

"It's Your Inflation"

Life magazine recently published one of the best editorials on inflation which has yet appeared. It dealt with the Administration's "cheap money" policy which has made higher prices and depreciated currency inevitable. At the end it said, "The vast maze of Federal lending agencies which together make the U. S. Government the biggest source of 'private' credit are going right ahead with loan policies which also stimulate inflation and further shave your dollar. Spokesmen for such respected groups as the Twentieth Century Fund and the Committee for Economic Development cry at the tops of their voices that insanities of this sort may draw the country into an extreme inflation that could be avoided. All the Charles Wilsons, Eric Johnstons and Michael DiSalles in Washington cannot prevent or cure this inflation with price, wage and commodity controls if the root fiscal causes of inflation are not only unchecked but actually encouraged...."

"It's your money. It's your inflation. Better speak up, while three cents still pays the postage on a letter to Washington."

Largely due to high-level political blandishments, millions of people have placed a wholly unjustified faith in the power of arbitrary controls to stop price rises, and even to roll prices back to the levels of the first of the year, or pre-Korea or some other arbitrary date. At the same time, millions of people have been led to place the blame for inflation on doorsteps which are wholly or largely innocent. We blame the producer—forgetting that his dollar has cheapened just as ours has, and that his costs are swollen. We even blame the retailer with whom we do our day-to-day trading—despite the obvious fact that he must pay the going wholesale rate for his goods, and that his prices to us are simply based on current costs.

In other words, the emphasis has not been on the causes of inflation, but on the symptoms of inflation which are high prices and a fifty-cent dollar. The government has steadily evaded taking the only actions which can block inflation, and it has gone steadily ahead with policies in the field of money and credit which are inflationary. That is an economic crime against a misled people.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

Hardly a week passes that somebody does not phone the Post in a great state of nerves. Mrs. Whozit has lost her dog, the cutest little dog you ever saw, black and white, or black and tan, or cafe au lait, perfectly housebroken, a treasure if there ever was one. The children are insane with grief. And please run an ad.

The phone rings again five minutes later, and Mrs. Whatsit is on the line. It develops that a wretched little dog, black and white, or black and tan, or cafe au lait, is haunting her premises. He's a nasty little thing, probably somebody's pet, as he is wearing a collar, but who would ever harbor a dog like that is beyond imagination. The children are going insane with fear, as the little stranger is playful and nips at their ankles. And please run an ad.

The phone rings again, this time about a cat. We just can't bear to DISPOSE of it, mourns the voice, but we just can't have a stray cat around. And my dear, in a hushed whisper, it is going to have KITTENS. We make a mental reservation that cats seldom have pups, and make soothing sounds. The voice, now with a tinge of acerbity in it, says that surely SOMEBODY, jettisoned that cat at her doorstep, knowing it was in a delicate condition, and the Humane Society is the only answer. Nobody knows what a nuisance a cat with kittens can be.

We make more soothing sounds, and Mrs. Nobody Noze is persuaded to harbor the prospective mother until the end of the week. Surely there is somebody in the Back Mountain who has been looking for a barn cat.

We remember that stray cats, with their time upon them, usually fasten on the middle of the guest room bed as the one and only spot for the accouchment, and trust that Mrs. Noze will provide a padded box in the garage as a counter attraction.

With five minutes to spare, we call Mrs. Whozit and relay the news that her vanished pet is with Mrs. Whatsit, and that Mrs. Whatsit will be delighted to give him up to his proper owner without thought of reward. Mrs. Whozit suggests that Mrs. Whatsit really should have compensation for parting with such a sterling pet, once the pet has wriggled its way into her affections.

With a thought of Mrs. Whatsit's description of the pet, we assure Mrs. Whozit that Mrs. Whatsit wouldn't dream of depriving a rightful owner of a nice little dog, no matter how deeply she herself might be enamored of it.

We call Mrs. Whatsit and tell her the owner will be right over for the dog, to which Mrs. Whatsit responds that it is about time, the dratted dog has chewed up her bedroom slipper, the one with the maribou pompon.

We shred two classified ads and drop them in the wastebasket. We chew a pencil, trying to figure out winged words which will sell a barn owner a bill of goods on a litter of prospective ratters.

The phone rings again. "Say, have you had an inquiry for a lost dog? There's a spotted hound been sleeping on our back porch for the past week. He eats as much as a full grown man, and we just can't keep him. Can you run an ad?"

We sigh and reach for the yellow pad.

Easter Parade Not Planned

May Have Spring Parade Later

March 25 is too early for an Easter Parade, Dallas Businessmen's Association decided after discussing the matter with horse fanciers. Horses will not be ready to put up a good appearance so early in the spring, owners report.

There is a good chance, however, says Al Bowman, president of the Businessmen, that a Spring Parade may be staged when weather can be expected to be favorable and horses in the pink. Such a parade, he thinks, should start from Trucksville, allowing many more spectators to enjoy the show.

Jackie Yaple Wins Magazine Contest

Thirteen-year-old Jackie Yaple won the recent two week's magazine contest put on at Dallas Township School, grades seven to twelve, by selling more than twice as many subscriptions as his nearest competitor. He sold \$94.80 worth and Rosann Patton, his runner-up, \$44 worth.

Last year Roseann won the contest with \$135 worth, while Jack trailed with \$125.

Proceeding in a business-like way, Jackie checked his last year's list for one-year subscribers and got the renewals this year. He found the Saturday Evening Post at \$6 a year easiest to sell.

Little League Asks For Shavertown Field

Little League Base Ball, Al Gibbs spokesman, brought before the Joint Board of Dallas Borough and Kingston Township schools Monday evening, a suggestion that the league designate Shavertown grade school playground as the official diamond, improving it to make a beauty spot that would reflect credit upon Shavertown as well as the league. Such improvement would be carried out with league funds, and all Little League baseball games would be played on it, within easy access of all Back Mountain areas for both players and fans.

The proposal was referred to a committee.

Mount Vale Council Meets Tonight, IOOF

Mount Vale Council 224, D. of A. will meet tonight at the IOOF Hall at 7:30. Books distributed by Mrs. Alice Fiske should be returned to her tonight. Officers are requested to wear white. Those taking part in the district rally are asked to report for practice.

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

DALLAS	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	10	13
LEHMAN	4	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	4	5
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	70	26

Township Senior Band To Give Annual Concert



Dallas Township High School Band, under the direction of Alfred Milliner-Camp, will present its annual concert Friday night, March 16 at 8 in the high school auditorium.

First row, left to right: Thomas Evans, Betsy Bunney, Karl Landmesser, Robert Rice, Mary Sholtis, Regina Klein, Virginia Brungess, twirler; Alfred Milner-Camp Director; Theresa Chukinas, twirler;

Marion Parsons, Jean Mead, William Hartman, Romayne Carey, Barbara Vavrek, Spencer Holmgren. Second row: Lois Ward, Barbara Brace, Anne Woickowski, Gladys Wilson, Marilyn Mosier, Mary Louise Lipp, Nelson Ashburner, Bea Race, Nancy Carey, Dorothy Stash, Rowena Sedler, Sue Parsons, Peggy Anne Maza, Sally Lasher.

Julia Updyke, Rose Ann Patner, Gloria Davis, twirler; Emma Stritzinger, twirler; Jack Yaple, Ralph Downend, Nancy Martin, Lee Lamoreaux, Kenneth Sedler, Paul Balshaw, Mary Kozich.

Fourth Row: Allan Mosier, Carl Gries, Donald Weidner, Leo Dunham, Jerry Elston, Louise Bryzski, majorette; Nelson Conden, Third row: Augustina Haradem,

Patsy Pickett, Annjane Layaou, Bertha Dickson, Priscilla Moore, Shepherd Moore, Larry Shupp, David Pellam, Delmar Shupp.

Others who were absent when the picture was taken are: Naomi Veitch, twirler; Olin Race, Richard Berlew, Betty Gramely, Joan Ribabia, Jessie Carey, Marilyn Welsh, Dale Wagner; Band managers are: Ernestine Martin and Yvonne Schlittler.

New Housing Construction To Start With Good Weather

Next week Banks Construction Company equipment for digging sewers and constructing roads will move into the Luzerne Housing Authority acreage near Trucksville Gardens, and as soon as weather permits, preliminary excavation will start, according to Dan Robinson, secretary for the project.

The twenty-two acre tract will have two roads to service 25 housing units. There will be a complete sewage disposal plant, and water will be furnished from drilled wells feeding a large storage tank.

Each unit is a four block building housing four families. Buildings are planned to front on the streets, with entrances to each house readily accessible. No garages are contemplated.

Buildings will occupy lots of 150 foot frontage and similar depth. Weather conditions are making progress difficult at the Mountain Top project, almost identical with the Trucksville plan, but three buildings are roofed, and plumbing and wiring is now being installed. At Mountain Top, the Spring Brook Water Company will supply water. Sewage disposal plant will be practically identical with Trucksville's.

To Meet March 16

Shavertown Branch, Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary, originally scheduled to meet Thursday, March 15, will meet instead on Friday, March 16, at the home of Mrs. Marian Courtright, Harris Hill Road, at 10 A. M. Members are asked to bring sandwiches.

SPORTSMEN WILL HELP IMPROVE GAME LANDS AT MOUNTAIN SPRINGS

Game Protectors of the Northeast Division plan to extend the improvement work on Game Lands in the vicinity of Mountain Springs in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties this weekend.

All officers of the division will assemble at the Kitchen home at Mountain Springs on Saturday and will camp there overnight after spending that day at work on the lands. The following day they will be assisted by volunteer workers recruited from the ranks of the sportsmen of the surrounding counties.

Last year on the same area a similar project accounted for some twenty-five acres of forest opening. This work was later expanded by bulldozing, clearing and planting of food plots, with the result that the game carrying capacity of the area has been greatly increased.

This year's project is planned to extend the work to nearby areas.

Sportsmen who wish to participate may use the entrance to State Game Lands No. 57 at Ricketts Station on Route 487, or the one on Route 115 directly across from Steele's Restaurant.

On Concert Program



ATTY. WILLIAM A. VALENTINE

William A. Valentine, prominent attorney and pianist, will again appear in the Fourth Annual Community Concert of Back Mountain talent Friday night, April 13th, at Kingston Township High School auditorium. His talented interpretation of musical classics prompted a general request for his appearance for the fourth time.

Atty. Valentine was an early student of the late Carl Schmidt and later received instruction on the organ and piano under Prof. J. Fowler-Richardson. He also received a special course in harmony at Princeton University.

Those who have heard Atty. Valentine at the three previous concerts will enjoy hearing him this year. Last year he gave a vivid interpretation of the difficult "Danse Macabre" by Saint-Saens, and the "Scherzo in B Flat Minor" by Chopin.

Atty. Valentine has gained considerable prominence as a composer. A number of his compositions have been published. This year by request he will play one of his own compositions, "Valse Chromatique" in B Major, also "Berceuse", by Chopin.

Concert artists are all residents of the Back Mountain area. An effort is made to obtain the best local talent and at the same time have all of communities represented. This year's concert promises to surpass all others. The demand for tickets and the increasing number of patrons are evidence of the interest in this yearly musical event.

Takes Two Week Course

Daniel C. Rogers, Dallas R.D. 2, an employee of the Floor Covering Shop, 119 East Main street, Plymouth, is spending two weeks in Lancaster where he is taking a course in linoleum installation at the Armstrong Cork Company's Laying School for Linoleum Mechanics.

Red Cross Drive Well Under Way

Hope To Finish By Palm Sunday

Mrs. Thomas Robinson and Mrs. H. W. Smith, co-chairmen for Back Mountain Red Cross Drive, state that solicitation has been under way for the past two weeks and that though no definite results can yet be announced, the drive is apparently successful and the goal of \$2,600 within reach.

The chairmen hope that the drive will be completed by Palm Sunday, to free the captains and workers for church activities during Holy Week.

Scouts Plan Paper Drive Tomorrow

Dallas Boy Scouts, Troop 281, will collect papers tomorrow. Scoutmaster Clarence Butler and assistant Leslie Barstow urge that residents cooperate.

At the Monday evening meeting, plans were laid for a hike to Meeker on Saturday, March 17, and a Parents' Night March 26, at which a Court of Honor will be featured, and a demonstration of scout skills.

Twenty-seven boys were present, including a new member, John Shersinsky, formerly of Swoyerville, and three committeemen.

Bill Snyder To Act As Banquet Emcee

Bill Snyder, Dallas Township Class of 1940, formerly of Claude Street, will come from Berwick to act as Toastmaster for the 1951 Dallas Township Alumni Banquet. The annual dinner is scheduled for April 7, at the school.

Property Valuations Show Increase

Last week the County Board for the Assessment and Revision of taxes released the 1951 assessment figures which show increases in all the districts in the Back Mountain area over the corresponding figures last year.

Particularly noticeable is the increase in the Dallas area, both in valuation of property and persons taxable within the last three years.

On account of the Natona controversy, Dallas Borough and Township are grouped.

DALLAS BOROUGH AND TOWNSHIP			Persons Taxable
Year	Valuation		
1951	Borough	\$ 895,077	1039
	Township	1,393,438	1627
	Total	\$2,288,515	2666
1948	Borough	\$ 664,061	890
	Township	1,087,015	1485
	Total	\$1,751,075	2375
Increase	537,439	291	
Per Cent Increase	30.7	12.3	
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP			Persons Taxable
Year	Valuation		
1951	Borough	\$1,787,806	2542
	Township	1,586,491	2485
Increase	\$ 201,315	57	
Per Cent Increase	12.7	2.8	

Make Plea For Kindergarten

Further Survey To Be Conducted

Petition for a kindergarten was brought before the joint board of Dallas Borough and Kingston Township Schools Monday evening by Mrs. Charles Eberle, who has been chairman of a survey to determine need and demand for such a class.

President Harry Ohlman, who entertained the proposal, asked whether Mrs. Eberle and her committee had in mind that transportation for a possible kindergarten should be furnished by the school board or by the parents. Mrs. Eberle replied that parents had not been queried on this point, but only as to their interest in a kindergarten.

James Martin, Supervising Principal, Kingston Township, taking the floor, said that kindergarten might be a possibility if mothers agreed to transport their children; that if additional transportation were furnished, it should be used for Trucksville Gardens and the Harter Dairy Districts, areas not now served by a school bus for authorized students. He stated that with the State reimbursing the district for only 60% of bus service, the burden of transportation was already very heavy.

Charles James and Mr. Martin concur in stating that there is room for a kindergarten in the Borough school, and that such a project would possibly break even in expense if forty children attended, twenty in the morning, twenty in the afternoon, if bus service were not required.

Both Borough and Township have conducted surveys in recent years, it was reported, but the matter has lapsed.

Mr. Martin suggested that letters be sent home with each school child, asking mothers with children of Kindergarten age to register their children at an appointed date at the schools affected, or if more convenient at some other central location. This registration would, in Mr. Martin's opinion, determine actual demand, rounding up many more children than possible in the house to house canvass carried out by members of Mrs. Eberle's committee.

YMCA Lays Plans For Career Day

To Be Held April 5 Dallas High School

Charles James, Supervising Principal, Dallas Borough Schools, and E. L. Wyant, secretary Back Mountain Branch Town and Country YMCA, are planning a Career Day, the first ever held in the region, for April 5 at Dallas Borough High School. Cooperating are the Borough Hi-Y, High School, Back Mountain Y and Dallas Kiwanis Club.

Career Day is designed to give all high school students of the Borough an opportunity to discuss matters concerning their vocational future. The day will start with a Kick-Off speech by a prominent speaker, and small conferences tailored to individual demand will follow, with prominent professional and business men as leaders. In conclusion there will be an outstanding speaker on vocations.

Back Mountain YMCA hopes to develop this program in each high school of the region.

Lewis LeGrand, chairman, announces signing a lease with Kingston Township School Board for the two-room annex in Shavertown to be used as headquarters. This building may also serve as recreational center. Recreational facilities are available, but chairs, benches, a typewriter, lumber (2x4 and 2x2 and wallboard) are needed, also window shades and drapes. People who would like to donate equipment may notify Mr. LeGrand or drop a card to secretary E. L. Wyant Back Mountain YMCA, Dallas.

First Television Show Wednesday Night at Al's

Folks who dropped into Bowman's Restaurant for dinner last Wednesday evening got a bonus of a television show. Al says that reception is fine from the Birmingham station, and that Wednesday night fight programs will be a feature from now on. He plans some special features for children, early in the evening, when puppet shows are on the air.