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NEW RECORDS IN MEAT

Continued high employment, high personal income, a growing population and a high appreciation of meat's food value has caused meat output to soar to a new record liked the sugar cookie recipe and volume in 1955. And the outlook for 1956 is as promising or more promising.

Last year the average American consumed an estimated 161 lbs of red meats - each individual's share of about 26.8 billion lbs. Next year the figure is expected to rise to 27.2 billion lbs, continuing the growth that has marked the industry in recent years.

"Rising production of meat," declares J. Morrell Foster, chairman of the Board of the American Meat Institute, "is indicated by livestock feed stocks being plentiful and relatively low in price. They seem likely to stay plentiful, what with improved production methods on new crops and extensive storage on old."

One of the more dismal views of the 1955 meat picshort I wish you abundant sucture fell on pork, as prices of hogs on the hoof declined to lows that equalled those of several years past. Pork was in a relatively weaker position than other meats, the AMI advises. Pork processors are advised to trim the fat more closely from retail cuts to make them more attractive for the shopping housewife.

During the past year, the frozen food science advanced more and more. Prepackaging, nutrition, meat preservation, processing and byproducts moved farther and farther forward.

Per capita consumption of pork rose from 59.7 to 66 lbs in the year, showing the effectiveness of the industry's selling campaign.

Pork consumption next year may rise about a pound, beef may decline about two pounds per person, while veal, lambs, and mutton may drop small fractions.

There's no crystal ball which tells what the markets will do. There's no forecaster that can advise the public what the weather will do. The farmer, the meat producer has a vital job unequalled in other lines. Yet he goes on, despite the uncertainty of what lies ahead. In some ways, he is the biggest gambler in the country, staking thousands of dollars against an unknown market. Nevertheless, he'll be in there producing. The nation will not lack for meats. There will be a selling job from all angles, and the industry — from farrowing to the retail counter - will move ahead. This nation, the best fed nation, often fails to realize fully the part the producer plays.

Voice Of Lancaster Farms AND FARM FRIENDS

(Readers are invited to write comments on Lancaster Farming, about current events, or other topics. Letters should be brief, and must be signed. Names will be withheld if requested. - Editor).

LIKE IT VERY MUCH

closed \$1.00 for Lancaster Farm. stage and was to be heard by hiforma, where plans were an-ing. Like it very much. — Morris members of the State Board of nounced to introduce the new Agriculture, headed by Governor Kieffer. Pennypacker, at the board's an-

FINE PAPER

Mrs. J C Mellinger.

VERY INTERESTING OXFORD, R3 — Enclosed cipals in controversial editorias far superior in flavor and qua please find \$1 00 for my subscrip- (in many newspapers throughout hity to other sweet potatoes raised, tion to Lancaster Farming. It is the State. The feeling between in this country. very interesting and should fill the two scientists reached a dea want for a local farm paper in gree of such bitterness that Sur-

a progressive community. Wish- face offered \$50 to anyone who ing you success, I am - Oliver could prove that he was a graf-F Larson.

board's most active members, valuable of all land fertilizers It questioned the abilitues of Sur- was said that every acre of BLUE BALL — Enclosed face as a zoologist. Surface, ground planted with clover, cow-please find \$100 for my one year backed by Governor Pennypack-subscription I think you have a er, was in charge of a large or libs of netrogen from the air and

nual meeting at Harrisburg.

50 Years Ago

(This Week In 1905)

By JACK REICHARD

Fufty years ago thus week a bit-

ter controversy between State Zo-

This Week on Lancaster Farms

would like to have more recipes In New York the American Bison Society, supported by Presifor cookies by weight measure. ENJOY FARM NEWS QUARRYVILLE — Enclosed to control of the group was here in 1850, except for a few find check for \$1 00 to Lancaster vidual aid in preserving the Ame-lless in number and more duffarm news. - George E. Cogley.

becoming extinct. In 1905 it was estimated that there were less than 1,000 bison in the country. where millions once roved the great western plains.

A sweet potato with keeping ologist Surface and Dr. George qualities equal to the Irish potato G. Groff, of Bucknell University, over the merits of the State's \$30,000 crusade being conducted was reported found in the South Sea Islands by Captain J. A. Macomber of Oakland, Calif. Speciby Surface against the San Jose ments of the potato were turned. scale in Pennsylvania, had reaover to the department of agri-HONEY BROOK - Find en ched almost the first punching culture at the University of Caplant in California.

The potato was found by Captain Macomber on Pagant Island.

Among other reports-in 1905 was one stating that 75 million lbs of nitrogen existed in the air Groff, one of the agriculture over each acre af land, the most fine paper and enjoy the wom- chard on the Governor's private put it into the soil within a year. ens page so much. I especially farm at Schwenksville.

> Wild fowl in general was redent Theodore Roosevelt, was ported on the decline in Lanorganized at a meeting held at caster County in 1905. Many va-

> > and to sound, the coming of Christ is to this world of humanity In the midst of all the jangling, wrangling, maddening and often meaningless noises of the world, in the midst of all the stupid ordinary soon-forgotten outpouring of talk, talk, talk, a lovely poem comes bringing beauty and meaning, like a rose in a junk-yard. So in the midst of our jangling world Christ comes bringing meaning and joy and peace

Some Will Not Listen

To some-to too many-Christmas means nothing. "Silent Night" is a tune to be tired of, nothing more. The angels might as well never have sung, the Story never written. Readers of TIME magazine will recall an article last July 18 about a writer who is typical of many men and women in these times. He knows there is such a thing as the way of Love, for every cross on every church proclaims it, and every Christmas carol sings it. But he will not accept it. He chooses the way of defiance and despair. To him, life is a wandering in the dark, with nothing but his own candle which will soon go out.

lishing it for the benefit of the farmers—A. Freeman Hershey

PLEASED WITH PAPER

CONESTOGA - I am greatly

pleased with Lancaster Farming

ENJOY IT VERY MUCH

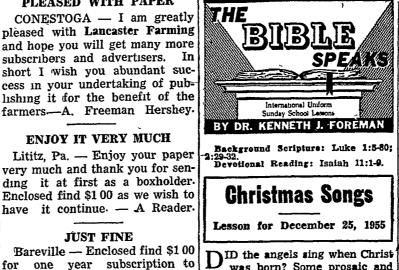
Lititz, Pa. - Enjoy your paper very much and thank you for sending it at first as a boxholder. Enclosed find \$100 as we wish to have it continue. — A Reader.

JUST FINE

Bareville -- Enclosed find \$100 for one year subscription to Lancaster Farming. Think the paper is just fine and we coudn't get a more interesting newspaper. It's much finer than some of the dailies we get. We like the market heavenly host" (he does not even and women's pages. Keep up your good work. - Aldus M. Nolt.

FINE PAPER

Elizabethtown - Enclosed find Christian art and 31.00 for your fine paper. Thank Christian story is



was born? Some prosaic and unimaginative people say they didn't. True enough, Luke never says there was music. All he says is that the "multitude of the say they were angels) were praising God and "saying, Glory to God in the highest . . ." Surely

HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Year's is a time of reminiscing and planning, a time to see what has happened during the past year, to see what may come in the next. It's a time to stay up until midnight or more, to welcome in the new, to say goodbye to the old. It's a time for fellowship, for partying.

Too often resolutions are made - and broken. If you - if you too - can't pin yourself down to specific grees at noon. The warming-up resolutions, why not review the year you are closing and see what improvement can be made in the coming year?

What ever happens, let Lancaster Farming join in wishing you a Happy New Year — a happy and prosperous New Year.

THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR

One of the best items for the farmer to remember year 'round is the 1955 Farm Safety Week theme: "Farm safety is NO accident."

SINK OR SWIM

Here's today's tongue-tied twister: "Think or Thwim."

PRINTERS HAVE FUN

Around print shops, where the calamity of error hangs heavily always, you often find there's fun in misspelling what is obvious. One of the better, which anyone can well apply, is

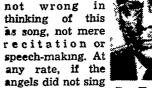
Before you louse it up, THIMK. '

you for the early, free copies. - Mrs. Paul R. Good.

Cold Feet? May Be Chill That Covers County

Your feet cold?

Little precipitation, lots of cold. That's how the weekly weather might be summarized in Lancaster County. Christmas here and elsewhere was balmy, with Lancaster reporting 54 defollowed a chilling-down of a few days earlier, for on Dec. 22 a low of 5 above was recorded at the Lancaster Water Works. Thermometers have been erected atop the Brunswick Hotel in Lancaster to help Bernard N. White, local weatherman, make his reports, and more equipment will be installed soon. Local forecasts are being issued at 7:30 and 11:30 a. m., and reports are available there for other states. In the extended forecast for the Middle Atlantic States, warmer weather is expected Friday, Saturday and Sunday may be colder, some light showers may arrive Friday, with total precipitation expected to be about threetenths of an inch. On the night of Dec. 22-23, a half inch of snow ze that each of these poems was fell on the county, contributing called forth in some way by the about .04 of an inch of precipita- birth of Jesus. This is as it should Ition.



such words, the Dr. Foreman church has sung them. All down through the Christian centuries Christmas has been a singing time. You cannot suggest all that Christmas means in simple spoken prose; you have to sing.

Seauty in a Jangled World

Luke, who had an ear for such things, put into his gospel not less than four poems connected with the birth of Christ. Of these the "Glory in the highest" is the shortest. The others are the words of Mary (Luke 1:47-55), of Zachariah (1:67-79) and of Simeon (chap. 2:29-32). In the R.S V. these are printed as poetry; as they really are. (The reader will note other poetic passages, but these are the four most famous ones.) The church has set all these to music many times over. and in some churches they are sung every week. Mary's song like the others has been given a Latin name, from their first words in the Latin Bible: "Magnificat" for Mary's song, "Benedictus" for Zechariah's, "Gloria in excelsis" for the angels', and "Nunc Dimittis" for Simeon's. But modern church-goers do not always realbe. What poetry is to language

But Some Have Heard

On the other hand there are many, and among them some of mankind's best, who have found in the Christian faith something more than merely a story, a lovely legend, a song for little children, something which it would be pleasant, but impossible, to believe. A good book to get for the new year is one called "This I Believe about Jesus Christ" (edited by J. C. Monsma; Revell & Co., New York). It is a collection of testimonies to Jesus Christ, by an impressive variety of men and women. College presidents, executives of great business firms, scientists, politicians, persons in many walks of life, all write on the same theme, what Christ has meant to them. Any one who thinks that Christianity is a religion only for weak characters ought to read_this book. Any one who thinks that Christ is attractive only to children, might well read this book and learn better. The writers by their testimonies show that not alone for ancient and legend-loving times, not only for simple peasants in primitive lands, but for modern men, hard-headed, highly educated, burdened with great responsibilities, Christ brings meaning and beauty as well as power. Strong voices in every land join the heavenly host in praise to God who has given us his Son.

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