

Whose Money? Who Benefits?

In the minds of many persons who are opposed to socialism and who may be affected—particularly taxpayers of Kingston Township who will have to pay some of the freight—there are many questions that should be answered concerning the low rental, State subsidized, housing projects about to be started in Kingston and Fairview Townships.

Here are some of them:

1. Who is the Luzerne County Housing Authority, is it a private or public body? Who appointed it?
2. If it is a public body spending public money, then all of us have a right to ask what qualifications its members have to administer a 2 million dollar housing project (one million in Kingston Township and one million in Fairview Township) with a \$650,000 subsidy from the State of Pennsylvania?
3. What real need is there for 25 new units housing 100 new families in Kingston Township? If this is a slum clearance project, where do the slums exist in Kingston Township or Luzerne County?
4. What families now living in slum houses, paying rentals of from \$12 to \$30, will be benefitted by these new units renting at \$53?
5. Are Luzerne County real estate men, who pay heavy taxes, or their organizations in favor of this project?
6. If the State subsidizes the project to the extent of \$650,000, who will own the properties when the bonded indebtedness is paid off in not less than 28 years or more than 40 years?
7. When and by whom was the property purchased on which these units are to be built? If owned by the Housing Authority, when did it buy it, from whom and for how much? What was the last previous sale price before the Housing authority bought it—and when was that sale made?
8. If rentals for these units are no lower than for similar privately owned properties and are higher than many because of rent controls, why is Kingston Township School Board asked to provide education for the children of families living in them for nothing or at most for less than it receives from other citizens who own property?
9. Why are these properties tax free?
10. Are there two classes of citizens—those who pay tax and those who don't?
11. Are there two classes of property other than churches and schools, cemeteries—one which is taxed and one which isn't?
12. Is this a socialistic experiment such as advocated by Eleanor Roosevelt and now being practiced in England?
13. Are we so impressed with the efficiency, honesty and integrity of bureaucracy that we can afford to put politicians in charge of a 2 million dollar project subsidized by the State and in competition to private enterprise and private citizens?
14. What assurance have we, the taxpayers, that political expediency and selfish interest will not defeat the idealistic ends for which this housing project is set up?
14. If the G. I. Schools in Luzerne County were nobody's business until they went sour, isn't it time that all of us were concerned with the expenditure of public money whether it is a State or Federal handout?
16. In a community that has repudiated Democratic leadership and all that it stands for in socialistic experiment, isn't it odd that a similar experiment is about to be forced upon us which will cost us and our children more in taxes for many years to come?
17. While the American people are running around like a lot of chickens with their heads cut off because of lack of confidence in their national leadership, wouldn't it be well to look close to home where most of us can do more to bring about good government than we can in high places?

FROM
PILLAR TO POST

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

That poor little shivering New Year that is due at midnight on Sunday is going to get frost-bit for sure unless his mama wraps him in something a good bit more comforting than the shreds of garments he usually wears on the magazine covers. Folks who have been remembering with nostalgia the good old-fashioned winters have a blanket invitation to step outside and get their ears frozen off.

We keep wondering, in our simple untutored way, whether there is really as much of a difference in the winters as the Octogenarian Club thinks there is. Could it be that in our brash youth we dash out for an armful of wood, come in with our fingers numbed with frost and remember all the rest of our lives that winters used to be colder than they are in these effete times?

What is there, analytically speaking, that is so virtuous in discomfort? Breaking the ice in the pitcher as a prelude to the morning plunge has become a symbol of early American hardihood. My guess is that in the days of the pioneers, early morning plunges were strictly sissy, and that what washing was done at all was done in the steaming kitchen in a hot wash-basin.

When somebody waggles his beard at you and recalls the hardships of his youth, casting reflections upon the rising generation and suggesting that the youth of the nation has become too accustomed to comfort to stand up to hardship, spin your world globe to Asia and put your finger on Korea. Our boys are taking it over there.

Winters don't change much, nor does the state of the world.

Mrs. Albert Adams Passes Away Dec. 23

(Contributed)

Mrs. Albert D. Adams, 56, of 1207 Myrtle avenue, Plainfield, N.J. the former Anna Biery of Harveys Lake died December 23, in her home after a short illness. Born at Beth Run, Pa., she was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Dienstel Biery and the late Allen M. Biery of Harveys Lake.

Mrs. Adams was a graduate of East Stroudsburg State Teachers' College. She was a member of the First Methodist Church and its W.S.C.S.

Besides her husband and mother, she leaves two sons, Richard C. of 25 Summit avenue, North Plainfield, and Robert K. of 151 Oak Manor Parkway, South Plainfield; two daughters, Mrs. Walter West of Teaneck, and Hester L. Adams, at home; one brother, Otto A. Biery of Harveys Lake; one sister, Mrs. William H. Symon of Princeton; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 26 in the Memorial Funeral Home, Dr. Paul G. Dennis, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiated. Interment was in Hillside Memorial Park.

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BOX SCORE
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since Y-J Day

DALLAS	Hospitalized	Killed
	10	15
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	6	8
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	2	6
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1
MORRO TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	37	26

Kozemchak House Wins First Prize

Second Year For Huntsville Entry

For the second successive year James Kozemchak, Huntsville, won first place in the Outdoor Christmas lighting contest. Michael Haslinsky, Druid Hills, won second prize, J. H. Schaffhauser, Shavertown, third, with honorable mention to Ray Hedden and John Yaple.

The judges, Joseph MacVeigh, Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, and Mrs. Joseph Bedner, made the tour Wednesday night. They were impressed with the number and quality of outdoor decorations, and astonished that more residents did not enter their houses. The Harris Haycox home, which figured in a national publication as an outstanding example of Christmas decoration was not entered, though it had the same lighting as last year.

The committee recommends that residents drive around and enjoy the lighting before New Year's Day.

Xmas Cheer For Underprivileged

Lehman Students Provide Baskets

Lehman, Jackson Township school, in addition to decorating its building and holding the customary Christmas carol-singing and exercises developed a White Christmas program of help for the underprivileged which has been so well supported that it has established itself as a Christmas custom for years to come.

Suggested by the Service Club under the sponsorship of Mrs. Ella Lewis, each home room packed a carton of groceries, to be distributed where it would do the most good on the last day of school before Christmas. So enthusiastic was the cooperation that it required a station wagon packed to the limit to hold the offerings and deliver the goods. Dallas Kiwanis Club sent warm clothing to swell the donations. Distribution was under guidance of Mrs. Ruth Simms, school nurse.

In preparation for the Christmas program on Thursday at 2:30, all home rooms were decorated, and a host and hostess from each room received visitors after the exercises. The Student Council judged the decorations and gave first prize to Russell Ruble's room, which portrayed in a series of blackboard pictures and window decorations the poem "The Night Before Christmas."

Most artistic room was Robert Martin's with a restrained decoration correctly balanced on both long blackboards; sand dunes, with camels converging upon a centered Bethlehem with a star above shown in one panorama; the Manger Scene flanked by appropriate verses from the Bible on the other; an illuminated cross lent by the Christian Church at Sweet Valley; and small figures on the windows, angels and stars predominating.

Each room featured a Christmas tree, with other Christmas interpretations depending on the individual students and ranging from snowmen and Rudy the Reindeer to the Creche and Biblical scenes. Each decorative scheme included a window display, visible from outside.

Eleanor Ann Williams Has 5th Birthday Party

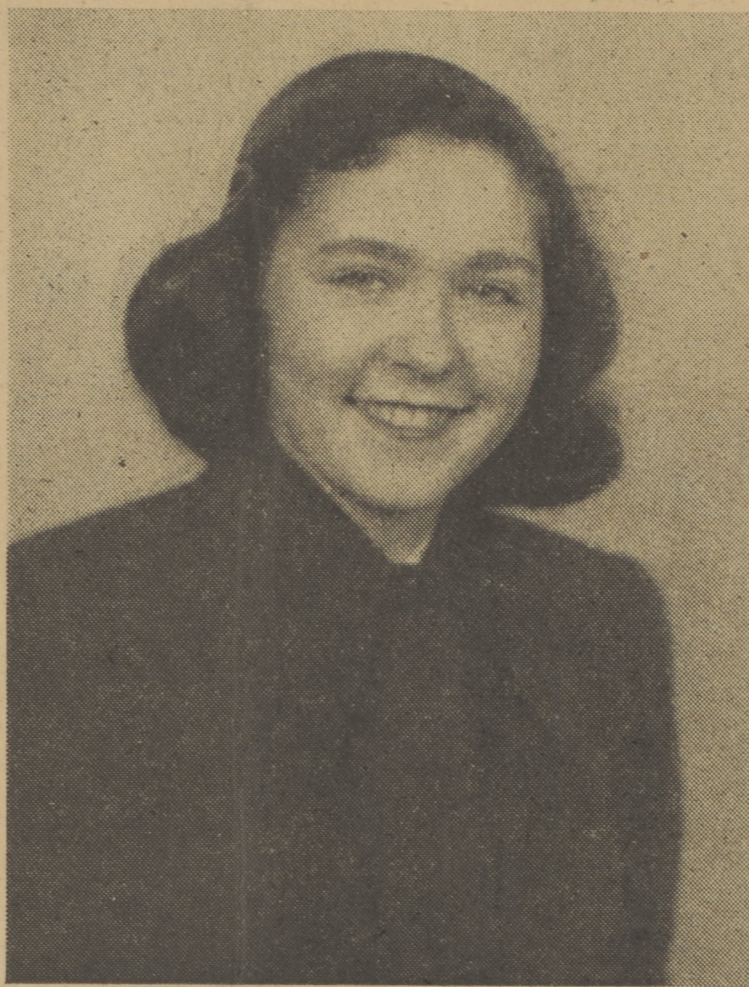
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams entertained at a birthday party honoring their daughter, Eleanor Ann a week ago Saturday. Eleanor Ann was five.

The party table was attractive with frosted birthday cake and pink candles. Games were enjoyed. Present were: Jimmie Borthwick, Tommie Borthwick, Dorothy Barber, John Curtis, Carol and Charles Eberle, Jimmie Eckerd, Evelyn Frantz, Greg Harris, Susan Jones, Charlotte Roberts, Pamela Yeager, John Yeager, Walter Williams, David Williams, Gloria Dolbear, Betty Kay Williams and Eleanor Ann.

Housewarming Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanna entertained a number of relatives at the first guest dinner in their new home, Center Hill, on Christmas eve. Present were Mrs. Joan Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaver, Mrs. Clara Shool, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh, baby Janet, and the Hannas.

Announce Engagement



EVELYN ETHEL KELLER

Mr. and Mrs. Loren G. Keller of Idetown have announced the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Ethel, to Allen L. Keil, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Keil, 553 Bennett street, Luzerne. Announcement was made Christmas day at a family dinner given by the bride-elect's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Zelzah E. Garinger, Lake road, Dallas.

Miss Keller is a graduate of Lehman-Jackson Township High School and is attending Dean School of Business, Wyoming Seminary. She is taking up accounting. Mr. Keil was graduated from Luzerne High School. He is employed by Lehigh Valley Coal Company. No date has been set for the wedding. Present at the betrothal dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Austin, uncle and aunt of Miss Keller of Johnson City, N. Y., Miss Lina Garinger of Harveys Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Keller, Loraine and Evelyn, and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garinger Celebrate 20th Anniversary

RUSS HONEYWELL, HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, WISHES ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Russ Honeywell was discharged from Barton Memorial Building, Jefferson Hospital, after two serious operations, in time to be home for Christmas. He arrived in Dallas on Friday.

Russ wants to thank his friends for their cooperation and interest in his progress, for the many cards and gifts and inquiries he has received. He will have to spend a good bit of time in bed for some weeks to come, but he is much improved and is gaining weight and strength. Russ' return in good shape is one of the best Christmas presents Dallas could have. He's an institution.

Double Tragedy Christmas Day

Bodies Of Husband And Wife Discovered

Presumably dead since Christmas Day, the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Burnett were discovered on Wednesday in their apartment at 111 Old River Road, Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Burnett, known to Lake patrons as Sloppy Tony, operated a tavern for 23 years at the point of intersection between Memorial Highway and the highway which circles Harveys Lake. During the winter, the couple lived in town.

Cause of death was apparently illuminating gas, from an extinguished pilot light. There were no indications of suicide, as the tree was half decorated and a turkey on the kitchen table was ready for the oven.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Kniften Funeral Home at 1:30. Rev. Milo D. Singer, Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Party Postponed

Mrs. Ruth Turn Reynolds has postponed her Junior Choir party until next Thursday due to her own illness and the illness of eight of the members who are down with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garinger celebrated their twentieth anniversary Christmas Eve with open house followed by a buffet supper at their home at Harveys Lake.

The house was attractively decorated with holiday greens and a lovely anniversary cake centered the party table. Mrs. Garinger, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hausch has spent her entire life at the Lake. A graduate of Bloomsburg State Teachers' College, she taught at Lake Township Schools before her marriage and now is again employed there as teacher of the fourth grade and of intermediate art. Active in all community affairs, she serves as superintendent of the Alderson Sunday School, has been president of the W.S.C.S. for the past nine years and is Co-captain for troop 65 Girl Scouts.

Mr. Garinger is son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garinger. He too has his roots deep in the Back Mountain area. He drives the Lake Township School bus in the winter and cares for the grounds of the Burnside home in the summer. He takes an interest in all Church activities and up until a few years ago spent hours every year directing their annual minstrel show.

The couple was married in Alderson Church by the late Rev. Sylvester York. They have one son, Arnold, aged seventeen, now a member of the Senior Class at Lake Township High School.

Present at the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Hausch, Miss Regina Farver, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kline, Dianne and Barry Kline, Mrs. James Worth, Jimmie Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Garinger, Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Garinger, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Garinger, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Keller, Evelyn Keller, Allen Keil, Miss Lina Garinger, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kistler, Mr. and Mrs. George Armitage, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and Dougie, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Carpenter, Roland Kocher, Robert Harlos, Rev. Ruth Underwood, Mrs. May Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith and Donna, Fred Swanson, Arnold Garinger and the host and hostess.

Watch-Night Service

Watch-Night services will be held at Meeker Methodist Church Sunday night, with a candle-light service from 9-10, a social hour in the church basement from 10-11, and a formal service from 11-12, with Professor Henry G. Kiessel giving the address.

Threat Of War Upsets Babson's Business Predictions For 1951

Thinks National Income During The Year Will Be The Highest Ever Recorded

1. Excluding defense orders, the total business volume in 1951 will be less than that for 1950. However, National Income in 1951 will be the highest ever recorded, as war orders take the place of peace production and high prices prevail.

More Government Controls Coming

2. The outstanding feature of 1951 will be the ever-increasing interference of the government in the lives of businessmen and consumers.

3. The Administration and its economic advisers are firmly convinced that radical inflation is about to break out next year. But the "brain trusters" are overlooking the fact that the boom is already old and that it was creating badly when the Korean War broke out. War postponed the downturn which would have taken place much sooner. The date of the slide has only moved ahead.

4. Rushing to catch up on its neglected defense program, the Administration is anxious to shrink business volume to an unnecessary degree. Efforts at first will be along the line of tighter credit curbs, such as restrictions on mortgage and installment loans and increased bank reserve requirements.

5. As 1951 wears on, the effect of credit controls will cause a decline in legitimate business. Civilian production will decline more than armament production will increase. The public may then cry, "This is a government-made slump; let's get rid of the controls!"

6. If in 1951 it becomes evident that business is declining too fast as a result of government curbs, the planners at Washington may rush their patient into an oxygen tent.

Labor Outlook Will Continue Tight

7. Most labor groups will not be successful in getting a sixth round of wage increases in 1951. Although there may be more strikes in the first part of 1951, there will be fewer for the whole year as compared with 1950.

8. Tightness in the labor supply will be continued as the year wears on, particularly of highly-skilled workers.

9. The Taft-Hartley Law will not be repealed during 1951 but may be amended. The Administrators of the law will continue to wink at some of its clauses.

Commodity Prices Will Remain Firm

10. Wholesale prices of many commodities will be marked by a mild decline in 1951 when compared with the price level for December 31, 1950. In some lines the drop may be quite steep from the high levels of late 1950. Retail prices for 1951, I do not now forecast.

11. The year 1951 should prove an excellent time to keep a tight grip on inventories. Commodity speculation for the rise will not pay in 1951. Furthermore, our expanding stockpiles of strategic materials present a real price threat in the event of a peace scare. Such stockpiles could then act strongly as a depressant on prices.

12. The cost of living will remain high during 1951. This prediction recognizes that living costs next year may be above the lower levels that existed during the first half of the year now closing.

Farm Outlook Good

13. Farmers' income for 1951 should average no less than that for 1950. Since the trend in the first half of 1950 was down, this forecast is not so optimistic as it might otherwise seem, for there is likely to be a weakening of the farmers' income position during the latter part of 1951.

14. Barring crop failures, the total supply of food available should be larger in 1951 than for 1950, since the government will raise planting quotas as part of its attack on inflation. If the weather is extremely favorable, the government will be blamed for farm-price weakness during the latter part of 1951.

15. With prospects good for a rising supply of feed grains, meat should be more plentiful next year than in 1950. Prices for meat, however, will be held up by continued high National Income and by military needs.

Taxes Will Be Higher

16. The burden of federal taxes, both corporate and personal, will be increased again in 1951. State and municipal taxes will remain high.

17. There will be an excess profits tax in 1951. These excess profits taxes will be milder than those in force during World War

II; but they will be inflationary and retard efficiency, economy and incentive.

18. There will be heavy pressure for increased federal "sales taxes" to discourage purchasing of luxury and certain nonessential goods. Congress will see the value of some sales taxes as an inflation road block.

19. States and municipalities will again be under pressure to find adequate sources of revenue. Further increases in such taxes can be looked for next year with additional cities and/or states adopting sales taxes.

20. Despite renewed efforts to increase the long-term capital gains tax above the present 25% figure, rates will remain unchanged.

Domestic Trade Will Be Less

21. Credit curbs will cut into the demand for automobiles and household equipment. Completions of fewer dwellings will also act as a damper on furniture sales.

22. Falling demand for hard goods should mean a stabilization of the public's spending for food and lower-priced soft goods.

23. The trend forecast in No. 22 will mean a decline in department store volume, but I predict a rise in the sales of variety chains and of drug chains.

Foreign Trade Outlook Fair

24. Barring new war developments, I look for continued shrinkage in our exports during 1951. Imports, however, should rise further. Total foreign trade should not be much changed, but the exporters will be on the short end of this business with the importers gaining.

25. It will become more difficult to convince Congress that additional heavy credits should be granted abroad except for war supplies.

26. As was the case this year, many domestic manufacturers will feel increasing competition from foreign merchandise. The cry for increased tariff protection will be heard again in the land.

27. Business and financial forecasts for next year are NOT based on the thought that World War III will start in 1951. Russia is certainly heading for war, but we do not believe she now wants it in Europe. She will be satisfied to have her satellites continue taking unexpected jobs at us, while the Politburo boys hand out the soothing syrup. But we may see another episode like "Korea" in 1951.

28. The first half of 1951 may actually see a budget surplus as a result of high National Income and increased taxation. Later, if Congress goes along with the Administration's plans for huge rearmament, a federal deficit will arise during the last half of the year.

29. As a result of the preceding prediction, money supplies should not begin to rise until after business has turned down. Increases at such a time are not likely to have much effect on prices.

30. Government bonds will be held tightly between the floor of Federal Reserve support purchases and the ceiling of Federal Reserve anti-inflation sales. Under such conditions, price changes should be negligible.

31. A great deal will be heard in 1951 about giving the Federal Reserve Board powerful controls over member bank loaning policies. Congress is not likely to pass such controls, however, unless commodity prices go a lot higher, or World War III comes.

Stock Market and Bond Outlook Uncertain

32. I see nothing now to indicate that we are entering a period of improved international relations. The danger of war remains. Until it disappears, wise people will move out of large bomb-vulnerable cities and avoid having investments in such areas.

33. The Stock Averages may work somewhat higher during the first half of next year, but sometime during 1951 they will sell lower than current quotations.

34. Stocks now in the best position for 1951 should be those that have not been popular as inflation hedges in the past months. I like good chain store stocks.

35. Investment Trust funds, pension funds, and insurance companies will provide an excellent backlog of demand for sound income Stocks where good values can be demonstrated.

37. Highest-grade taxable corporate bonds should hold in a narrow price range during 1951, but I see no reason for individual investors buying them. For my forecast for long-term government bonds, see No. 30 above. The

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