about half the corn and half the hay is applicable hereabouts, though spring does seem just around the corner.

One sure sign of spring is the appearance of the seed catalogues, those brightly misleading publications which have already been distributed to the rural boxes. Folks all up and down the line are wetting pencils and making tentative lists, scratching out this item and substituting that.

There is a little offering for the potting of seedlings that is getting quite a bit of attention this year. This is a small pot obtainable in lots of one hundred or more, stamped out of dried cow manure and promising not only housing but nourishment for the baby plants. The statistics on this item are probably akin to those printed on a bag of dried cow manure which we got stuck with one spring when Tom was raising prize tomatoes in Kingston in the middle of the front lawn. The bag clearly stated that the product contained therein was entirely odorless when dry. This qualification should have given us the tip-off, but we are notably blind in one eye, the eye which should have scanned the fine print at the bottom of the label. After the first heavy rain, neighbors passed the lawn on the double-quick, holding reproachable noses clutched tightly between thumb and finger.

Those new pots, nourishing as they well may be, are probably just as aromatic when wet as that sack of Bovung. As my seedlings are going to be started in the south window in the dining room, and without benefit of melting pots, they can get along in a double file of two-pound cheese boxes, or they can wither and die off, for all of me.

Burpee came across with a nice little surprise tucked in with the seeds which were delivered in response to the first order from the catalogue. For being a good girl and ordering early, I got a bonus of zinnias and marigolds, one packet of each. Whoever selects the bonus was singularly lacking in imagination, for the original order ran heavily to both zinnias and marigolds, fool-proof flowers if there ever were any. The garden will have a strong flavor if all the marigolds mature, each vegetable row outlined with marigolds and zinnias. Maybe they'll drown out the ragweed.

Has anybody around here ever experimented with encapsulated seeds? The kind which come all wrapped in a dissolving capsule containing food, insecticide and fungicide? Sounds like a good idea, but a trifle expensive except for a very small garden.

P.S. It is now past Groundhog Day, and anybody who wishes to report an early robin may do so without fear of retaliation in print.

Lake Schools Organize P. T. A.

Fred Merrill Is Elected President

Fred Merrill, Harvey's Lake, was elected president of the Lake Township Parent-Teacher Association at the organization meeting attended by 150 parents and teachers in the high school auditorium last Thursday night.

It was the initial meeting of the group.

G. E. Taylor, Supervising Principal, presided. Speakers who had



FRED MERRILL

been engaged were unable to attend because of inclement weather, so Mr. Taylor set forth the objects and spoke at length concerning the importance of Parent-Teacher Associations.

Mrs. Joseph Rauch, president of the Harvey's Lake Women's Club, spoke briefly on the need for a Parent-Teacher Association.

Fred Merrill also spoke of his experience with P. T. A. groups in other communities.

The By-Laws Committee headed by Mrs. William Deets presented the by-laws. These were studied and adopted.

Aubrey Williams, chairman of the nominating committee, presented its report. The following officers were elected: Fred Merrill, president; G. E. Taylor, first vice-president, and chairman of the hospitality committee; Miss Bettie Sullivan, recording secretary; Mrs. Elwood Whitesell, corresponding secretary; Calvin McHose, treasurer.

After the adjournment the school Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Margaret Dunn presented a play entitled "Teachers are People".

Next regular meeting of the Association will be held in the Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock on the first Wednesday in March.

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BOX SCORE

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

DALLAS	Hospitalized		Killed
	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	1	2	
TOTAL	31	20	

Entertain For Retiring Alter and Rosary Officers



Members of Alter and Rosary Society of St. Therese's Church entertained on Wednesday night in the church auditorium for retiring officers. Mrs. Thomas Jones, retiring president received a crystal rosary from Mrs. Robert Williams, newly elected president.

First row: left to right, retiring officers Mrs. Thomas Jones, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Philip Coniglio, vice president; Mrs. Michael Chalawich, president; Mrs. John Dabnick, recording secretary; Mrs. John Helfrick, treasurer. Back row: newly elected officers.

Mrs. Joseph Gibbons, vice president; Mrs. Thomas Wisniewski, corresponding secretary; Rev. Bernard Grogan, moderator; Mrs. Robert Williams, president; Mrs. Leland Guyette, financial secretary; Mrs. William Miller, recording secretary.



Annual Meeting Finds Library In Healthy Financial Position

Charles Nuss, Lehman, Elected To Executive Board at Meeting Attended By Seventy Persons

Annual meeting of Back Mountain Memorial Library Association was held last Thursday night with an attendance that taxed the capacity of the library rooms.

Miss Frances Dorrance, president, presided and called for the nomination of directors for a three-year term. Nominated and elected unanimously were: Mrs. Joseph Schmerer and Dr. F. Budd Schooley, Dana Crump, Stephen Davis, Charles W. Lee, Dallas Township; Wilson Cease, James Hutchison, James Goodwin, Kingston Township; Charles Nuss, Samuel Rhoads, Frances Dorrance, Lehman Township; T. Newell Wood, Andrew J. Sordoni, Lake Township; Harold Brace and John Perry, Franklin Township.

Paddock Glass Co. Expects Completion Within Two Weeks

Eighteen new ornamental art glass windows, recently ordered by the Dallas Methodist Church, are in the final stage of construction and will be ready for installation within the next two weeks.

Work is being done by the Paddock Glass Company, Kingston, widely known architects and manufacturers of church windows.

These windows, which are being presented by a former member of the Dallas church, will replace all of the windows in the main body of the church. Eighteen windows, with ventilators, are to be installed. While the new windows are somewhat similar to the present ones, care was taken to preserve the general character of the present church and the windows will be set in lead against the frames and the present sashes will be eliminated.

Considerable care was taken by the committee so that the symbolism in the windows will tell a consecutive story of the Church. The first window, which is a large one with three panels, includes an overarching crescent glass, and will contain a symbol of Trinity and Diety, since these come first in the genesis of the Christian faith.

One group of windows will contain Angus Dei, symbolizing the Saviour; the Menora, symbolizing the Holy Spirit; the Ten Commandments symbolizing the old testament; and the Star of the Epiphany, symbolizing the pre-Christian Messianic expectation. These will be followed by symbols representing the life of Christ, including the Gethsemane Chalice, Sign on the Cross, and Lily, which represents the resurrection.

The next group will contain symbols representing the Holy Church and the Holy Bible, both of which were the product of the faith inspired by the Living Christ.

The final series depicts man's response to the Church. These include the shield, representing Faith; the anchor, representing Hope; the heart, representing Love; the Lyre, representing Worship; and the Cross and Crown, representing the way of self-denial and the final reward of faith.

The books in the Library include all types for all kinds of people. We have a large section of biography, a whole room upstairs of history, all the best standard literature and poetry, books on gardening and flowers, politics and government, travel and almost anything you can ask for.

We have a great many books on Pennsylvania history and books by local authors.

Our Memorial section has some very fine ones. One of the latest is "Valley Views of Northeastern Pennsylvania", written by Gilbert McClintock of Wilkes-Barre, which was presented in memory of Peter Jurchak. Books were given this year in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keithline, Gayle Kulp, Mrs. Harry Carey, Lt. Herbert Culp, Sgt. John Fritz, John Daugherty, Jr., Mrs. Samuel Woolbert, Miss Frances Markham, Henry Schultz, and Sterling Machell.

Books for schools have been placed in two separate rooms. Here the teachers can come and select the number they wish to be sent to their schools.

College students in this area find the library a great help, especially when they have put off writing their term papers until the last minute and find, because of the greater demand, the books in the town libraries are all in use. Some boys and girls have found it better to ask here first. We have the National Geographic magazines from 1906 to date and these contain a fine source of material on countries and customs.

A re-registration of borrowers was taken during 1948 and more than 1,000 people have registered. (Continued on Page Five)

Experts Will Zone Township

Dallas Township Supervisors at their meeting Wednesday night voted to employ the Government Consulting Service, endowed by the Samuel Fels Foundation, and administered by the University of Pennsylvania, to make a survey of the township and prepare recommendations for the enactment of a zoning ordinance.

Selection of Government Consulting Service follows a series of conferences during which Supervisors and members of the Township Zoning Commission interviewed three different firms of experts recommended by the State Planning Board.

Selection of a group of experts to do this work is the culmination of six months of effort on the part of the Supervisors and interested citizens of the Township, during which time Clarence Laidler acted as the spark plug. First public meeting was held at Dallas Township School on September 18, when Mr. Patterson of the State Planning Board outlined the procedure.

Eager to cooperate, the Supervisors took a forward looking approach to the whole matter and appointed a Zoning Commission composed of Clarence Laidler, chairman, Archibald Brooks, secretary, Walter Elston, Paul Warriner and Charles W. Lee.

Because of the cooperative spirit of the Supervisors and their solicitor, Atty. Donald Coughlin, Dallas Township is apt to be one of the first townships in Northeastern Pennsylvania to have a scientifically planned and zoned township to meet future needs and expansion.

Supervisors at their meeting also opened bids for nine bonds with which to purchase road working equipment. Award was made to Butcher and Sherred of Philadelphia, represented by William Gutman, at its low bid of \$9,115.30 at 2 1/2 percent interest. Other bidders were: Citizens National Bank of Parsons, \$9,000 at two and one-half percent; Luzerne National Bank, \$9,000 at three percent; First National Bank, Dallas, \$9010 at three percent.

To Dedicate Organ Sunday

Ralph Paul Will Play At Alderson

An organ dedication service, featuring a recital and concert, will be given Sunday afternoon, February 6, at 3 at the Alderson Methodist Church of which Rev. James J. Hilbert is pastor.

Ralph F. Paul will be guest organist and the Girls' Choir of the Plymouth Methodist Church will sing. The choir is directed by Miss Esther Burk, and accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Harman.

Rev. Roswell W. Lyon, district superintendent, will give the address and dedicate the organ. The presentation for the dedication will be made by Prof. George Taylor.

The program for the afternoon follows: Prelude, (A) "Idylle"; Wely; (b) "Solemn Prelude", Noble; call to worship, pastor, hymn, congregation; pastoral prayer; presentation of organ for dedication, Prof. George Taylor; dedication, District superintendent, Rev. Roswell W. Lyon; organ, "Ode to the Mountains", Mason; "Will O'-the Wisp", Nevin; choir, "Who Hath Seen God?", Adams; "Answer Our Prayer", Wilson.

Address, Rev. Roswell W. Lyon; choir, "Abide With Me", Lincoln; "The Holy City", Adams; offertory, Ralph Paul, organist, offertory "Prayer", Wely; organ, "Echoes of Spring", Friml; "Gothic Suite", Boellmann; choral, prayer, toccata. Choir, "All In The April Evening", Robertson; "Were You There?" Wilson; hymn, congregation; benediction, silent meditation, postlude, "Fanfare", Dubois.

Kamor To Graduate

The largest midyear class in the history of Temple University will be graduated Tuesday, February 15 at 11 A. M. Among the 687 students to receive degrees are three students from Luzerne County. They are: Frank B. Kamor, R. D. 2, Dallas; John F. Barrett, 1343 Murray street, Forty Fort, and John W. Wilche, 6 Regent street, Wilkes-Barre.

Donald Casterline Is Student at Penn State

Donald Casterline, employee of Shavertown Builders Supply, is enrolled in a thirty day training course for retail lumberman at Penn State College.

The course which is open to only fifty students, started January 31 and will continue until February 25. It provides instruction in forty different subjects and is designed to increase the knowledge, efficiency and customer appreciation of its students.

Daughter Born To Mrs. William Disque

Mrs. Florence Kelly Disque, Bedford Street, Forty Fort announces the birth of a daughter, Jean Louise, at General Hospital on January 22. The child is the second born to Mrs. Disque and the late William Disque. Their other child is Billy, aged 6.

Mr. Disque, son of Mrs. Henry Disque of Ashley, formerly of Dallas, was electrocuted in June while working as a lineman for Sordoni Construction Company in New York State. Both parents graduated from Dallas Borough High School.

Artificial Breeding Technicians Travelled 140,000 Miles This Year

140,000 miles was the distance technicians of the Tunkhannock Local NEPA Artificial Breeding Cooperative, travelled in 1948. The technicians are Albert Ide, Dallas; Orval Haynes, Tunkhannock; Harry Keeney, Meshoppen; and George Dymond, Dallas. Their headquarters is at Tunkhannock and their territory includes all of Wyoming County and parts of Susquehanna, Lackawanna, and Luzerne Counties. Tunkhannock local has 950 members with 7,454 cows. It is one of 10 locals in NEPA Artificial Breeding Cooperative, which has 6,200 members with 51,473 cows.

Annual meeting of the Tunkhannock Artificial Breeding Cooperative will be Friday, February 11, at 1 in Dietrich Theatre, Tunkhannock.

A door prize, which will be a pure-bred heifer calf from one of the NEPA sires, will be given to the holder of the lucky ticket. The winner must be a member of the local.

Program will include: Business meeting, election of three directors. Directors whose terms are expiring are: Donald Williams, George Morrow, and Paul Ifert; Report on bulls used in 1948, — William F. Schafer, Jr., manager of NEPA Artificial Breeding Cooperative; Mineral deficiencies that affect our dairy animals, — A. E. Cooper, Extension Agronomist, State College; Mastitis and breeding problems, — a panel discussion by local veterinarians.