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EDITORIAL

Many a tombstone is carved by chiseling in traffic.

When people improve and beautify their home places, they increase the value of their property, and help their community to make a good impression on the outside world.

With a recession in price on almost anything from food to stocks and bonds, now comes the word that the Kaiser - Frazer auto factory has cut to four days a week until further notice.

The old motto about "letting well enough alone" may have been good enough for the old days, but it does not fit so well in these times when a town has to keep up with competitors.

In less than two weeks the price of wheat, barley, corn, cotton, hogs, steers and wool dropped as much as it increased in the preceding eight months. Prices always come down much faster than they go up. Of course that's only natural with not only prices but anything.

After a hearing in New York City, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has ordered the deportation of Hans Eisler, Hollywood composer. Under the order he must leave as soon as possible and may go to any country except those bordering the United States. Prior to 1931 when he came to this country, he was a member of a group in Germany who were advocating the violent overthrow of the U. S. Government.

Our service here acted wisely. This is no place for anyone with a mind like Eisler, who has an opportunity, and exercises the privilege, of living on the fat of the land. There are other men just like him who should be similarly dealt with and the sooner the better.

CHILDREN AND MONEY

It is remarked that children should be taught the value and use of money at an early age. At least the power of money seems to interest them quite early. They go with their parents into business places, and see those shiny coins and slips of colored paper exchanged for good things to eat and nice clothes to wear. It may seem to them that those little things called money have some magic power.

Some may get the idea at first that their parents have an unlimited supply of those silvery coins and crisp paper, and can draw on some hidden source for these things of mystic power. One of the first lessons to teach them is that those jingling bits of silver and decorated papers are not gathered off trees or picked up in the streets, but are gained as the reward of faithful and energetic service.

When they learn that lesson, it should not be so difficult to convince them that hard earned money is to be used with careful planning.

CURES AND CAUSES

It is high time that we paid more attention to facts and less to fancy, in all the talk concerning inflation, the high cost of living, and the depreciated dollar.

The theory that manufacturing profits are at the root of it all, won't stand up. Profits, for the most part, have been moderate, and in many industries the high cost of plant-building has more than eaten up earnings and has made heavy capitol borrowings necessary.

The same thing is true of retail profits. Chain stores, and all kinds of stores have made public factual reports which show that profits per dollar sale are generally lower than before the war or under OPA, and are still declining. The influence of wages on prices is obvious. But the worker has been caught in the inflation spiral, and wage adjustments have been

inevitable. One of the biggest price boasters rarely gets the attention it deserves — the government. Virtually unbridled spending, coupled with a staggering debt, and implemented by a long list of dubious fiscal policies, can't help but send prices up and up. A larger part of your dollar, believe it or not, goes to the government than for any other item of expenditure. In 1943, for instance, government took 31.4 cents of it. Food, by comparison, took 18.3 cents, housing 13.8 cents and clothing 9.3 cents. Government cut your dollar to 69 cents — and that included only direct expenditures. Government's total take, if it could be figured, would be much higher. Cures can only be accomplished by attacking causes, not symptoms. Cheaper government must be the first step in an effective fight against inflation.

RED TAPE WON'T HELP There is a renewal of talk concerning rationing, allocating and otherwise artificially controlling the flow of oil to market. Demands for some such course as this may be made in perfect sincerity. But it is difficult to see just how political controls would better the situation in any way.

Oil has been tight in some areas, though basic needs have been met. Material shortages have made it impossible for the industry to develop new facilities as rapidly as is desirable. Abnormal cold in recent weeks has contributed to the gravity of the problem. And, most important of all, the demand for oil both here at home and in other nations seems insatiable, and has reached levels that no one could have fully anticipated.

These are facts — the kind of facts which are determining the oil industry's policies now, and causing it to take every possible step that will get more oil out of the ground, and more usable petroleum products into the hands of consumers. Rationing, price fixing, or any other control would not and could not increase oil output by a single barrel. Only increased output can alleviate the problem. We must have more oil — not more red tape. Government controls, however well meant and well administered, inevitably act as a brake on initiative. By their very nature they must curtail freedom of action on the part of those controlled. The rules and regulations pile up — and production then goes down. Under free enterprise, we will get more oil in the shortest possible time.

IT'S OUR BUSINESS A government commission studies the quality of education offered in American schools and the quantity of students to be served. Stressing the importance of higher education as it affects the problems of tomorrow, the changing society, the need of fulfilling demands of modern problems, means we must give better preparation, better working conditions to teachers over - burdened with crowded classrooms, improve the faculty selections, offer better salaries in order to interest individuals in becoming teachers. In spite of the fact many schools have given salary increases, the commission states that in the "strongest" institutions, the average salary last year was \$3,877, covering a nine month's period. They believe the average physician and real estate salesman make twice that amount in cities of 50,000 or more, population. With increased living costs the teacher's responsibilities are a burden. It is maintained that, if the beginning salary was high enough, it would offer competition and attract men and women talented in teaching. By early increasing the salary, for merit, you could hold the excellent teachers. We might improve working conditions, especially of those who are instructing the very young, the grade school teachers, in order to bring better qualified students into high schools and colleges. The importance of education for today and tomorrow, is so vital, it is a topic of profound interest to all.

KEEP UP EGG YIELD

Variety in the ration helps hens to lay well. Wet mash or pellets may be used to vary the feed, and stimulate the appetite of the layers if feed consumption lags and egg production drops, according to R. C. Baker, extension poultry specialist of the Pennsylvania State College.

HAPPENINGS — of — LONG AGO 20 Years Ago

The local Jockey Club, male employees of the Gerberich-Payne Shoe Factory here, held its annual dinner at Shepherdstown Friday evening.

Rev. C. S. Thompson, of Plymouth, Ind., opened a two weeks evangelistic service in the United Brethren church here.

Mrs. Isaac Eshleman, Elizabethtown R2, was injured when thrown into the windshield of an auto driven by her husband.

The Mount Joy Hall Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday night after which a banquet will be held at Mrs. Anna McGirls.

A meeting of the new Mount Joy Building and Loan Association was held in the Council Chamber. The organization is capitalized at \$500,000. The share solicitors reported 334 shares sold. Nine directors were elected at this meeting.

Rev. C. E. Kniekle, Episcopal pastor here, has declined a second call to a pastorate at Williamsport.

Mrs. Mary Minnich, of Cleveland, O., a daughter of Dr. J. S. Kendig at Salunga, sold a Windsor settee from the home of her father for which she received \$500.

John Shearer, north of town, sold 12 acres of tobacco to Mr. Levy for 19 and 1-2 cents for wrappers.

Mr. Warren Greenawalt moved his family to Harrisburg last week.

The Edison Electric Co. is building a new line from the Manheim road north to the Milton Miller farm, Sharp's Corner, past Hassler's school to the Jacob Baker farm.

John Rollman, Sylvester Hendrix, Carl Engle, Donald Bishop and George Klugh, in Rollman's Buick, had a wreck at Engle's corner on East Main Street. All occupants were only slightly injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker held a party in honor of their daughter's birthday.

Paik Shetter had a roast possum dinner last Sunday.

Auctioneer C. S. Frank sold two properties for the heirs of Rebecca Druekenmuller for \$2,328.00. They were bought by Charles Ricksecker.

Jacob Wolgemuth will build a new house on Donegal Springs road.

The Penna. R. R. is considering the erection of storage yards at Marietta.

The Affairs At Florin For Past Week

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Mr. and Mrs. Clark Keck and children called on Mr. and Mrs. George L. Mumper on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bless of Fal-mouth visited Mr. and Mrs. James Eichler on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mumper called on Mr. and Mrs. James Ash-baugh at Camp Hill on Thursday.

The Kings Daughters Class of the Evang. U. B. Church held their class meeting at the home of Mrs. Adah Eichler on Tuesday evening. Following the business and program session refreshments were served to the attendants: Mrs. Augustus Shetter, Mrs. Max Nentwig, Mrs. Raymond Forward, Mrs. Bertha Kraybill, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mrs. Ada Shonk, Rev. John Gable.

A Community birthday party will be held at the Evangelical United Brethren Church next Friday, February 20th, in commemoration of the 106th anniversary of the church. The program will consist of selections by the East Donegal high school Glee Club, a ten minute talk by Dr. O. T. Earhart, of the Lanc. Covenant Evang. U. B. Church also a talk on church building by Mr. C. S. Buchart of York followed by refreshments and the showing of the technicolor picture, "Pennsylvania."

service of your kitchenware. Inspirational Remember this — that very little is needed to make a happy life. Marcus Aurelius

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First—we endeavor to buy our food from primary sources of supply such as farmers, meat packers and grocery manufacturers and move it directly to our stores and warehouses. This keeps down the cost of distribution to us and the price to you at all times.

Second—when the cost of food to us goes down we do not wait until we have exhausted supplies on hand but endeavor to reflect reductions in our retail price promptly.

Third—we are food merchants, not food speculators. We do not build up great reserves of food at any time. We are in the market day to day buying food to meet our customers' day-to-day needs. The lower prices you are finding in A&P stores coming as they do at a time when all of us are concerned with the high cost of living have prompted many of our customers to ask us what the food price outlook is. Are there going to be future price reductions in these and other foods?

Frankly it is impossible for anyone to predict future retail food prices without knowing whether the current break in the commodity market is temporary or the beginning of a general trend. Grocers do not control the price. They must pay for food. They can lower retail prices only to the extent to which they buy wisely, keep their own costs and profits down, and pass along savings resulting from lower wholesale prices to their customers.

We base our retail price on the cost to us plus our low cost of doing business including our small profit of about one and one-half cents on each dollar of sales. Therefore we can say A&P prices will follow the market trend and that any further reduction in the cost of food to us or in our costs of doing business will promptly result in lower prices in our stores.

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