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FARM PROGRAM PUBLICITY

You hear it around the farm, in town, in the office — they're all talking about the farm problem. Perhaps it was "The Crisis of Abundance" that started the talk, the television program that Secretary Benson called "demogoguery at its worst."

The Lititz Record Express, prior to Mr. Benson's answer two weeks ago last night commented thusly on the first Edward R. Morrow program: "Previously the Secretary had said he couldn't discuss a 55-minute show in five minutes. We'll say he DID. It was Mr. Benson's evening."

Whoever won, the event got publicity, in national magazines, in the metropolitan dailies, radio, television. It pointed up the fact that the farm problem is the concern of the nation. More attention is being focused on the farmer. In the cities, the approach, naturally, is how much the farmer is costing the consumer who pays double what the farmer receives for his pork.

But as too often happens, nationwide publicity is shadowed by individual interpretation, and only a clear statement — such as the Secretary can offer — can set the record straight

YARDS' RECORD ENVIABLE

Last week's report on 1955 business at the Lancaster Stock Yards was most encouraging, with an increase in cattle receipts that raised prestige of this — the largest market east of Chicago — to a new high. It's only natural that this outstanding market should be in one of the nation's outstanding agricultural counties, yet its trade territory extends far beyond the boundaries of Lancaster County.

Last year produced a \$56 7 million business at the Lancaster Yards Beyond this figure is employment for several thousand persons, beyond this, Lancaster packing firms supplying much of the meats consumed in this territory. It's an industry to be proud of, one that reflects most readily current conditions in agriculture. Its increasing strength as a stocker and feeder supply point is not to be overlooked

Lancaster Farming adds its congratulations.

TEACHERS' PAY PROBLEM

Pennsylvania teachers just went through a hectic week, wondering if they were to receive their pay checks, wondering if they would be forced to pay interest on their salaries from money borrowed by their school districts, or, like some in Pennsylvania, just wait and wait — and live on credit.

School aid went out to fourth class school districts to ease tension among the ranks of teachers.

Pennsylvania's pay problem is not singular, but it is causing no end of unrest in the ranks of instructors. Here devotion to duty is perhaps more outstanding than in any profession It takes education, costly education, to win a teacher's certificate. Starting salaries may be in the \$2400-per annum brackets, and, if sufficient progress is made, the teacher may work up to the \$4000 levels. No wonder there's dissatisfaction, no wonder there's a scarcity of teachers, no wonder there are transfers and vacancies

Some states provide guaranteed pay days. Soon Pennsylvania must take this step, or find itself with a weakened, spiritless system, a staff that, while molding the men and women of tomorrow, faces a today without pay

BEWARE

For years the farmer has been the victim of shysters who ply their trade in areas where neighbors are not near. And Lancaster County has come in for its sad misfortune in this respect. Money has been pledged for house painting or for siding work — sold by fast-talkers — that proved entirely unsatisfactory.

Bargains through outside salesmen are often cruelly expensive. Your best bet is always to patronize your hometown merchant first.

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).

TO MISSOURI READER

BAREVILLE — Will you please send 'Lancaster Farming' to Mrs. Roy Laneberry, Hale, Missouri?

I am enclosing \$100 for a year's subscription for her. She is my mother's first cousin. Many of her relatives are from the county here, also she has been in the county many times My mother and she correspond and she is always anxious to hear about Lancaster County. We feel this will be one way for her, as we couldn't think of all the news you have and for just \$100 for a year

Still enjoy receiving your newsy paper Always anxious for Saturday's mail — as we receive it on Saturday

Yours Truly,
 Mrs John B. Becker

"I LIKE THIS PAPER"

EPHRATA — While my husband was reading the Feb 3 sample copy of Lancaster Farming, he stopped to remark, "I like this little paper." I said, "So do I, especially the recipes. And when I told him the price is \$100 for a year for charter subscribers, we decided to have it too Enclosed you will find a check, and a recipe. The young man on the front page was out friend (Dick Adams) who lives a few miles from our place — Mrs. Warren Seibel

THANKS

STEVENS — Thank you for the free copy of Lancaster Farming I received in our mail on Friday, Feb 10 — Mrs. Jonas W. Martin

PLEASE SEND

EPHRATA — Please send me Lancaster Farming for one year. Find \$100 enclosed — Mrs Samuel M. Shirk.

OVERBRIDGE FARM

EPHRATA — Enclosed please find sum of one dollar for our year's subscription to Lancaster Farming. I've enjoyed the copy you sent to us and have long felt we needed a paper such as yours Lancaster County, its farmers, methods of farming, customs and history have not only been interesting to local people, but also other folks from other sections of the country May I wish you success in your publication — Mrs L. W. Estey, Overbridge Farm

He that hath time, and looks for time, loseth time—William Camden.

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

(This Week In 1905)
 By JACK REICHARD

200,000 Farmers

Vote To Strike

The entire nation, including farm produce dealers and speculators were gravely concerned over the announcement made at the Indianapolis, Ind., headquarters of the American Society of Equity, 50 years ago this week, that a strike of its 200,000 farmer members would become effective March 1, 1906. Members had voted to withhold from market all agriculture products which did not meet minimum prices decreed by the society. Officials said: "The producer should get at least one dollar a bushel for wheat no matter what may be the size of the crop".

50 Years Old

50 Years Ago

At a meeting of the Octoraro Farmers' Club Feb 19, 1906, at the residence of Mr and Mrs. Charles Maule, near Christiana, Lancaster County, it was announced the organization would reach its 50th milestone during March that year. In a discussion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club, it was decided to postpone the celebration until June, when the weather would be more favorable

Memorial For Ingenious

Son of a Lancaster Farmer at Albany, N Y., the Robert Fulton Memorial Association was incorporated, 50 years ago this week. The purpose of the organization was to erect a suitable monument to the "ingenious son of a Pennsylvania farmer", in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his successful application of steam power to navigation

Seized Teenagers'

Love Letters

Teenagers in general were concerned over the announcement made by Postmaster John Francis, at the Allegheny, Pa post office, who had seized a bag full of correspondence between girls and boys under 21 years of age, which he declared would be turned over to the parents of the young writers. He issued instructions to all postal clerks and rural carriers to deliver mail to minors only under the instructions of Section 673, postal laws and regulations. Section 673 stated that mail to minors may be delivered to the parents of guardians of youngsters. Postmaster Francis had been studying the matter for months. He found hundreds of teenagers carrying on flirtation through the mails He learned who they were, what names they used, then confiscated a bag full of the evidence.

25 Years Ago

Students Of Journalism

Hear Fred Fuller Shedd

Students of Journalism at State College, were interested in what Fred Fuller Shedd, editor-in-chief, of the Philadelphia Bulletin, had to say in his talk on weekly newspapers, 25 years ago this week Shedd stated that weekly newspapers will always continue a great force in the majority of small American communities. He said: "The weekly paper suffers little from competition with the daily, for the weekly serves a field particularly its own. Consequently the majority of weeklies are successful". The Philadelphia newspaperman stressed two points about the weeklies to the students, urging weeklies continue free of syndicated columns and comics, which he described as "derogatory forces to which the dailies have succumbed and which contribute to their banality".

Outstanding Record

Reported

A B Bingham, assistant state 4-H Club leader at Pennsylvania State College, reported that nine heifers owned by the Clinton County 4-H Cow and Calf Club, had averaged 11,130 lbs of milk in 1930, an outstanding record in the State that year.

Relation of Water

To Plant Life Study
 Taking a tip from the drouth of 1930, staff members of the department of horticulture at Pennsylvania State College, planned an extensive program on the relation of water to plant life growth for the annual Horticulture Week, scheduled March 4 to 7 inclusive, in 1931.

Farmers Urged To

Adopt 8 Hour Day

At a meeting of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau held at Lancaster, Feb 19, 1931, M. S. Winder, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, urged farmers to adopt an eight-hour day and a five and one-half day week, "allowing more time for self-improvement and recreation for themselves and families".

Lancaster Farm Notes

Sales of tobacco from Lancaster farms reported 25 years ago this week, included a seven-acre crop of John E Hess, R1, West Willow who received 14 and 3 cents; J. H. Herr, also of R1, West Willow, a crop of 3½ acres at 12 and 3; the 4-acre crop of Horace Sheaffer, RD, New Providence, at 11¼ and 2, and Edwin Booth, Drumore Twp., who received the same price as Sheaffer, for his 3-acre crop.

