

### Centermoreland

Mrs. Mamie Gay, who has been in bed since she had a stroke four years ago, has developed pneumonia and is very ill.

Mrs. Clarence Smith is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Roderick were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hess and family on Sunday.

Junior Statnick, who is taking a radio course in Washington, D.C., visited his parents over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Martin and son Skip visited the latter's mother on Sunday.

The Ten-hour work day for Federal employees was established by Congress in 1840.

### Children Love To Roll Eggs

#### Dolly Madison May Have Started Custom

By Mrs. Elizabeth York

##### Egg Rolling at the White House

One of the most colorful and picturesque customs in the United States was the annual egg rolling at Easter time on the beautiful grounds surrounding the White House in Washington, D. C.

The fact is egg-rolling is an ancient custom dipping vaguely into the misty centuries, it is a celebration of Easter coming down out of the years.

According to one writer it was started in America by "Dolly" Madison. She had been informed that the children of ancient Egypt used to roll hard boiled eggs painted in bright colors against the base of a pyramid. Mrs. Madison thought it might be fun for the children of Washington.

With that inspiration she personally dyed some hundreds of eggs and invited the children of the city to play with them.

The children responded with such willingness that the custom was continued year after by the occupants of the White House. Children of succeeding generations trooped to the south lawn every Easter Monday to roll their eggs.

They gathered by thousands, boys and girls, all young and eager. As years passed they were gathered in cars, maybe half-dozen to a car. They made a beautiful picture like one huge nest of bright colored birds on a green lawn.

The rule was that no adult was admitted unless accompanied by a child. However, it attracted many adults who peeked through or over the iron fence.

The story is told of a stranger visiting the city who was so eager to see the children he tried to enter when he was stopped by a policeman and told to go and adopt a child if he expected to get in. He did, and acknowledged he never saw a child disappear so quickly as that adopted boy in that throng of children.

In recent years the affair was made a real fiesta with music by the Marine band and added to by the presence of the President and his wife.

It became so popular that of necessity it spread from the lawn of the White House to the slope under the Washington monument and the grounds of the Zoological gardens.

War conditions banished the egg-rolling from the White House in 1942, but not from the heart of America.

Many teachers and workers interested in the welfare of the children are continuing the unique custom in many towns and cities all over the country today. Instead of rolling the eggs they hide them, thus giving the children of all ages a chance to engage in good wholesome fun at Easter time.

Any church or any community can have an egg hunt with a small amount of work. With our well-equipped school kitchens pupils of the Home Department would enjoy coloring the eggs. And mothers will gladly give some time to help the children! All they need is an invitation to attend.

### IDETOWN

Mrs. Lila Felt who has been home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hilbert for sometime has returned to Washington, D. C.

Lorrain Keller and her classmate Faythe Hackett of Glenside, Pa., who are students at Bloomsburg State Teachers' College spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Keller. Others who were dinner guests at the Kellers home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Austin of Johnson City, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Casterline are spending this week with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chesko of Johnson City, N. Y.

F 1/C Choice Hoover, F 1/C James Hogat F 1/C Frank McKenna of Philadelphia, Betsy Morgan and Marie Wright of Kingston spent the weekend with Mrs. Frank Wright and Mrs. Claire McKenna.

Shirley Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William John Jennings, is ill with measles.

Raymond Parcell of Wilkes-Barre is spending a few days with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. George.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Crispell and children, Corrine, Judy and Thomas of Monticello, Ill., are spending some time with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kitchen.

Mrs. Margaret Jennings spent Saturday with relatives and friends in Wilkes-Barre.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Smith and sons, Richard and Ronald of Union City, N. Y., are spending some-

time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith. Other callers at the Smith home on Sunday were Francis Smith of Trucksville and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and daughter Betty of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garringer and son Jackie spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Binghamton, N. Y.

Joy daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Agnew is ill at this writing.

Albert London who is working in Rahway, N. Y., spent the weekend with his family.

### TRUCKSVILLE

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Crompton have moved from Carverton road to Main road. Dr. Crompton formerly occupied the office of Dr. G. L. Howell.

Mrs. George Shaver Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Shaver, Jr., and son Skippy visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Knecht of Dallas on Tuesday evening.

Miss Gwen Clifford is spending a week visiting at Hood College, Frederick, Md., as the guest of Miss Ruth Walker of Bagota, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. William White of White's Ferry visited friends here on Wednesday evening.

Friendship Class of Trucksville Methodist Church met on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Albert Blase, who has been spending some time in Florida has returned to her home here.

Trucksville Service Mothers and Wives Club met Monday evening at the Fire Hall.

Lady Toby Rebekah Lodge No. 514 met at the Fire Hall on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock for a short meeting. They visited Lady Dallas Rebekah Lodge for Help Your Sister Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rogawski of Pikes Creek visited Mr. and Mrs. George Shaver Jr., on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaver Jr., Overbrook Avenue, entertained the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder, Irene and Jimmy at supper on Sunday evening.

### BEAUMONT

A movie for the benefit of the Red Cross was shown to the student body Friday afternoon. Twenty-six dollars was added to the general fund which now is over a hundred dollars, but not up to our quota of one hundred sixty-five dollars! Won't you help if you haven't already?

The William Wetzel family has moved to Beaumont. Welcome!

We join the George Hayner family in mourning the loss of their new son, Arnold George, who was born on his sister's birthday.

Three one act plays will be given by the high school Thursday, March 31. Plan to see them for your financial support is needed.

An electric vegetable cleaner has been added to kitchen equipment for the School Lunch Program.

The Lend-A-Hand Club is making plans to entertain their husbands at dinner Thursday, April 14, at the high school.

Word has been received by the Downs family that Rachel (Mrs. Robert Shaw) is enjoying the sights of Germany where her husband is with U. S. Army.

### The National Scene

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The Palm Beach paper reports that Dr. Kettering believes that "the present era of opportunities is unlimited." He declared that so long as we have the sun and natural resources, plus our own past ability in mass production, there is no need for fear of the future.

Twenty years ago "Ket" was famous as the inventor of the self-starter for automobiles. Today he is famous because he is one of the solid and sure thinkers in the American nation who is able to realize and state that "fundamentally, the world is the same today as it was millions of years before man appeared on it. . . . Rather than fear what is ahead, wouldn't it be better to take stock of the past and in so doing try to make ourselves aware of false promises, which after all are accountable for a great deal of the tragedy and unhappiness that befalls man."

Everybody agrees that Kettering is always right.

**Bakery Goods Best Buy**  
Bakery products are the best buy in today's market basket, having increased less in price since 1940 than any other major category of food.

A recent report of the National Industrial Conference Board reveals that bakery products have risen only 68.8 per cent, compared with the average for all foods of 113.5 per cent.

Best buy, next to baked goods, is canned and dried foods, which have risen 92.4 per cent. In third place are fresh fruits, which have risen 98.4 per cent.

The report, based on information from the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, compared the period September 1947—August 1948 with September 1939—August 1940.

**Timber Is Going**  
The Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture made a comprehensive re-appraisal of the forest situation in the United States. Allowing for losses from natural causes, the saw-timber cut exceeds annual growth by 50 per cent. Even with the best of forest protection, management and practices applied generally to American forests, it would take several decades before an adequate long-range growth goal could be achieved.

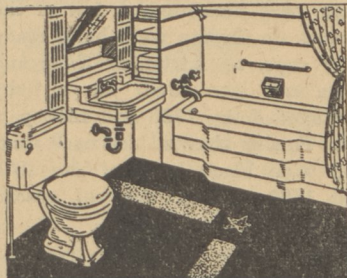
Our Nation has long been prodigal in the use of wood. As the

situation stands, our forest lands are not insufficient. There are 624 million acres—one-third of our land—which have present or potential forest productivity. The challenge is to grow more timber on this vast acreage.

### High Fly

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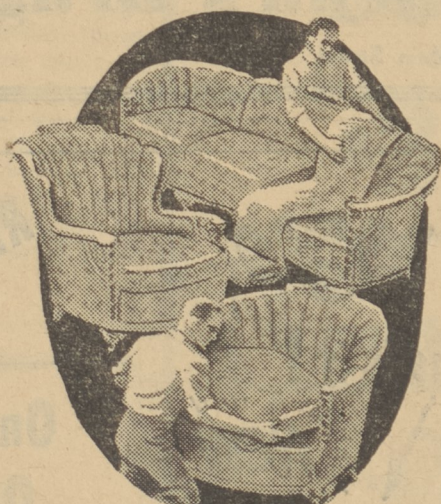
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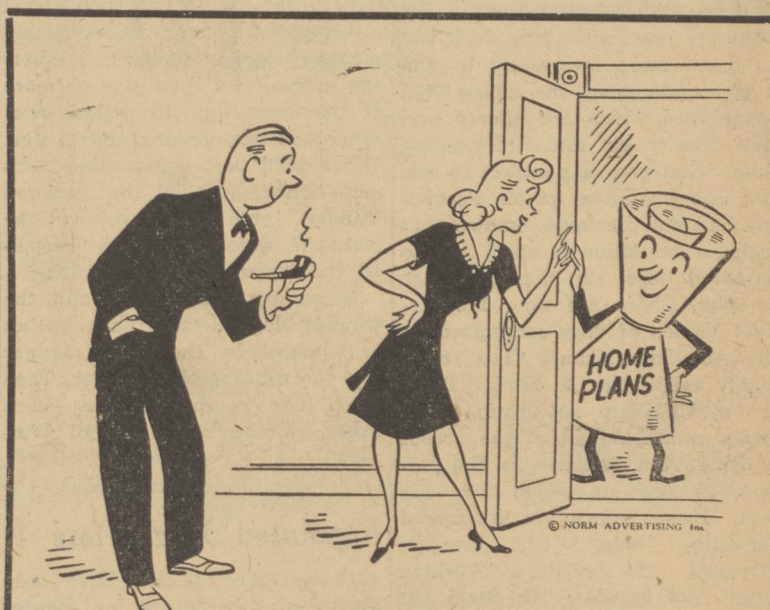
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