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**HONORS DUE FARM YOUTH**

Contacts the past few weeks with farm youth organizations impress one more of the need for starting younger men and women on the right path into agriculture. Years ago — when pop was a pup and when his son was a gangling, growing youngster — Four-H just started, the Future Farmers of America had not reached as wide as today. There was little to interest a young man in farming, outside of dad's encouragement. And if dad were having a tough time at that moment with drought or sunken cattle prices, he did little to encourage his son to follow through.

True, there was a legacy ahead — but its worth was dubious when one grew up in hard times. Not many schools offered courses in agriculture. If they did, it was an elective against a more liberal arts course of study. In one case you could take Latin or agriculture, and, since Latin was prerequisite to college, Latin it was. The one-year course was offered every other year, to Freshmen and Sophomores alone.

Encouragement could have been given through a farm project under dad's supervision, perhaps. In one case, 20 lambs were purchased for \$20. The gain was to go to the son, no charge for feed. Paying a dollar per head, there was no chance to lose. No chance? One was kicked and killed by a horse. The balance sold, after some feeding, for \$19 — again a dollar per head, and the project ended.

Schools today are doing a terrific job in filling the breach between farm-learning and book-learning about the farm. Add to this Vo-Ag, 4-H and the FFA, encouragement and supervision from county extension offices, and you have an unbeatable combination that will help more than anything else to keep them down on the farm.

**REA TO EXPAND**

Within the next five years, nearly one billion dollars will be spent in REA electric construction, the USDA advises. Between 1957 and 1961 ten or twelve million dollars will be spent in Pennsylvania alone, at the rate of between \$2,135,000 and \$2,421,000 a year.

Like pulling the farm out of the mud, electricity has done more than anything else to make farm living, management and efficiency more encouraging. Farm dependence on electricity is tremendous — as proved when the power goes off. However, the complex, modern network of power lines throughout the nation has almost eliminated this fault 100 per cent.

If one could go but a day without electricity, he would realize how vital it is. Pumps wouldn't pump feed grinders wouldn't grind, the kitchen would stop functioning, the romantic atmosphere of a candle-light dinner would soon fade. The deep freeze would go off, and havoc would reign.

Those that holler for the "good old days" ought to take a second look.

**WHAT NEXT**

Just when we get to the place where we can pronounce stilbestrol and can write diethylstilbestrol, along comes something new, another growth-promoting hormone called hexestrol. Farmer turning scientist may be the custom, some of these days, when he recites his inventory of chemicals, weed killers, preservatives, vaccines, hormones, sprays, etc., etc., etc.

**FILE — AND REMEMBER**

Five new antibiotics under test by plant pathologists at the USD's Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., will give protection to snap beans and lima beans from four fungus diseases, but none are yet ready for field application.

There names — which you can file and hope you can pronounce — are Anisomycin, Mycostation, Oligomycin, Griseifulvin and Filipin.

Sounds like the cast of an ancient Greek drama.

**50 Years Ago**

**This Week on Lancaster Farms**

(This Week In 1905)  
 By JACK REICHARD

**Bills to Reduce Tax**

**On Wide Tired Wagons**

Farmers and teamsters in Pennsylvania were watching the moves of a number of States, where legislative bills were introduced to reduce the road tax of all owners who used wide-tired wagons. Sponsors of the bills claimed the use of wide-tired wagon wheels was an aid in maintaining good dirt roads, 50 years ago. Builders of Conestoga wagons were particularly interested.

**Tuberculin Vaccination**

**Hailed A Success**

Dairy farmers everywhere were interested in the experiment conducted on the stork farm of Dr. J. P. Welsh, Bloomburg, Pa., where six calves were vaccinated in a test to immunize them against tuberculosis, an operation new in the country up to 1906. Dr. Person, of the University of Pennsylvania, in charge of the tests, announced the experiment at Bloomburg was a success.

**Herd Bull**

**Broken to Drive**

An eastern farmer claimed he had succeeded in keeping his Jersey bull out of mischief by using the animal regularly in a treadmill to operate his cream separator. He declared the bull also was broken to drive, the children going to mill and the store with the animal hitched to a two-wheel cart.

**Purchases Farm for**

**Rabbit Propagation**

George H. Hardner, a contractor, announced he had purchased an 80-acre farm in the Angle Hill acre of Lowhill Twp., Lehigh County, for the exclusive purpose of raising rabbits. Hardner stated the property was especially adapted for the purpose, with considerable woodland, flanked by thickets, in which the rabbits could hide.

**25 Years Ago**

**All Lancaster County**

**Dogs Quarantined**

Charles Evans, of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry, was sent to Lancaster County to enforce a quarantine on all dogs, due to the spread of rabies in this section, in 1931. Evans announced he was instructed to kill all dogs running at large, and would remain in the county for a number of months. He appealed to owners to keep their dogs tied and penned until the infection subsided.

**Depression Sent**

**People Back to Farms**

A steady decline in industrial employment, in 1931, was sending people back to farms, according to a report issued by the bureau of agriculture economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The report stated that the movement from cities to farms in 1930 was the largest since 1924.

**Crop Mortgage**

**Bill Passed**

Among the new laws passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature, in 1931, and sent to the Governor's desk for signing, permitted Commonwealth farmers to mortgage their crops as security for loans from the Federal Drought Fund.

Only a doctor can diagnose cancer. But knowledge of cancer's seven danger signals can take you to the doctor in time for the best chance for cure, says the American Cancer Society.

**Wind Storm**

**Caused Damage**

Twenty-five years ago this week March winds passing over the south eastern section of Pennsylvania, caused considerable damage over a wide area. In southern Lancaster and Chester counties silos and barns were blown from their foundations, roads blocked by fallen trees, and telephone and electric services crippled.

**State Surplus**

**Totals \$33,600,000**

Budget makers at Harrisburg had been fully convinced there is a Santa Claus, when it was learned that the June, 1930, surplus of \$28 million which Governor Fisher had predicted in his farewell address, had grown to \$33,600,000 by March 1, 1931.

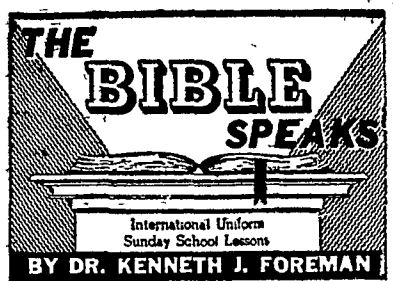
**Farmer Aided**

**by Neighbors**

Neighbors and friends of Hermon Cameron, near Wakefield, Lower Lancaster County, may still recall this week, 25 years ago, when they gathered at the Cameron farm and aided in clearing away debris left by a fire, which destroyed the barn.

**NO BEGGAR**

Plausible Tramp (in suburbs) — "Lady, I ain't beggin' but can I hang around till yer dawg's done with that there bone?"



Background Scripture: Luke 24:1-53  
 Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 15:12-28

**Christ Lives**

Lesson for April 1, 1956

"CHRIST is risen!" The words will be said and sung many thousand times this Easter. What do they mean? Let us leave out of sight all those to whom the words mean nothing but a vestige of superstition at the worst, a picturesque symbol of something altogether different, at best. What do these words mean to those who do believe them? It is possible to believe this sentence literally and firmly, and yet be as dead to their joyous meaning as if they were a weather report of 40 years ago. They Dr. Foreman portend a miracle; but yesterday's miracles may not be especially interesting. Do you feel a kind of rapture on reading about the frogs in Pharaoh's palace, the miracle-frogs? Does it help your malaria to read about the cures St Paul did at Ephesus?



Yesterday's miracles may even be discouraging, just because they are yesterday's. The Resurrection of Christ is not in a class with any other miracle. For the early Christians it was THE event of history.

**The Opened Eye**

It is no accident that the church says and sings, "Christ is risen" more often than "Christ rose." The Resurrection is a kind of contemporary miracle. It has many meanings, but consider three of them, in the lives of the plain people who first experienced the truth of it. Remember, the Resurrection was nothing they had been looking for, nothing they had the wit to invent. It came as a shock, it upset all their ideas, it remade their world. First of all and including everything else, the Resurrection means the presence, here and today not less than there in the dawn of Christian time, the presence of the living Christ, the present companion of all who love him. First of all, his presence there in Emmaus and indeed on

**Solanco Group to Seek State Park**

Eight men, headed by Henry Martin, Quarryville fire chief, and Robert K. Mowrer, R1, Willow Street, Solanco Farmers and Sportsmen's Association, have suggested a state park be established in southern Lancaster County.

Directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District have named a committee to seek a possible site, saying their organization would back such a program.

**Tobacco Seed 10 cents**

**Per Half Ounce**

Original Red Rose tobacco seed, re-cleaned, was advertised for sale at 10c per one-half ounce package.

**North-South Hard**

**Road Discussed**

At a public meeting of the Willow Street-Penn Hill Road Asso, held at Boehm's Methodist Church, near Willow Street, final plans were discussed for the construction of a hard road running north and south from the Maryland State line to Willow Street. Included among the speakers that evening were J. C. McCarrell, division engineer of the State Highway Department; T. Warren Metzger, Mayor of Lancaster, and representatives of the State Legislature and Lancaster Automobile Club.

Operations, recently warned Congress that the Soviet Union was pressing the United States in a sea-power race.

the road across the hills, meant the opened eye. With him for guide, the man Cleopas and his friend saw things in the Scriptures they had never seen before. The Scriptures, like a closed gate, opened to their inward eye. Then in the supper-room as the bread was broken, again their eyes were opened, and they knew him. So the risen Christ today and always opens the eyes of men; inspired by him, we understand God's Book and God's Son as we can never do alone.

**The Burning Heart**

The second thing the disciples felt was a burning heart. John Calvin invented a coat of arms for himself, showing an outstretched hand and a burning heart, offered to God. It might serve as the coat of arms for all who have felt the presence of the living risen Christ. Two young men were arguing about the Resurrection, and they were greatly puzzled about it. They asked a much older man what were his reasons for believing it to be true. "Why," the old man said, "I just talked with Him this morning!" Life gains a warmth, a flame, from contact with Christ as from no other contact possible. Jesus, as a historical character excites our curiosity, our imagination. Christ as a problem in theology, excites us to think. But Christ as a living presence sets life on fire. Who are the people who witness most enthusiastically about Jesus? They are the ones who will sing, "He walks with me and he talks with me . . ." That Jesus lived is interesting and important. That he lives, lives now, in me—that is life-changing.

**The Hastening Feet**

All around the world this Easter churches will be ringing with song and bright with flowers. In the most unlikely places, there are Christians. You will find that those churches in far places were started there by men and women who believed in and knew the risen Christ. If there is a church which calls itself "Christian" but does not believe in the Resurrection, its Christ is as dead as any other bygone hero. Such a church will not send many missionaries. A dead Christ hurries no man's footsteps, eases no man's burden, lights no man's hour of sorrow. Only the living Christ kindles the burning heart, opens the blind eyes, sets men's feet upon a rock, and sends them out, like the first Christians, to challenge a world in his name. The feet of the two men hastening from Emmaus were but the first of billions, eager with God's good news.

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