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## EDITORIAL

A Lancaster motorist faces the loss of his driving privileges for six months because he was arrested seven times in five years for traffic violations. Why not let him drive until he hurts someone?

Recently a woman won a divorce from her husband because she failed to get the fur coat he had promised her while he was courting her. Suppose something like that ever happens to politicians.

Fulton Lewis, the well known commentator, gives out the startling figures, and claims them authoritative, that this nation has spent 15 billions more money since Truman took over as President in 1945 than the nation has spent in all its previous history, from Washington down to and including Roosevelt.

There may be or may have been a better method of meeting the problem of the communist menace, but that better method can never be found until we face the stark reality that communism is absorbing peoples and territory more rapidly than any conqueror in history.

We are not the first peoples to travel along the road toward complete subjugation by a government's bureaucratic hierarchy, but we at least have the advantage of knowing what has gone before and thus are able to recognize the symptoms that already are beginning to come to the surface.

**WE'RE ALL VICTIMS**  
Prices are high but that doesn't mean that retailers are enjoying an economic paradise. Actually, their profits have been on the down grade.

For example, reports from thirty food companies recently show that, on the average, their gross earnings were down 1 1/2 percentage points and their net earnings were off 1.77 percentage points before taxes for the third quarter of 1951 as compared with the same period of 1950. Typical retailers dealing in commodities other than foods have also reported drops in profit. In some cases the declines have been heavy.

Moreover, this marks a shrinkage of profits which were very modest to begin with. Many large food distributors normally earn only one to two cents profit out of each dollar spent with them. General merchandise stores and variety shops customarily earn but three or four cents. Competition, which is retailing's most dominant characteristic, always holds profits to the lowest figure under which stores can safely and efficiently operate.

Retailing isn't complaining about its earnings. But it has complained, and properly, at government price control policies and interpretations which were designed to force retailers to absorb wholesale price increases and other costs about which they could do nothing. Retailing just doesn't have enough profit margin to make that possible. As in any other business, unavoidable cost increases must be passed on to the consumer if the stores are to survive and do the job that is expected of them.

Retailing did not cause inflation and it is not benefiting from inflation. Like all the rest of us, it is one of inflation's victims.

**THOSE GREENER FIELDS**  
A great many city people are of the opinion that farmers and ranchers who raise beef are making huge sums of money. But those who have a first hand knowledge of the meat producing business take a somewhat different view.

A recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post carried, on its editorial page, a brief article by Bill

Best Jr., who is a comparative newcomer to the Southwestern cattle industry. In the course of it he said "To buy and stock a 100 cow ranch which will support 100 cows costs today about \$55,000. And it's a bargain at that price. If you, as a buyer, were fortunate enough to be able to get bred cows at that price, you will have a calf crop ready for sale in from six to eight months after all the calves are born or probably a year or more after you bought your ranch. If you are lucky you'll get a 90 percent crop, or ninety calves. For their sale as weaners at the very good weight—for the Southwest—of 400 pounds at thirty-eight cents per pound, also a very good price, you will receive a gross return of something better than \$13,000. From that you must deduct Uncle Sam's onerous take and all your operating expenses for a year or more. Unless you are one of the rare individuals who paid cash in the first place, you'll have interest and principal payments to meet. In short you aren't going to end up with enough money to buy sleek limousines or invest in oil wells.

"It's easy for the uninformed housewife to blame ranchers for the money she must spend on beef, but I'll bet anything that she would defend the rancher if she would defend the facts in the case, just as she would defend her husband's (1951) wages which also have a bearing on why prices are high."

The truth is that the profits made in the meat industry—all the way from producer to packer to retailer—have been greatly exaggerated in the public mind. As with everything else, it's a case where the other fellow's fields look much greener than they actually are.

## The State Council

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there are low-cost lands readily adaptable for such purposes adjacent to fertile areas and that such adjacent less fertile lands can be developed and used for governmental purposes at no greater costs."

Citing that the proposed air base is expected to require an area of about 3,000 acres, the resolution went on to say that "the population in the United States is increasing at the rate of 1.5 percentum per annum and at the same time the number of farms and acres and land under cultivation is steadily decreasing in spite of the shortage of food in the world."

J. Collins McSparran, of Drumore Fl, who was elected president of the Council, released the resolution upon his return to Lancaster. He said that copies of the resolution will be sent to all of the Pennsylvania Congressmen and Senators, as well as "to the White House."

McSparran said the council serves as a policy clearing group for Pennsylvania agriculture. "We work closely with the Department of Agriculture and Penn State College," said McSparran.

Representatives to the Council he said, are heads of the various farm organizations throughout Pennsylvania. It was estimated that about 80,000 Grange members are represented in the Council, as well as about 150,000 farmers who are members of various cooperatives in the Commonwealth.

Other Lancaster Countians who attended the meeting in Harrisburg were Charles Cowan, who is secretary of the Interstate Milk Producers; Leslie Hubbard, of the State Poultry Producers Federation, and Simeon A. Horton, of the Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative Association.

## 32,000 IN EASTERN PENNA. GIVE \$17 MILLION IN TAXES

The 23-county Eastern Pennsylvania office of the Internal Revenue Bureau has disclosed that almost 32,000 persons in the district owe the U. S. more than 17 million dollars in taxes.

Collector Francis Smith set the total owed which is less than one per cent of the amount collected annually in the area, at \$17,732,689. He indicated that 26,111 individual and firms owe the government \$13,874,920 for income taxes. The rest of the money is owed for withholding, social security and federal excise taxes.

## IT SURE WAS COLD

Monday morning was the coldest day of the winter thus far. At this office it was one below, at other places around here it was eight below and Rev. Koder said on his back porch it was 12 below.

## HAPPENINGS — of — LONG AGO

### 20 Years Ago

December 23, 1931

There are 101 patients in the Crippled Childrens Home at Elizabethtown, its full capacity, and 100 more waiting to enter.

N. N. Baer, of Salunga, joined the purebred Holstein-Friesian Cattle Association of America.

There were 33 conversions at the close of the revival at Ruhl's United Brethren church.

Ten motor buses will replace the trolleys of the Conestoga Transportation Company at Lancaster.

Robert Leonard, 13, of Mountville, was discharged from the General Hospital as being well. He still has a bullet in his heart.

The Christmas number of the Fattersonian was distributed this week.

James, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Darwin Pennell, fractured his knee in a game of basket ball.

Karl Engle, a student at Tuscaloosa, Ala., is spending his Christmas vacation here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Engle.

Miss Christine Weidman was given a birthday party on her fifth birthday.

Mrs. Matilda M. Newpher was appointed a representative of the Equitable Life Insurance Company.

Ray H. Collins, 14, was treated at the General Hospital for an infected knee.

Over 200 persons were present at the barn raising on the E. S. Weaver farm at Florin.

The postoffice will be closed all day on Christmas.

Miss Esther Henry was struck and injured by a motorist in an attempt to cross the street.

Four steers weighing 8,890 were sold at the Lancaster Stock Yards for six cents a pound.

The Church of God Men's Bible class met at Roy Hoffman's Friday evening.

The musical organizations of the Mount Joy High school rendered a good Christmas program.

A new switch-board is being installed here by the Columbia Telephone Company.

While Charlie Roth's car was parked on West Main street some one crashed into it and mashed the left front fender.

## Donegal Society

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and a needless waste of the taxpayers' money to set up the base in the midst of fertile farming territory, when so many other areas of comparative waste land are to be had in Eastern Pennsylvania at a fraction of the cost.

"Furthermore, the displacement of so many families in this densely populated region, many of whom have occupied their lands for generations, is hard to justify on grounds of military necessity with so many other sites of light population density available.

"The Donegal Society earnestly hopes that the Air Force on further consideration will select some other location for its new base."

Commenting on a report that the Air Force, if it took 3,000 to 3,500 acres in the Donegal area, would not disturb Donegal Springs.

Prentiss added: "Any land taken

In the general area would have an effect on Donegal Springs."

## 200 LANC. COUNTIANS FACE A 15 1/2 PER CENT. GAS HIKE

Several hundred gas consumers in the Marietta, Maytown and Elizabethtown areas face a possible increase of 15 1/2 per cent. in rates, effective Feb. 16.

The areas are served by the Harrisburg Gas Co. which has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission for an increase in rates.

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from all of us at A&P  
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Date & Nut Roll CROSSIN' & BLACKWELL 8-oz can 22¢  
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