

Farmers' Price Index Declines

Drops Three Points After Advancing Six

After advancing six points between July and November, the index of prices Pennsylvania farmers receive for principal products declined three points or about one per cent during the month ended December 15, the State Department of Agriculture announced today.

The index, based on 1910-14 prices as 100 in mid-December stood at 244 or eight per cent under a year previous, Federal-State surveys showed.

Farm prices for crops showed an overall advance between November 15 and December 15. However, these gains were more than offset by declines in livestock and livestock products, including milk and eggs.

Wholesale milk averaged \$5.00 a hundred pounds return to farmers, a drop of 10 cents from a month earlier. Eggs declined four cents a dozen. The livestock index, at 248 on December 15, showed a drop of six points or two per cent from November 15, and nine per cent below a year earlier.

All crops except vegetables participated in the Pennsylvania crop index rise of seven points for the month, the Department said. Higher prices received by farmers for apples on December 15 advanced the index sharply for the fruit group. An increase of four cents a bushel for wheat raised the food grains index four points. Soybeans advanced five cents to raise the oil group five points. Baled hay advanced 30 cents to average \$30.60 a ton.

Noxen Fire Auxiliary Enjoys Party Meeting

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Noxen Fire Company met Monday night in the fire hall. After business was completed, they went to the home of Mrs. Myrtle Williams, where they were entertained and refreshments were served.

Present were: Mesdames Grace Keiper, Fannie Beahm, Cleona Fritz, Anne Fish, Mary Galka, Grace Lafflin, Emily Traver, Anna Mae Smith, Arlene Traver, Myrtle Williams, Sofie Hackling.

Township Blue-Prints Go To Harrisburg Today

Robert Eyerman, architect, is taking tentative blueprints of the proposed work-shop addition to Dallas-Franklin Township High School to Harrisburg today for inspection by State Department of Education.

Ambulance Asso. Reelects Porter

Theodore Poad Will Head Fund Drive

Kingston Township Ambulance Association installed new officers at Sunday afternoon's meeting in Trucksville Fire Hall. Martin Porter was reelected for the third successive year. William Purcell was made first vice president, Richard Pryn second; Myrtle Major, secretary; Theodore Poad treasurer, also chairman of the April 1 to 10 fund drive, assisted by Emil Klinges, vice chairman.

Mr. Poad, in laying the foundations for the spring drive, sites that there are 1326 families in the Township, and that his intention is to allocate the solicitation so that no solicitor needs contact more than six homes. It will be appreciated, says Mr. Poad, if residents make their contributions of \$2 per family before the opening date of the drive. Half the amount collected will be used for operating expenses, and half will be added to the sinking fund for emergency. Checks may be mailed to the treasurer, Box 25, Shavertown.

Four general meetings per year are planned: second Sundays in April, July, September and January, at Trucksville Fire Hall. The idea of formation of an auxiliary has been abandoned. Instead, men are urged to bring their wives to the four general meetings per year, with the understanding that a family membership gives the wife a right to cast a vote.

Mrs. Rupprecht To Speak To Shavertown PTA

Shavertown PTA will have as speaker Monday night Mrs. S. N. Rupprecht, of the Council of Churches. Mrs. Rupprecht will talk on "Guideposts to Training." The business meeting presided over by William Kistler will start at 8:15, after a half hour devoted to classroom discussion by teachers and parents. Third grade parents of children in Mrs. Martin Porter's room will serve refreshments under chairmanship of Mrs. Robert Ray and Mrs. Henry Schaffhauser.

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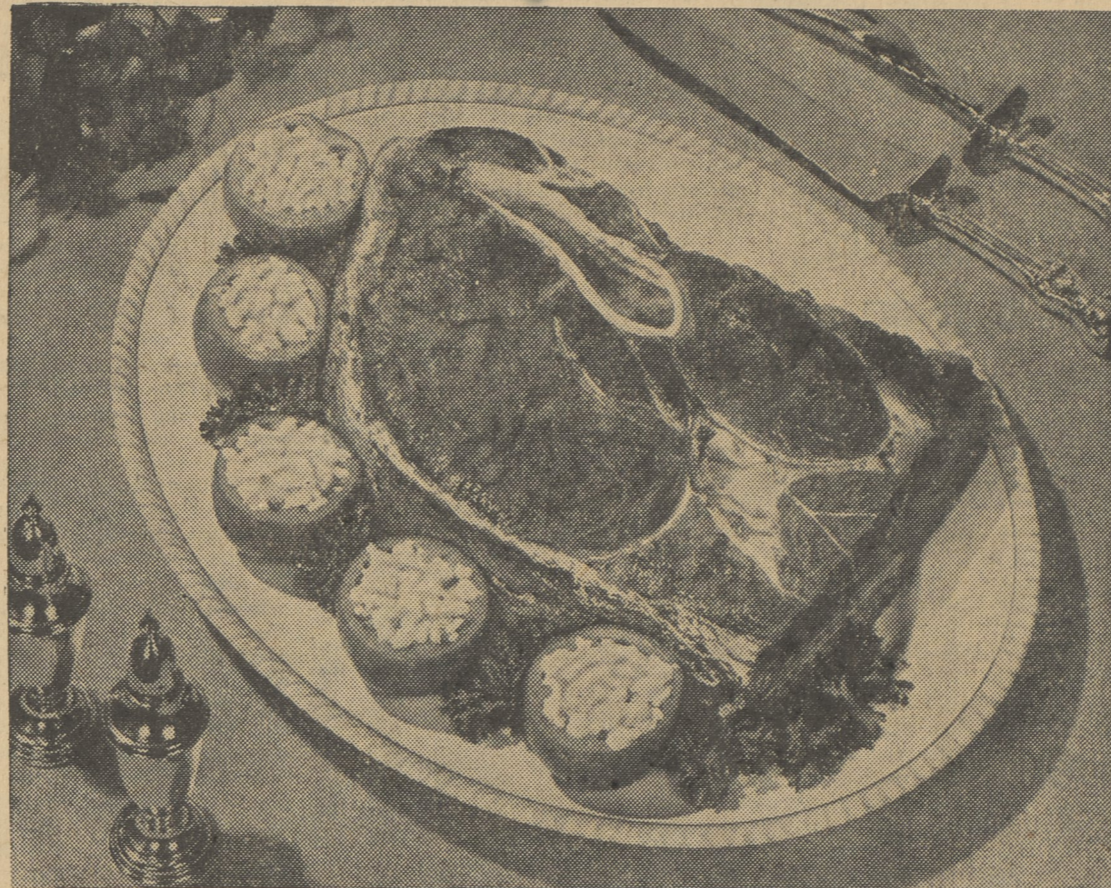
Pvt. Eleanor Galka has returned to her Hospital Base in Texas after an 18-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Galka.

Mrs. Howard Mullen is a patient in General Hospital. Anna Engleman spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Nile Hansen of Holland, Michigan.



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