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## EDITORIAL

There is always somebody on the sidelines who will tell you how you can better run your business, no matter how successful a business you may conduct.

We notice where agriculturalists at Penna. State College have developed a new potato that will yield 1,023 bushels to the acre.

That will be bad news for the country's political agriculturalists. Last year they bought the excess crop for over \$2 per bushel and the farmer for thirty cents per bushel. This was done to keep the price up.

What will happen if growers start producing potatoes at the above rate?

We feel free in saying that Mt. Joy held its best farm show last week in the twenty-seven years history. It is as yet too early to learn just how much of a financial success it was but the exhibits, concessions and crowds were beyond all expectations. The display of farm machinery and equipment was outstanding.

The management, in fact every individual who was in any way connected with the work, particularly Superintendent Ted Weidler, deserve great credit.

May the future shows continue to grow.

### OBSERVING HALLOWEEN

When property is destroyed, maliciously, mischievously and thoughtlessly, there is law violation. Altho Halloween is a time for fun-making, when youth turns to vandalism, Halloween isn't fun. We aren't so old we have forgotten pumpkin heads, tick-tacks, horns and false faces. Witches, apple-bobbing, fortune-telling, cider and candy corn aren't out of date. We enjoy innocent fun in masquerade parties, begger's night and other pleasant Halloween diversions. But when youthful exuberance means destruction that is costly, when undisciplined children become malicious, then law enforcement takes a hand. It behooves local parents to try to direct the Halloween energies into a normal, happy participation of the holiday merriment-making.

### LOCKING AHEAD FOR JUNIOR

We once thought of some growing up to become president of the country, of a bank, the best doctor or lawyer, the highest salaried movie producer. There are new thoughts for junior's future. We have heard of plasterers getting \$35 a day, of "assistant" ditch diggers making \$11 a day. Now a N. Y. state court has upheld an arbitrator's award that gives bricklayers a daily wage of \$27. Expect there are college presidents who would like to be making this wage. When we bought junior a mechanical set hoping he might become a leading construction engineer, a chemistry set, anticipating him heading an industrial plant, an electric train, so he might head a corporation, we might better have bought him a shovel and a shovel.

### GET THERE FIRST

Squirrels know when hickory nuts are ready for picking, and beneath the tree the ground is littered with the hulls, marked by their sharp little teeth. Man, too, hunts for this fall favor, gathers the green hulls, spreads them until the hull loosens from the nut, stores them in a basket to await the later cracking for the kernel that tastes so delicious. Perhaps they are in a bowl to accompany apples and cider or some will go into the baking of cookies, breads and such. The principle trouble about garnering the hickory nut harvest, however, is to try and beat the squirrels to them. And bear in mind, you woody folk of this vicinity that squirrels work early and late.

### BLAMING THE FARMER

Now that we have harvested next to the biggest wheat crop in the country's history, now that the corn crop totals the largest ever, and other crops have been gener-

ally good, numerous consumers in non-rural areas, ask why this should not immediately and effectively, bring the cost of living down. Many place the blame of high prices on the farmer. Farmers have produced to their limit, have worked longer hours than any other group, and they deserve a hearing. Ask a farmer around here and he will quote the Department of Agriculture for the statement that farm production costs last year amounted to more than the total farm income during any year between World War I and World War II. He adds: before 1914, the average monthly wage for the farm's hired man was \$22.09, with board. Today it runs \$195, with board. During last January, cost of feed-stuffs was three times as high as in 1929. All commodities used in farm production now stand at 254 per cent of the base period, 1909-1914. Average weekly earnings of factory workers stand at 465 per cent of the same level. So better think twice before placing all the blame on the farmer, for the high cost of living.

### PRICES, LIKE WATER, FIND THEIR LEVEL

An authority on the marketing of meat recently observed that meat and livestock prices move together—what meat packers pay for livestock matching what consumers pay for meat.

In other words, meat is governed by the law of supply and demand. There are more than 4,000 meat packers in this country. They are competing for the available supply of livestock at all times—each must get a share of it if he is to keep his plant in operation. And meat packing is one of the most efficient enterprises in existence. Almost nothing is wasted—hides, horns, hair, hoofs and other inedible parts of animals are used in a lengthy list of products ranging from soap to medicines. Last year, the profits of packers averaged 15 to 2-3 of one cent per pound—a sum which had only a microscopic influence on the price paid by the ultimate consumer.

We hear much of the enormous total income of the farmers and ranchers who produce our livestock. But today the cost of labor, feed and everything else the farmer must buy to keep in business is also at record levels. It takes around two years to grow cattle to weights suitable for marketing, and about a year in the case of hogs. So the investment the producer has in his livestock is heavy by the time he can sell it, and this must be included in wholesale and retail prices.

It cannot be repeated too often that in competitive, free enterprise economy prices find their own level. This is true of a steer or a suit of clothes or a house and lot. Prices are an accurate reflection of the economic forces of the day.

### THE WEATHER!

BY KENNETH DROHAN

The following is a brief summary of the local weather from Wednesday October 13 to Tuesday, October 19, inclusive:

**Temperatures**  
Lowest: 24 (19th).  
Highest: 76 (17th).  
Average: 49 degrees.  
Lowest this month to date: 24.  
Highest this month to date: 77.

**Type of weather**  
Clear days: 4.  
Partly cloudy days: 3.  
Cloudy days: None.  
Days with rainfall: 1.

**Barometer**  
Lowest 29.82 (13th).  
Highest: 30.22 (16th).  
Lowest this month to date: 29.72.  
Highest this month to date: 30.34.

**Precipitation**  
Total rainfall: .73 in.  
Greatest in 24 hrs.: .73 (18th).  
Total this month to date: 2.65 in.

### Announce Schedule For

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practices they intend to carry out in 1949, and order lime and superphosphate for next year.

These meetings will mark the start of the 1949 AAA program in Lancaster County, which calls for more lime and superphosphate to be made available and at a lower cost to the farmers than was the case under the 1948 program.

Community Committee elections are scheduled as follows:  
District No. 1, Conoy, West Donagel and Mount Joy Townships, at Friendship Fire Hall, Elizabethtown this Thursday, Oct. 21, at 8 p. m.  
No. 2, East Donagel and West

## HAPPENINGS —of— LONG AGO 20 Years Ago

Lanc. Co. tobacco growers rejected 18 and 5 for tobacco from the first buyers in the field.

Young Bros. Tire Shop was moved from the Grissinger Bldg., to the East end opposite Browns Mill.

Mt. Joy entered the pool and billiard league organized at Elizabethtown.

M. S. Hershey, the chocolate king, is building a 170 acre golf course.

Markets, Eggs, 38-44; butter, 35; lard, 15.

Rheims farmers are paying the village citizens 5 cents per bushel to pick-up potatoes.

A. L. Nissly sold his 80 acre farm near Rheims, to Paris O. Brubaker of Salunga.

"See You Later," a musical comedy was repeated in the high school auditorium for the benefit of the Pattersonian.

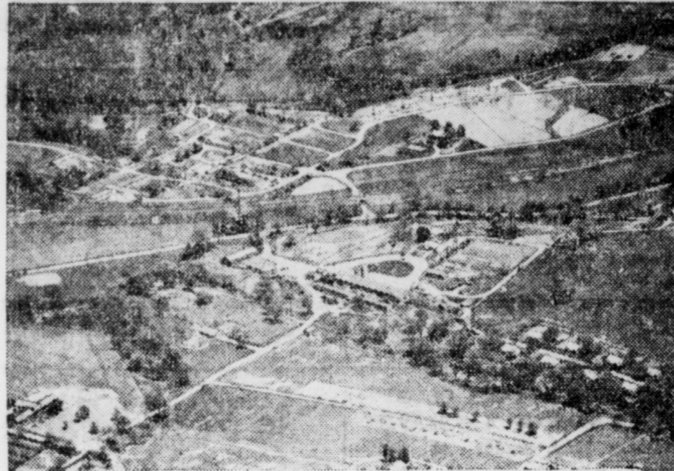
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Hempfield Townships, Washington School House, Florin, were elected last week.

No. 3, Rapho Township, Sporting Hill School House, Thursday, October 21, 1948, at 8 p.m.

No. 10, Manheim and East Hempfield Townships, East Petersburg Fire Hall, were elected Monday, October 18.

## Local Men Visit Research Farm



Purina Research Farm, Gray Summit, Mo.

D. B. Brubaker, Walter Newcomer, Lewis E. Bixler, Harold Schatz, and Norman Kready, this place, recently visited the Purina Research Farm at Gray Summit, Mo., where they saw many practical operations to increase the nation's supply of meat, milk and eggs.

These men say it is possible for most farmers to step up their production of these vital and protective foods so essential to the country's welfare simply by following more efficient management and feeding practices. With feeding profits on livestock and poultry operations at an all-time high level, such projects as year round raising and marketing of turkeys and a hog farrowing program under which sows produce an average of 18 pigs yearly on a two-litter-a-year program, attract nationwide interest.

The iron reserve stored in the liver of a pig at birth usually is exhausted after about seven to ten days when sources of iron other than the sow's milk are not provided.

The progenitor of the Lee Swiss Straw hat was introduced in England in 1779 by Admiral Nelson, who made it the summer uniform hat for his crew.

Democritus, the great physicist of ancient Greece, was the first man to discover the atom and report that it was the basis of all matter.

More than 857,500 acres of State game land has been acquired for public use with money obtained from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses.

Foot rot is likely to be prevalent among sheep and cattle crowded into muddy corrals and wet pastures.

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