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A BONE OF CONTENTION

Imports of canned pork — largely ham — from Communist Poland continue to climb sharply, having jumped 34 per cent during the first two months of this year over the quantity imported during comparable months of last year, the American Meat Institute discloses in reporting figures from official government sources.

"In February alone," said the meat packers' organization, "the 2,640,000 pound imported from Poland was 94 per cent greater than the quantity imported during February, 1955. Imports during January this year totaled 4,042,000 pounds, or an increase of 11 per cent over January, 1955.

"During all of last year, 13 per cent more hams came into the United States from Poland than during 1954 — 22,359,000 pounds against 19,717,000 pounds. In terms of hams imported during 1955, this represented about 1,175,000 hogs.

"Of added interest is the fact that large advertisements now have started to appear in Corn Belt newspapers in promotion of Polish hams. The advertisements also feature Polish pork loins and chopped pork.

The clincher, perhaps, is the concluding statement from the AMI that "Poland imports from the United States very minor quantities of American agricultural products."

At the moment, when hogs are at a low ebb price-wise, farm basis, the Government should take a second look at competition it is permitting through imports. Reminds us of our consternation a few years back in purchasing some canned beef, under the familiar label of one of the major U S packers, at low prices — only to discover the statement on the can, "Produced and canned in Argentina" Appetites ebbed at that point.

MARCH BOWS OUT

March — the tempestuous month weatherwise — has bowed out, and such an assortment of weather as it tossed on Lancaster County! There were showers There were warm days Then wintertime came back in force with some of the season's, yea the year's worst weather. In fact, weather statistic computers had to figure back a few years to find one as bad, with snows as heavy.

March, 1956 produced the most snow for the third month in 12 years here Winter went out, in late March, amid a snowy splendor that blocked highways and disrupted everything in general.

But welcome was the moisture that came with the snow. Just when a balmy day assured one that Spring had formally, finally arrived, up comes another snowstorm. Weather prophets became non-committal The lion turned into a lamb, the lamb turned into a raging lion

April usually means Spring for sure. Is it a safe bet?

LANCASTER COUNTY AND THE EPHA

Lancaster County, in playing host to the Eastern Polled Hereford Association Show and Sale, chalked up a new accomplishment for the Garden Spot, and gained a world of friends

There's a great interest in Lancaster County to the outsider, and event such as these bring in more and more people living elsewhere. One Ohioan, who travels for a midwestern publication, looked over the countryside, and like the Mormons arriving in Utah, said "This is the place." He's seeking a home here now, to be in a more central location to his business.

For the southern plantation man, Lancaster County was a new experience. There's a tobacco grower-cattleman in Kentucky curious as all get-out to take a look at agricultural operations here. Each of these individuals farm places of 1500 acres up

If more shows as these are held, if shows as this bring to the Garden Spot cattle of quality as high as the bulk in the EPHA show and sale, Lancaster County can add one more laurel to its agricultural wreath.

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

(This Week in 1905)
By JACK REICHARD

Lancaster farm folks were interested in a Jersey City news dispatch, telling of a child saved from drowning there by the remarkable feat of a horse Anna Patrino, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Patrino, had taken her doll for an airing along Morris Canal in the rear of the Patrino home, followed by Charlie, Patrino's junk wagon horse While leaning over the bank the child fell into the water, clutching her doll When she came to the surface she screamed. The horse plunged into the canal, seized the skirts of the girl in its teeth, lifted her from the water and climbed the bank to safety. Mrs. Patrino and neighbors ran from their homes to the canal where the horse stood holding fast to Anna and her doll until relieved of his precious burden.

Good Hired Girls
Hard To Keep

Fifty years ago, a good hired girl was easier to get than to keep. Just about the time she became a valuable asset to the family hiring her, she got married, it was said. In the case of hired men, many were said to be high priced at \$8 per month and board, while others were cheap at \$28 to 30 per month and keep.

Mrs. Ralph C. Bradley, Gap, was the proud owner of a Bantam hen, half a century ago. When the hen wanted to lay an egg it would fly on the sill of a kitchen window. When the door was opened the hen strutted across the room and flew to a box on the cupboard, where she had made her nest.

65 Head of Surplus
Horses and Mules Sold

A large number of Lancaster, Chester and York County farmers attended the public auction sale of surplus livestock and wagons at Safe Harbor by H. S. Kerbaugh Co., construction contractors of the P. R. R. Low Grade Freight Line in that area. There were 65 head of horses and mules, and a large number of heavy wagons. Horses brought from \$100 to \$150 per head and mules from \$300 to \$500 a pair.

Philip Schneider near Hammond, Ind., and his two horses were killed, when the plow struck several sticks of buried dynamite in a field on his farm and exploded. How the explosives got there was not known.

Farmer's First
Visit to City at 70

Edward Raubenstine, 70, a farmer in West Manheim Twp., York County, made his first visit to York, 50 years ago this week. Raubenstine was at York on business that day, and stated he had rode on a railroad train only once before, but was never on a trolley car nor used a telephone.

Deputy Game Warden Nat Ressler announced he had distributed four dozen quail received from Harrisburg, on Lancaster farms.

A mid-west farmer's wife complained that crows were her worst enemy. She declared these birds were destroying all eggs laid by her hens on the outskirts of the farm and killed more little chickens than hawks.

A writer in a farm and garden journal, in 1906, declared that for every ton of dry hay produced on an acre of ground, "the growing grass mums up from the soil beneath it in the neighborhood of; 500 tons of water".

Cows Not Paying
Board Sold to Butcher

In a test and scales study conducted by State College dairy extension service, in 1931, it was found that 264 cows were paying their board, and they were promptly sold to the butcher.

Fifty years ago this week, a petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed against Fred E. Rosebrock Co., 325-327 Greenwich Street, New York City, one of the largest butter and egg commission houses in the country. The liabilities were placed at \$411,000 and assets at \$315,000.

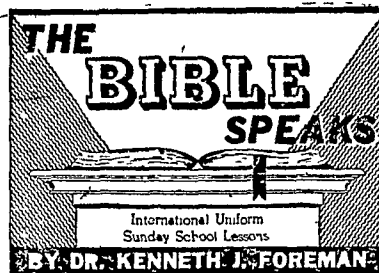
25 Years Ago

Quarter of a century ago, a woman attorney from the heart of America's Garden Spot was in the country's legal spotlight. On April 8, 1931, Miss M. Edna Horst was appointed by Judge M. Groff to defend William Craig in his trial for the murder of Jack McNeil, at Safe Harbor, marking the first time in the history of Pennsylvania that a woman was named to defend a man accused of murder.

Gerald Dugan, a farmer near Ely, Nev., tied one end of a string to his dog's tail, the other end to a tooth that bothered him, yelled "sic him" to the dog and watched the animal run away with his tooth.

When Robert De Leon, a farmer of LePanto Ark., was asked if he was a descendant of the famed Ponce De Leon he replied "Ponce De Leon was in search of the Fountain of Youth. I'm looking for the staff of life".

Advertising is the servant of those who know how to use it.



Background Scripture Acts 1-2
Devotional Reading Acts 2 1-3

Our Mission

Lesson for April 8, 1956

WHEN a great bomber sets off on a military mission, or when a plane loaded with leaflets, takes off for a propaganda mission, no matter how good the plane is, otherwise, the mission will be a failure without three essentials for success. One is gas enough to reach the target. The second is an engine that will not "conk out" going or returning, an engine that can be relied on to function under all weather conditions. The third essential is a crew that will follow instructions, competent to fly the plane and to deliver its load at the right time, at the right place.

The Mission of the Church

One of the last words Jesus uttered before his Ascension was "Go." But what is a going church? Sometimes all that is meant by that expression is simply a church that has meetings once in a while. But that is not the idea Christ had in mind. The original Christian church had meetings, and good; ones they were; but it began to go after the meetings were over, and the disciples scattered everywhere, bringing the Word, the good news of God's love, the good news about Jesus. The church was going when it was growing; going when it took the message to new places and to people who had never heard it before. A going church, in short, is a missionary church. Some people don't like the word "missions." It seems to carry or suggest the idea of superiority. Not at all! We do have a superior article, the Christian faith and life. But we do not have to be conceited about it. Does a salesman have to be conceited if he is selling the best line on the market? Does a doctor have to be conceited about prescribing the best drugs yet invented? We did not invent our religion, God gave it to us. He gave it to us to keep and



Dr. Foreman

Pennsylvania
Clean Up Week

The week beginning April 12, 1931, was designated by the State Department of Health, Welfare, Forests and Waters and State Police, as Clean Up Week. All inflammable debris, including brush, branches and briars, in the neighborhood of houses, gardens and fields and along trails and roads were to be removed. It also was suggested that cesspools be cleaned and limed. Out-houses be made fly-proof and stable yards, hog pens and chicken coops cleaned. Water holes were to be filled, spouting mended and garbage cans thoroughly cleansed and scoured.

Carlton Reitelarf, Ford Wayne, Ind., unearthed a rusty tin can containing \$480 in gold while turning the sod in his front yard.

Farmers Opposed
Raising School Age

The Lancaster County Unit of Farmers' Protective Association opposed the raising of the compulsory school age for children and also the lengthening of the school term. At a meeting held at Lancaster the following delegates were appointed to represent the association at the election of 1931 trustees for Pennsylvania State College: Samuel Sheaffer, Quarryville; W. D. Marburger, Millersville, and Ezra Stoltzfus, Gap.

Twenty-five years ago this week, State College specialists recommended sash greenhouses for Pennsylvania vegetable growers located in intensive production areas. The type of sash house which met with general approval was 10 x 18 feet in size and heated by coal, gas and small hot water systems.

to share; and if we do not share it we shall hardly keep it.

Power of the Spirit

Going back to that airplane moment: Enough gas, plus an efficient engine, spells POWER. No matter how important the mission is, no matter how good the intentions are, without the power everything collapses. So it is with the church. Our mission has been set by God himself. But when the church takes off with its tanks empty, and some home-made do-it-yourself tinkered-up sewing machine in place of a good engine, it will never accomplish its mission no matter how good it is. Wanting to reach the target is not enough. Don't we all pray, "Thy Kingdom come on earth . . . ?" That is a missionary prayer. Don't most churches offer prayer for missions, and even take up offerings for missions? Yet any one who knows the church will tell you that the church's missionary responsibility is shirked and slacked. We play at missions, we leave millions on millions without a ray of Gospel. The record of many a congregation, if you looked at it, would never suggest that that church knew much or cared much about what Jesus said on his church in his solemn last words: "Go—into all the world." The trouble is that the Church does not have the power. It could have the same power the first Christians had, the power of the Holy Spirit. Only a Spirit-filled church is going to be much of a missionary church.

Power of Testimony

The other necessity of the plane on a "mission" is personnel. Power alone is not enough. There must be men who are prepared to use that power. Now Christians individually, or the church at large cannot "use" the Holy Spirit, for no one can use God. But God's power is not poured out on just anybody (as many stories in the Bible show). His power comes to those who devote themselves to him and his cause. The early church waited for the Spirit, waited for power; but once they had received it they proceeded to carry out Jesus' directive: Go into all the world! A Christian, or a church, that wants God's power for selfish reasons, will not be given it. A Christian, or a church, that prays for God's power so as to be able to witness for him,—so as to win others for him,—will find that prayer answered. The power will come. If the church today is making too feeble a mark on one world, is it because the church does not seek true spiritual power for true spiritual service? (Based on outline copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service.)