

What Has Happened To Meat Prices?

Is any form of "price control" workable? The answer to that is yes—but not the kind of arbitrary and artificial controls which governments sometimes impose...

Meat has been providing an exceptionally good sample of that. This winter there was a seasonal increase in meat supplies. As a result, between September and mid-January the general wholesale price of all meats...

This, to repeat, was the result of increased meat supplies available to the consumer. How long that will go on, no one knows. But all of us should know, from experience and observation...

Supply and demand continues to demonstrate that it is the best and fairest economic system yet devised by man.

Lies Breeding More Lies

It is an indefensible lie to say that struggle between employers and employees is inevitable. Such a lie can only be supported by other lies.

The current version of this lie is that American business is a parasite controlled from Wall Street, nurtured in monopoly, charging extortionate prices and making outrageous profits.

The truth is exactly the opposite. American industry is the greatest strength of the nation, owned and controlled by millions of Americans either as stockholders or self-employed businessmen.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

Hats off to Phyllis. She's writing an exuberant autobiography with no holds barred, and it makes amusing reading.

"Three Acres" isn't a column, nor should it be assayed as such. It is the beginning of a book which when completed will undoubtedly find a publisher...

Every writer should resign himself with his first published word to the fact that it is impossible to please everybody. Break into print, and there you are, a handy target.

As a general rule, if you approach writing or life with the ambition of giving no offense and pleasing everybody, you give offense where none was intended...

You can't win. I remember with wry amusement that a local merchant took exception to my account of a harmless thumbing through the pages of a Sears Roebuck catalogue...

After all, the proof of the pudding, etc. I note that the readers who profess to be the most deeply disturbed about the biological inferences in "Three Acres" are the very ones who dive the most precipitately for the second page of the Post in order not to miss anything.

And I'm now sitting back and waiting for reverberations.

State Master To Speak at Pamona

Pamona Grange 44 will meet with Mountain Grange at Carverton on March 19. Sharp Fullerton, Master of the State Grange will be the speaker.

Veterans Have Busy February

The following is a summary of activities of Dallas Township Veterans' Agriculture Class for February.

The class started February with a wonderful chicken supper served by the Home Economics Department of Dallas Township Schools on February 7, under the supervision of Miss Margaret Kane.

Atty. Peter Kanjorski spoke on rural law and answered questions for the veterans. Others attending were Don Evans, president, Floyd Chamberlain, Secretary, and Tom Moore, members of the School Board...

On February 14, Robert Parliament, public relations officer of the State Game Commission spoke on "Wildlife as A Crop" and soil conservation.

On February 21, James Hutchison, county agent, discussed the latest developments in soil conservation seed, fertilizer, spraying and modern farming.

The class opened Monday, February 28 under the leadership of Joe Price, president of Dallas Veterans Agriculture Club, discussing the newly organized State agricultural club called Young Farmers of Pennsylvania...

After a lengthy discussion about the State club and its by-laws, a motion to join was tabled until the next monthly meeting, so that there can be further investigation and study of the by-laws.

The class is under the supervision of H. L. Chambers and E. J. Keller, accredited instructors.

Library Book Club Will Meet Wednesday

There will be an informal book discussion at the meeting of the library book club next Wednesday afternoon starting at 2 at the library.

Members of the serving committee will be Mrs. S. L. Alberts, Mrs. Charles Ashley, Mrs. John Benner, Mrs. Primo Berrettini, Mrs. Norti Berti, Mrs. James Besoeker, Mrs. M. A. Briggs, Mrs. Alfred Bronson, Mrs. Luther Brown and Mrs. Harry Coolbaugh.

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BOX SCORE

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

Table with columns: DALLAS, KINGSTON TOWNSHIP, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, MONROE TOWNSHIP, ROSS TOWNSHIP, LAKE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, TOTAL. Sub-columns: Hospitalized, Killed.

Firemen Back Scout Movement

Committee Approves Ward-LaFrance Truck

Deciding that its responsibility to the community is not limited alone to fire protection, Truckville Volunteer Fire Company at a well attended meeting on Friday night voted to take over the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troops in its community.

Among those who spoke for the project were: Stanley Cashmark, who has considerable experience in Scout work, and Rev. Robert Webster, pastor of Truckville Methodist Church.

President Don Finney appointed the following Troop committee: Stanley Cashmark, Dr. John H. Doane, Rev. Robert Webster, Tom Jenkins, William Johnston, Stanley Farr, S. D. Finney and Warren Unger.

Mr. Ungar is a former Eagle Scout with more than twenty years experience in Scouting. His father was also interested in Scouting. Bert Fennell will be scoutmaster and Dr. Carl Bradbury will have charge of Sea Scouts. Meetings of both groups will be held shortly.

It is also hoped that a Cub Pack can be organized under the supervision of the firemen's committee. Leaders reported that there are sixty boys in the community who are definitely interested in some phase of scouting. There are approximately twenty-nine who want to belong to the Scouts; twenty-one who would like to join the Cubs and twelve older boys interested in Sea Scouts.

Choose Fire Truck

William Strange, chairman of the committee to select a fire truck, said that members of committee have visited Penn Argyl, Hamburg and Hanover Township to view equipment and have decided that Ward-LaFrance equipment costing approximately \$12,000 will best meet requirements of the company. The equipment will probably be purchased within the next few months.

It was also reported that due to the unusually mild weather two grass fires were among the four fires to which the company responded during February.

Jackson Firemen Answer First Call

A telephone call by Ira Van Orden brought Jackson's high pressure fire truck, driven by Harold Bertman, assistant fire chief, to the scene of the fire in less than three minutes. It was the Jackson company's first response to a fire call.

A brush fire started by Mr. Van Orden got out of control and threatened Harold Palmer's residence and buildings. There was no damage done by the fire.

Fire Chief Bonning asks all residents to be extremely careful in starting brush fires and if they get out of control to call the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department immediately. "It is better to answer a call and find the fire out than to answer a belated call and find serious damage already done. In short, call first."

Dallas Township PTA To Sponsor Hobby Show

Dallas Township P. T. A. will sponsor a hobby show in the high School building Monday, March 21, when the public will be invited to show displays or to come and enjoy other people's.

The Home Economics Farm Bureau will display all available materials and classes of hobbies.

Hobbies already lined up for the display are dog collections, tea cups, salts and peppers, pitchers, wedgewood, woodwork, weaving, house plants and paintings.

Persons wishing to display hobbies will kindly get in touch with Mrs. Jean Mitchell, Mrs. Mildred Pruett, Mrs. Arline Evans, Mrs. Dorothy Hislop, Mrs. Mary Hartman, Mrs. Minnie Sidorek, Mrs. Eleanor Barnes, Mrs. Iona Davis, Mrs. Catherine Mulcey, or Mrs. Helen Evans.

No Socialized Medicine

Dallas Kiwanis Club has informed Congressman Daniel Flood that it is opposed to any form of socialized medicine being adopted at present or future sessions of Congress.

To Take Part In All-Back Mountain Musicales



Among the talented groups and individuals participating in the second Annual Musicales of Back Mountain talent will be the Dallas Women's Club Choral under the direction of Mrs. Norman F. Patton. This festival of music is scheduled for next Friday night, March 18th, in the Kingston Township High School.

Members of the Dallas Women's Club Choral present in the above picture are: Front row, left to right, Arvilla Keiper, Mary Bennalack,

Charlotte Payne, Beatrice Lewis, Marion Whitney, Adeltha Mahler, Amy Scott, Margaret Purcell, Mrs. Norman F. Patton, director. Back Row, left to right: Betty Grose, Marion Harvey, Wilda Elston, Mary Reese, Evelyn Eck, Nancy LeGrand, Margaret Jewell. Absent when picture was taken: Zora Bogart, Rita Cummings, Dorothy Husted, Roberta Quail, Anne Reukus and Fanny Williams.

Started in 1948 this musical event has developed into the outstanding program of music of this area. This year's Second Annual Musicales will feature the Music of Debussy, Brahms, Mozart, Tschai-kovsky, Cheminade, Kreisler, Romberg, and Rachmaninoff, also more recent composers.

This event, which is held to encourage interest in music in this area, is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, with Mrs. P. M. Winter as chairlady. Tickets may be purchased at the door before 8:00 P. M. on Friday evening.

Judges Named For Farm Show

Centermoreland Grange Plans Exhibit

J. D. Hutchison, Luzerne County Agent; Ellis Swingle, manager of Sterling Farms, Alderson; William Schaefer, manager of NEPA Artificial Breeding Coop; and Gilbert Burr, secretary of Bradoo, will be judges at the Farm Products Show at Centermoreland Grange Hall on Saturday, March 12, starting at 10:30 A. M., according to Harold Appleby, master of the Grange.

There will be displays of hay, silage, corn, eggs and other farm products. Ladies of the Grange will serve dinner at noon.

Topics for discussion will be: "Good Hay and Good Silage Help Milk Production"—H. A. Bronson, County, D. H. I. T. Tester.

"New Castle Disease in Our Poultry"—Gilbert Burr, Meshoppen.

"Green Wrap Tomatoes"—J. D. Hutchison, Truckville.

"Grassland Farming"—Ellis Swingle, Alderson.

"Our Interest in Grade Dairy Cows"—William Schaefer, Tunkhannock.

"Food For All Ages"—Clara A. Stankowich, Wyoming County Home Economics Extension Rep., and "Accident Prevention in the Home."

Miss Stankowich will meet with the ladies for a separate meeting in the afternoon when the home economics exhibits will be discussed.

Mother And Son Have Broken Legs

Mrs. Lizzie Moore, formerly of Sweet Valley, is a patient at Nesbitt Hospital where she was taken Tuesday afternoon after suffering a broken hip. Her son, Cecil Moore, is now confined to his home recuperating from a broken leg he received less than three months ago.

Mrs. Moore, tripped at the Sam Morgan home, Kingston, where she is housekeeper. She was rising from a chair with an infant in her arms when she lost her balance and could make no effort to recover. The child was uninjured.

Her condition is good.

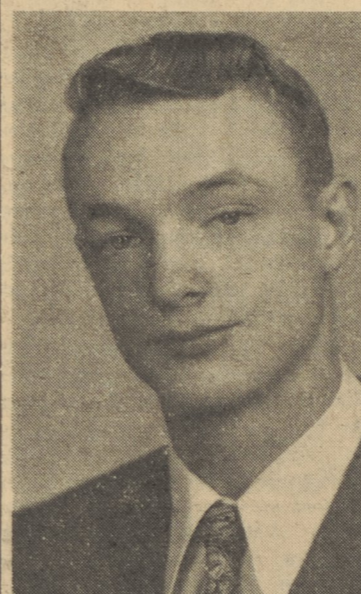
Schuyler Kase Seriously Ill

Schuyler Kase, president of Northeastern Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Association, who has conducted fire schools for practically all fire companies in the Back Mountain area, is seriously ill at his home in Olyphant. Truckville Firemen urge all local company members to forward cards to him to cheer him during his long illness.

Open Air Theatre

A highway sign at the entrance to Country Club Road says a new 800-seat open air theatre will be erected there soon.

Lehman End Men



Arthur Nuss



Thomas Elston

For the first time in four years a Lehman High School Class will present a minstrel show.

"Gentlemen Be Seated" will be given Friday and Saturday nights, March 18 and 19 by the Class of 1950.

The production is being directed by Miss Jule C. Bartley, assisted by Bernard J. Gerrity, head of the music department.

Interlocuter will be Donald Britt, with Arthur Nuss, Thomas Elston, Ronald Hutchinson, Fred Disque, Andrew Harrison and Robert Hontz as end men.

Carl Rood is stage manager. Evelyn Keller is accompanist, assisted by Bettina Tvede.

Wild Ducks Stop At Eipper's For Swim

Cris Eipper says that he has seen no robins or blue birds, but fifty ducks stopped at his place for an hour's swim and then headed north.

Whether Cris has seen them or not, dozens of residents have called the Post this week to say that they have robins and some blue birds in their yards.

Township Grads Elect Officers

Committee Named To Write By-Laws

First business meeting of Dallas Township Alumni Association was held at the high school library Friday night. Election of Officers was the chief business.

Elected were: President, Mrs. Edward Sidorek; Vice President, Edwin Lumley; Recording Secretary, Dorothy Weaver; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Walter Gosart; Treasurer, Mrs. James Knecht; Faculty adviser, Daniel Williams.

Mrs. Robert L. Dolbear was appointed chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee which will meet March 30 at the high school library to draft a charter for the new organization. Members of the committee will be announced later.

Next meeting of the association will be held at the school library, April 6 at 8 p.m. All alumni are requested to attend and present their ideas on what should be incorporated into the by-laws.

Present at the meeting: Mr. and Mrs. James Knecht, Mrs. William Lancio, Mrs. Edward Sidorek, Mrs. Walter Gosart, Mrs. Robert L. Dolbear, Mrs. Leslie Tinsley, Mrs. Niles Hess, Miss Pauline Kozemchak, Miss Mary Hones, Miss Dorothy Weaver, Edwin Lumley, and Daniel Williams.

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Glee Clubs Sponsor Picturesque Frolic

A Picturesque Frolic featuring musical numbers and interesting scenes from nineteen different counties will be presented by Dallas Senior and Junior Woman's Clubs Thursday evening, April 28 in Dallas High School Auditorium.

Members of the general committee are: Mrs. Joseph Scherer, Mrs. Alan Montross; costumes, Mrs. John Girvan, Miss Janine Sawyer; music, Mrs. Leonard Harvey, Mrs. Harold Elston; personnel, Mrs. Robert Dolbear, Mrs. Sherman Harter; publicity, Mrs. Hordon Edwards, Mrs. Muriel Garinger; research Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Roymane Oney; stage properties, Mrs. William Deibert, Mrs. Sam Margillina, script, Mrs. Howard Yeager, Miss Kay O'Boyle; tickets, Mrs. Wilson Maury, Mrs. Wilbur Davies; director, Mrs. Norman Patton.

In reference to his previous statement that the plan was a "lousy, dirty communist trick" he declared that he did not believe that there were any communists present or involved, but he said that the spirit of communism was there.

"The communists," he said, "know that they have to kill the farmers, the land owners, the sportsmen and the business men a little at a time."

To Be On Station WILK

A unique program was presented at Dallas Junior Woman's Club meeting last Tuesday evening when Chuck Whittier of Station WILK conducted a quiz on varied questions. Taking part were Mrs. Wilson Garinger, Mrs. William Baker Jr., Mrs. Wilbur Davis and Mrs. Claudia Guyette.

The quiz which was recorded will be broadcast over WILK Tuesday evening at 7:10.

Idetown Farmer Leads Fight On Federal Project

No Conclusions Reached At Wilkes-Barre Mass Meeting

Luzerne County farmers remain unconvinced that additional government aid is necessary for local soil conservation, following an airing of both sides of the issue at Hotel Redington Wednesday night.

Representing the farmers, John M. Hewitt, Idetown, revealed that government regulations would in effect force the land owner to accept erosion control of his property whether he wished or not, and that he would be reduced from the status of owner to that of farm occupant subject to punishment by law.

He quoted from a book of regulations published for departmental employees and not for public circulation. "I had to sign my life away to get this book," he said. "The fellow who gave me this book would lose his job if it were known." He added that the regulations had been published with the intention of enforcing them. "If this is voluntary," he added, speaking of the entire plan, "then I am nuts!"

Presenting the case for a federal erosion control district was William J. Robbins Jr., Trucksville, read the disputed state act to the assembly. Wade W. Greagy, farmer director of the Carbon County program supported his views and extolled the work in his region, stating that Luzerne County farmers were throwing away a chance to get technical assistance by government experts.

Stephen Emmanuel, who owns a farm outside the County, spoke in favor of conservation. Carl Stainbrook, representing the State Game Commission, disavowed any activity by the commission and said that "we are all interested in conservation."

Leading the attack for the farmers was Fred Bittenbender, prominent Huntington Mills farmer, who reported that earlier in the week he asked Miles Horst, State Secretary of Agriculture, if outside aid could give the farmers anything that they had not received already. Mr. Horst said, "Very little."

William Smith, Berwick orchardist, said that free rye grass, free or cheap young trees and other inducements had been offered as "bait" to gain favor among farmers for the program. He pointed out, however, that Luzerne County now uses more rye grass than is used in the rest of the state altogether. There is, he claimed, no other comparable area which is more conservation conscious.

Several farmers dissented vigorously at the mention of "free" rye grass.

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Mr. Hewitt commented on the existing regulations and said that the gist of the program was "if they don't obey the program, force them to." He quoted sections to show how a non-complying farmer might be punished.

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"Farmers," he stated, "are the most conservation-minded people in the world. They have to be. They know that if they don't take care of the land, they all go hungry and so will everybody else."

James Hutchison, County Agent, was acclaimed to be one of the best known and most successful county agents, not only in Pennsylvania but all adjoining states, and he received an enthusiastic ovation from the assembly.