

Providing For Old Age

The problem of providing for the elderly part of our population has become a very difficult and serious one.

Even now, Herbert Hoover said in a recent address, "We have less than 70,000,00 providers in this group (persons aged 20 to 65) and they must provide for 80,000,000 children, aged, sick, nonproductive government workers and their wives."

How to deal with the case of the elderly has been commanding the intense attention of industry and the labor unions. The unions have concentrated on an effort to gain retirement pensions for their members of \$100 or more a month, social security payments included.

Nor can we yet be sure how much a pension plan will add to the cost of a company's product. On the debit side, it may increase the labor cost of each employe by 10 cents or more an hour.

So much for the pros and cons. Basically, the problem is to find a way to assure the old a comfortable retirement without depressing the economy, forcing commodity prices to ever-higher levels, and making the burden of taxation insuperable.

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PILLAR TO POST

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

It looks like an old-fashioned attic now, with a hooded cradle pushed back under the eaves, an ox-bow high-chair, a high-chair whittled from a piece of wood with a rush seat, a high-chair with a caned seat, flanked by a couple of nondescript jobs of more recent manufacture; two little maple rockers, caned seats and backs, and a rush-bottomed rocker made in the family workshop for some small moppet well over a hundred years ago.

And of course a spinning wheel. How could you have an attic without a spinning wheel? And trunks? And gilt picture-frames?

Ten days ago it looked like a junk pile, but last weekend was providentially cool, and a few hours under the roof were enough to reduce the chaos to something approaching order, with frequent escapes to a first floor that felt like an ice-box in comparison.

The exasperating thing is that every last antique will eventually have to come back downstairs, but in the meantime nobody is stubbing his toes on cradle rockers or falling over misplaced matter on the stairways.

If a move were reckoned in man-hours and woman-hours, including those spent in the middle of the night mentally reorganizing the furniture and fitting it into more convenient locations as well as those hours spent in the actual physical horsing around of the heavy pieces, the total expenditure of time would be incredible.

Windows and radiators take up such a lot of room. The melodeon that fitted so neatly between two windows at the Pump House, the piano that buried itself so unobtrusively behind a door where its lack of finish was not so apparent, and most of all that big pine chest that once held remnants for overalls and small plaid shirts and smoked gingham dresses—those things do not feel at home. They act like three cats in a strange garret, refusing to adopt themselves to circumstances.

It takes a long time to soothe outside pieces of furniture and persuade them to melt into the background.

Venetian blinds, which take up absolutely no room when installed on the window frames, make an imposing pile when stacked in the attic. Shifting them is hazardous. The cords let go and the blind unrolls itself with a clatter, raising a cloud of dust which should have been brushed off before removing from the original window frame, a

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Modern School To Replace Six

One-room Schools Will Close Doors

Six more one-room schools will close their doors sometime before 1953, if present plans for consolidation of grade schools in Ross Township are carried through.

The projected building would cost approximately \$143,000 and would be erected under the State Aid Plan.

Specifications call for a six or seven room building, completely modern in character, with up-to-date plumbing and heating and a cafeteria. The three school buses already in operation in Ross Township could presumably handle the school load, with the possible addition of a fourth.

All of the present one-room school buildings are in need of extensive repairs, their heating and water supply primitive, their sanitation non-existent. Consolidation of schools, with improvement of facilities and a chance for an expanded curriculum, is in the air.

A kindergarten is not contemplated at the present time according to Alfred Bronson, secretary, but may be a thought for the future. The one-room schools have been overcrowded, and population shows an upward curve.

Charles Long and Alfred Bronson presented the petition to Luzerne County School Board, which will act upon it at the next meeting.

Members of the Board are: Charles Long, president; Paul Crockett, treasurer; Alfred Bronson, secretary; Jesse Hann and William Birth.

One-room schools are: Mott, Arthur Curtis, teacher, with six grades and 34 pupils; Mooretown, D. W. Hines, teacher, eight grades and 42 pupils; Hook, Mrs. Clarence LaBar, five grades and 47 pupils; Broadway, Mrs. Bessie Waterstripe, teacher, eight grades and 31 pupils; Ross Center, Myron Moss, eight grades and 31 pupils; Bloomingdale, Miss Celia Hortop, teacher, eight grade school, with registration largely 7th and 8th grades, 20 pupils in the higher grades, 7 in the lower.

Sutliff Packs Green Tomatoes

Moves Machinery To Lancaster Area

Willard Sutliff, Sweet Valley, is educating the Pennsylvania Dutch population surrounding Lancaster in the ways of the green-tomato pack.

Always an enormous growing area for the canneries, the region has never gone into the green tomato field until this year, when Sutliff moved his packing machinery into the district and started packing for the Southern market.

There are 35,000 acres of tomatoes around Lancaster, and the season is three weeks earlier than in the Back Mountain.

A green tomato pack serves to siphon off large tonnage of tomatoes which if allowed to ripen would cause a glut on the market. Sutliff reports that the Pennsylvania Dutch growers, Mennonites and Amish are slow to understand that culls must be taken back and disposed of, that only perfect fruit can be accepted for packing.

Sutliff plans to return to Sweet Valley for the local crop, leaving him enough machinery to wind up the green tomatoes in Lancaster. He did not take with him the waxing machinery which applies the film of wax to the washed tomatoes, mandatory when fruit is to be preserved for some time. Lancaster tomatoes will appear on the Florida markets in quantities sufficient for complete disposal and no carry-overs.

Planning Battalion Dance



Francis Barry, SA, Dallas, Florence Crump, CS2, Yeager Avenue, and Lt. (j.g.) G. A. Kabeschat, Plymouth, make plans for the annual mid-summer semi-formal dance of Naval Reserve Battalion 18 at Irem Temple Country Club on Saturday night, August 18.

While the committee was loathe to issue any statement this will probably be the last Naval Reserve Dance for sometime. All friends of the Navy are invited to attend the affair which is one of the most colorful social events of the season.

Major Hicks At G.H.Q. Tokyo

Helps Map Out Korean Conflict

Major Thomas M. B. Hicks, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Dallas, stationed in Tokyo for the past three years, has been transferred from his former post with the Economic Development of Post-War Japanese Industry to General MacArthur's Headquarters, where he is currently working on plans for the Korean campaign.

Major Hicks graduated at the head of his R.O.T.C. unit at the University of Nebraska in 1940, and has been with the armed forces ever since, serving with the Second Division in San Antonio as reception officer for recruits, later with the 81st in Alabama. He was among the landing forces on Angaur; returned on leave after the Pacific war was over, and was stationed briefly in Omaha before being sent to Japan.

His family is with him in Tokyo. His wife is the former Eleanor Gruesel of Omaha. There are three children, Tommy the 4th, seven years old, Mary Eleanor, five, Barbara, almost four.

Tom the third worked one summer on the Dallas Post during vacation from college, in collaboration with his brother, Warren Hicks,

Dallas Beats Shavertown, 3-2

Dallas heads the Back Mountain Little League after Tuesday night when it won over Shavertown, 3-2. Until the ninth inning, Dallas led 3-0 when Shavertown scored two with the bases loaded until Billy Shaver pitched the third man out for Dallas to win.

James J. Durkin, manager of Dallas named Bruce Berrettini and Victor Cross as his assistants. Increased enthusiasm due to these appointments has brought out many more candidates for the team.

Acknowledgement is made for donations to the team: Bowman's Restaurant and Prince of Peace Church each contributed \$25; Nations Mills, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Harris Haycox contributed green caps, jerseys and catcher's outfit. Further donations for advancement of the team will be thankfully received by Al Gibbs or James Durkin.

Woolbert's Bus Extends Service

Laceyville Gets Better Deal

G.I. Bus Line, recently purchased by Howard Woolbert, Shavertown, from Dan Hontz, Tunkhannock, now services Laceyville for two complete round trips to Wilkes-Barre at 10-15, Laceyville at 12-45, Wilkes-Barre 2-15, Laceyville 5 p.m. Passengers are picked up on the quick unscheduled trips night and morning between Shavertown and Laceyville, connecting with Wilkes-Barre Transit at Fernbrook.

For the present, no change of name is contemplated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rood To Hold Open House On 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Rood will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Tuesday, August 15 with open house for their friends and neighbors from 3 until 5.

The Roods were married by the Rev. Ferris D. Cornell in 1900. They have two children living, Mrs. Wesley Oliver, organist and choir leader of High Street Church Binghamton, and Captain Harold Binghamton, who has spent the past three years in Germany. A second son, Graydon, was killed in a motorcycle accident on the old Dallas Fair Grounds at the age of nineteen.

Mrs. Rood, the former Elizabeth Williams, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Williams of Loyallville, prosperous farmers. Before marriage, she taught school and served as organist in the Loyallville Church. After coming to Dallas, she became active in the Ladies Aid and when her children were young, was superintendent of the Primary Department of Dallas Methodist Sunday School for many years.

Mr. Rood was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Rood, Bloomingdale farmers. As a youth, he studied at Bloomingdale and at Pleasant Hill Academy and intermittently taught school in Lake, Ross and Salem Townships while working for his degree at Stroudsburg State Teachers' College. Last year he returned to Stroudsburg for his fiftieth reunion and had a nice visit with twenty-seven of his one hundred and eleven classmates.

The Roods started housekeeping at Beach Haven where Mr. Rood was in charge of the grade school for three years. From there they moved on to Pleasant Hill Academy and finally to Dallas Borough where he headed the grade and high schools, then housed in the present grade building.

With the opening of the Dallas Bank in 1906, Mr. Rood gave up his teaching career and became its teller and bookkeeper. He had served as cashier for seven years when he left to take the position of paying teller at the Dime Bank Title and Trust Company in Wilkes-Barre. He held this position until

the Bank closed in 1931 when he returned to Dallas Schools as teacher of sixth grade and commercial subjects, which position he held until his retirement in 1947.

Always interested in music, Mr. Rood recalls with pleasure his boyhood days when he served as a member of the old Irish Lane Band and later with the Pike's Creek Drum Corps. His dad who had assisted in organizing the Bloomingdale Drum Corps just after the Civil War had been his teacher. Like his wife, he too was a devout church worker, and served as Sunday School Superintendent at the Dallas Church for twenty-two consecutive years, attending over one thousand sessions.

The Roods, though not as young as they used to be, live a very full and rich life. Up until two years ago, they spent their summers at the Bloomingdale homestead where Mr. Rood planted and tended a tremendous garden and Mrs. Rood "did up" the winter's supply of fruits and vegetables. Come fall, Mrs. Rood could be seen bustling around at housecleaning and Mr. Rood taking care of his six to ten colonies of bees and getting his beloved setter, Mike, in shape for a week's hunting at the Quiwaumick Camp in Pike County. Both enjoy reading and Mr. Rood is an invaluable neighbor of the Post's whenever it needs authoritative help on correct spellings of tricky words, proper grammatical constructions, careful proofreading and detailed information about any Back Mountain oldtimers. At the Bauer sale a few years back he bought for two dollars a set of Stoddards' Lectures which he had wanted all his life and has got a tremendous kick out of reading.

Though Mr. and Mrs. Rood protested vigorously when Arline and Lillian first suggested the open house, calling it "all foolishness," they are looking forward to Tuesday afternoon and hope all their friends and neighbors will drop in for a cup of tea and a good old fashioned visit. Incidentally, Lillian and Wesley, will celebrate their twelfth anniversary on the same day.

Transues Take Course At Sky Lake Camp

Mrs. Irene Transue and her sister-in-law, Madeline, both of Kunkle, attended a week's laboratory course at Sky Lake Methodist Camp the last week in July. Adult registration for that period numbered 108, with thirty studying the laboratory course in vacation Bible School teaching.

Rev. Ruth Underwood was instructor in the primary laboratory school. Classes were conducted in both Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Windsor, and in the Community Hall.

Sky Lake Camp is open all summer, catering mainly to youth groups, but offering one week for people over 65 and one week for adult instruction.

Richard Home Again

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Achuff, Trucksville, injured by falling from Vaughn's Bakery truck on July 26, and admitted to Nesbitt Hospital for treatment, was discharged last Friday.

Lehman YMCA Group Has Good Leadership

Lehman Township Advisory Committee of Back Mountain Town and Country YMCA lists among its personnel splendid leadership. Under the direction of Orman K. Lamb and Russell Ruble, both of whom represent Lehman Township on the 'Y' Board of Management, the Committee has been convened and is presently making its Township solicitation. In addition, Lehman may well boast of Charles Nuss, treasurer of the entire project. Subcommittee chairmen within the Township are: Lake Silkworth: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morgan; Meeker: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Steele; Huntsville: John T. Roberts. Other members assisting in the work, up to date, are: L. B. Squier, Edward Oncay, Lee Brown, Mrs. Alice Elston, Lewis Ide, Gordon James, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searfoss, Gilbert Tough, Albert Ide, Edgar Lahr, and Randolph Wright.

The next report meeting is set for Tuesday at 8:30 P.M. in Lehman Fire House.

4-H Dairy Calves To Show Today

Kiwanis Sponsors At Patterson Grove

Dallas and Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Clubs will sponsor a 4-H Dairy Calf Show at Patterson Grove this afternoon at 2.

All entries will be on the grounds at one and will remain at the hitching rail until 4:30 for the benefit of spectators. All entries will be given some cash token as award, special prizes will be awarded by Donald Fairchild, Berwick, breeder of Holsteins and Jerseys. Awards will be based upon type and fitting. Prize for showmanship is open to any boy or girl entering.

Each animal shown is registered in the name of the 4-H club, and each has passed health tests required for entrants to dairy shows, according to Dr. Edward Kutish, veterinarian. Many of the entrants will be shown later at the NEPA show in Tunkhannock.

The Patterson Grove Show, as announced by L. G. Yearick, assistant county agent, R. H. Royer, agricultural chairman of Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis, and Kenneth Rice, Dallas Kiwanis, is the first dairy cattle show to be presented in this region for some time.

Entries are: Ayreshire, Junior calf, Bobby Rice, Dallas; Guernsey, Junior Yearling, Danny Bell, Pittston; Holstein, Junior Calves, William Lamoreaux, Trucksville; Frank Prutzman, Trucksville; William Marvin, Shickshinny;

Holstein Junior Yearlings, Frank Prutzman, Trucksville; Edward Oncay, Lehman; Ray Everts, Trucksville.

Holstein Senior Yearlings, Althea Disque, Dallas; Richard Lewis, Pittston R.D.

Old Toll Gate Club Plans Beauty Contest

Members of Old Toll Gate Lions Club at their meeting at Colonial Inn Tuesday night outlined plans for a bathing beauty contest to be held at Harveys Lake on Labor Day. Contestants must be single, between the ages of seventeen and thirty and from the Dallas-Shavertown-Trucksville-Fernbrook area. Applicants will contact George Prater or Robert Williams.

Officers of the club: president, George T. Howe; secretary, George Prater; treasurer, Theodore Poad; first vice president, Charles Wagner; second vice president, Sam Patner; third vice president, Robert J. Williams; directors, Rev. F. M. Mook Jr., Paul Winter, J. Lewr Wagner and Al Pesevento.

Meetings of the club will be held every other Tuesday evening starting with dinner at 6:30.

Warden, Whitney Fish Yellowstone

Warden Hooks Trout-Of-Week

Ray Warden, Shavertown, and Bernard Whitney, Kingston reenacted in July a fishing trip they had taken two years ago, taking in Colorado, Montana, and Yellowstone Park. The pair, driving in Whitney's car, went first to Durango, Colorado, where Warden has a married daughter, Mrs. David Johns. Here Warden distinguished himself by catching the trout-of-the-week, a 22 1/2 inch model which weighed just shy of four pounds after an afternoon's dehydration in the back of the car. Both Warden and the trout appeared over the local radio station.

The fishermen spent a week in Colorado mountain streams, then headed for Yellowstone Park, where they spent two weeks on the lakes and streams. Yellowstone Lake yielded four cut-throat trout in an hour, a small stream just off a main highway a full catch of eastern brook trout. The pair set up a tent for their stay in Yellowstone, relied upon wayside accommodations for the remainder of the trip through Montana and back to Pennsylvania.

Work Started On New Acme Market

Back Mountain Lumber and Coal Co., started excavation Monday for the new Acme Market building in Shavertown. The structure will have a frontage of eighty feet and a depth of seventy-five. It will be one story with modern glass front and set back forty feet from the highway in line with the Back Mountain Lumber and Coal Company building.