

WE DON'T HAVE TO BUY THEM

Beef and pork are high priced. So are caviar and Cadillacs. Under the circumstances, we limit our consumption of the emerald Russian fish eggs. And so with Cadillacs. It's possible to get about in a 1939 Chevy or even ride the bus.

But beef and pork—per capita annual consumption in this country is up to 155 pounds, or 30 more pounds than in 1937.

Here is one key to the secret of high prices.

Back in the old days, before the new enlightenment, a family which couldn't afford, didn't buy. Cadillacs on a Chevy income produced marks from the neighbors about certain people being headed for the porthouse. Usually the neighbors were right.

And let no one introduce any double-raising hokum about ill feeding. Beef and pork are not the sole sources of calories and vitamins, of proteins and carbohydrates. Healthful, balanced diets are easily possible with little of them, or none for that matter. It's just a matter of preference. Like some people, including the Russians, going for caviar.

All of which points up President Truman's plea for meatless days.

The feeding of hungry Europeans isn't the sole consideration. We do not have—obviously from the statistics—enough beef and pork to go around. So let's eat a little less—one day less anyhow—and help spread the supply, incidentally helping to hold the price down.

It wouldn't hurt anyone who can afford to gorge himself on dollar-a-pound steak to cut down on the other days, too.

SOLE DISTRIBUTORS OF KOCH BEER & ALE

Sole distributors of Koch's beer and ale in this area have been announced by three local lads with headquarters in the former Lackawanna Laundry Building, 285 Ingham avenue.

The three are: Newton Brod-hagen, Walter Donowick and Edward H. Donowick, with congratulatory greetings extended by friends and neighbors.

Newly-Elected Officers Honored At IAAC Banquet

Dom Polski was the center of attraction Sunday afternoon and evening as the IAAC Club held elections and a banquet to honor the newly-elected officers.

John Panczykowski, original founder of the club, acted as toastmaster.

Newly-elected officers are, Chosier Struski, president; vice president, Stanley Rusczyk, Ed Sawicz, treasurer, who tied with Ted Jaworski but still came out ahead by tossing a coin, Al Cybulski, financial secretary, Walter Stetz, recording secretary and sergeant-at-arms Ernie Panczykowski.

Presiding chairman John Panczykowski introduced guests and speakers.

JOINS MARINES

Eugene J. Jablonowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Jablonowski of 24 Arnold Place has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and left for Paris Island, South Carolina for training. Jablonowski, Lackawanna High school graduate, class of '47, enrolled in the Marine Corps for two years.

LACKAWANNA CHAMBER FETES CITY OFFICIALS, OWNER & STAFF OF WWOL

The mellow nostalgic harmonies that usually result when the Lackawanna Chamber meets proved highly successful Thursday, November 20, when Norman C. Fredriksen, president of the Lackawanna Chamber of Commerce, extended welcome greetings to the newly-elected city officials and the owner and staff of Lackawanna's new radio station, WWOL at the Spanish Welfare Club, 229 Ridge Road.

Various items of interest were read by secretary Dan Broch and discussed by the body, one of which was a suggestion by president Norm C. Fredriksen to appropriate funds for the Chamber's outlined program for 1948, which will be discussed at a later date.

Newly-elected city officials were called upon by Chairman Norm C. Fredriksen to say a few words, but the most appealing of all was made by Supervisor Joseph F. Schwed. Schwed said, "Lackawanna can be just as popular and praise-worthy as it has been detrimentally. Let's not have any one-sided secret dealings, let's pull together and only by pulling together will we succeed in making Lackawanna a proud city to be from, and not away from."

The highlight of the program eventuated when Norm Fredriksen obligingly requested members as well as guests to arise, state name and representation, which went along harmoniously until Chamber Board member Horace Bodge represented himself with: Horace Bodge, nails and doors.

Newly-elected city officials present, pledged their support and cooperation in the outlined program of the Chamber for 1948.

The meeting was adjourned with the entire group settling down to exchange greetings over snacks and refreshments.

CATRONICKS HOLD PARTY

A party sponsored by the Catronicks at 179 B Albright Court was hailed as a gala event by all who attended, as announced by Josephine Hill, president and Cherry Fleming, secretary.

Hostesses for the program included Anna Hawkins, Lois Croom and Dorothy McCallister.

School Board Action Arouses Taxpayers, Vets

Expressing indignation through communications, phone calls and personal visits to the Press office, a great many taxpayers and veterans labeled the action of the School Board majority in twice awarding the school minutes to the other paper unfair to a local enterprise and to the local veterans who own the press.

Impressed by the fairness of the Press' bid for the minutes, many of these taxpayers and veterans could not understand and in no uncertain terms condemned the stand taken by the majority members of the Board.

All were pleased with the frank manner in which the Board's action was reported to the people of Lackawanna by the Press. Many were surprised to find out that such things can actually come to pass at a School Board meeting and stated it was time someone turned the spotlight on their activities.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS COMMENDED BY PRINCIPAL

John P. Osborne, principal of Lackawanna High School, announced that the following committees volunteered their services for the newly-formed faculty committees for extra curricular activities.

The following committees were commended on the splendid work accomplished by them: Advisors, Junior Red Cross, Assembly Program committee, Athletic Council, Charity Contribution Committee, School Health Council, Cap and Gown committee, Junior Prom committee, Letter Day committee, Lunch Period Activities, Magazine Subscriptions committee, Publicity committee, Part time student workers, Regents report, Senior play tickets, Senior Class Day program, Senior Prom, Teachers Special Fund and Visual and Audio Aids committee.

SERVING IN JAPAN

Pfc. Chester J. Chwala, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chwala, 20 Adrian street is serving in Japan with the First Cavalry Division, according to an announcement made by his parents.

A NEW INDUSTRY SPRINGS UP TO HELP POOR LANDLORD BEAR UP UNDER HIS BURDEN

STEEL CITY MAN AIR CRASH VICTIM

William Leibelsohn, aviation ordnance man, first class, formerly of 15 Ridge Road, Lackawanna was among the nine officers and enlisted men to lose their lives Friday while on maneuvers 100 miles west of San Diego with the First Task Fleet.

The son of Mrs. Fanny Beckman, Leibelsohn, a veteran of wartime service in the Pacific and North American Theatres, spent six years in the Navy.

Surviving are his step-father, Meyer Beckman; a brother, Manuel Beckman and three sisters.

TURUL LODGE PLANS FALL DANCE

Plans are underway for the annual Fall-Dance sponsored by The Turul Lodge, Saturday, November 29, at the Hungarian Hall, Steelawanna Avenue, as announced by Chairman Paul Tollar and co-chairman Paul Sipos.

Other members of the committee include: Door, William Farka, Julius Kascak, Andrew Eszak, Joseph Klesic, William Boris, Julius Boda and Nicholas Bodnar. Refreshments, John Doyle Jr., Gus Ayler, John Fufjesi, John Posster, Frank Granich, Steve Tollar, John Klesic, Alex Nestor, Louis Bonfoldi, Joseph Posster, William Toth, Lester Vilagy, Joseph Fitzery, Martin Klesic, Edward Magyar, James Fish, Frank Lutz, Paul Fitzery, Andrew Hefler, Joseph Evans and Nicholas Boris.

Wardrobe: John Nyitrai, Frank Ayler, Frank Nagy, Joseph Pinter, Alvin Hoyson, Michael Granich, John Miller, Gus Pappy, Louis Nagy, William Ciocoll, Andrew Boda, Rudy Czoldi, Steve Nyitrai, John Kutty and Steve Evan. Tickets, Peter Nyitrai, Steve Posster, Frank Sypos, Alex Fitzery, William Sart and Paul Boris.

Floor, Eugene Kovach, Steve Veres, Louis Sasz, Steve Paskuly, William Nagy, John Baibus, Michael Toth, James Prunella, Andrew Kish, Joseph Nyitrai, William Katsa, Edward Hefler, Frank Miskuly, James Kovach, Louis Tan, John Mihok, John Vilagy, Steve Herg, John Czoldi and William Szabo.

Proceeds of the dance to be used for a benefit Christmas party for the members' children.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Clarence Conway, 60, of 92 Palm St., principal of the Franklin Elementary school, crashed against the middle-of-the-street abutment of the Lake Shore, Ridge Rd., at 3:50 early Thursday morning.

Suffering from head and leg injuries, hospital authorities of Our Lady of Victory Hospital announced Mr. Conway's condition as being fair.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

"Flower" Troop of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America, the following officers were elected, President Rita P. Montomari, vice-president Patricia A. Michalak, secretary Margaret J. Mazzucchi and treasurer Eleanor A. Marcaccia. Other members included are: Mary At a recent meeting of the "Little A. Novelli, Eleanor G. Fiore and Viviana J. Thomas. The counselor is Mrs. Dennis P. Kane, Jr.

I wish to weep today for the poor landlord, who is having a real rough time. He is having such a rough time, in these spartan days, a new industry has sprung up to help him bear his burden.

The New York Times, a couple Sundays back, carried a chaste letter advertisement. It said: "Apartment house owners — let us help you increase rents."

(And in the smallest print): "With approval of Office of Rent Control by means of hardship petitions."

"No charge." "Unless successful." "Watson Associates, Inc. 11 W. 42nd Street, N.Y.C."

It was like advertising free holes in the head, or a gratis case of leprosy, if the firm in question wasn't deliberately seeking to set a record for public unpopularity.

Watson Associates turns out to be really legal outfit which is not at all worried about being stoned by outraged tenants for collaborating in chasing the rent upstairs. It merely knows about the ins and outs of rent raising, and serves as consultants on that touchy matter. You bring your books, cry on the rug, and then the firm tells you whether you've got a chance in court, which is to say the control people.

It seems the landlords have been sobbing ever since OPA froze rent in March 1943. The cost of everything went galley-west, and they were, unable to hock a ride on the express.

Out of this has finally come the "hardship petition," a neat little number by which a really deserving, God-fearing landlord can boost his prices. All he has to do is show, by figures, that over a two-year period, from 1939 to 1943, he was losing less comparative money than he's losing today. Or that he made more capital improvements or that he increased services. Or that a blood relationship, which may have curdled, existed between landlord and tenants at the time the original price was fixed.

There are all sorts of twisters in the tenant landlord axis today. For instance, if the man comes to you and say, look, let's you and me raise the rent that authorized 150%, maybe he doesn't tell you that the second you sign the contract you are forever decontrolled.

Which is to say when the lease runs out and the owner wants to hang another ruse on you, you can't go crawling to rent control. You pay up or get out.

Or suppose a landlord figures he is taking a \$5000 beating annually, and can cite figures to prove it. He has been shining around among tenants, trying to persuade them to accept a voluntary tilt of 150%. Three of his tenants agree; the others say nix.

The landlord can still go to rent control and get permission to raise his rents the full \$5000. This might add extra burden on the disenting residents, when rent control says

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Lackawanna Food Drive

Lackawanna Food Conservation Committee announced plans to enlist Boy Scouts to distribute posters and literature to conserve food. Chairman Floyd R. Schutta stated that Scout Commissioner Horace Bodge had pledged cooperation.

Size Of Paper

Comments for and against a standard size paper has been made. For this reason we would like to conduct a survey whether the majority of people would prefer the now tabloid size or the standard size.

Please submit all replies, pro or con, care of Steel City Press, 19 Ingham Avenue.

Let Us Give Thanks

More than three hundred years ago a Pilgrim colony came out of a winter of suffering and privation; a tiny band of men, women and children who braved a new world. And a Governor, named Bradford, said: "Let us give thanks."

Nearly a century and a half later a man named George Washington turned to a nation born out of a crucible of pain and sacrifice to say: "Let us give thanks."

Seventy-five years later, a man named Abraham Lincoln came out of a long night in which a people and its destiny were caught in a valley of crisis. And he too chose a day in November for a day of Thanksgiving.

Today we look out on our world, and somewhere perhaps a voice, wearied by burdens, whispers: "What have I for which to give thanks?"

"What thanks shall I give?" asks a grey-haired man of 70 who faces old age, which should be a sunset of tranquility but instead is a nightmare of want and privation.

For what shall we give thanks? For life itself. In a cool November twilight a woman, Ernestine Schumann-Heink, looked back 76 years — years burdened by sorrows. And yet she was able to say: "To live is to be thankful; to know night and day, changing seasons, to hear golden laughter and even to weep softly—just to be alive is to be thankful."

For what shall we give thanks? For glad laughter; for the child who walks beside him, and in whose eyes a great light shines; for grass and trees and water and sunshine, the rustle of oak leaves, and the friendly bark of a dog; for friends and neighbors, and strangers too, who pause in a teeming turbulent highway called life to remind us that it is good to live.

Pity him who weighs his blessings by counting what he holds in his purse. Pity him who cannot feel a real exultation and a deep humility as he says, "I will give thanks because I am alive in free America!" For in that is the root of gratitude . . . the principle of divine law.