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WHAT NEXT ON FARM BILL?

Approved by the House of Representatives, the most recent revision of the Soil Bank plan is now up to President Eisenhower.

Authority to make advance payments to farmers complying was cut from the bill, against President Eisenhower's request. However, payments will be made to farmers who comply this year.

Soil bank coverage has been extended to livestock producers, and the cost will be around \$1.25 billions.

How this will work on the local level, Lancaster County in particular, remains to be seen. One of the hottest political potatoes of the season has finally come to rest.

SCHOOL ADVANCE TERRIFIC

Million of dollars are being spent in Lancaster County and fringe counties that often serve Lancaster County children to modernize school facilities.

Construction is in a whirl, as final touches are being made to have new buildings ready for September opening. This fall many Lancaster County youngsters and high school students will be enrolling in facilities whose equipment is without par, far ahead of the buildings and classrooms of less than a decade ago.

Instead of moving up, architecture of school buildings today favors the low, sprawling structure, eliminating stairs. Such is excellent, although we've visited some of such size that a map — like those the Pentagon provides — would not be out of place.

Many school facilities in this county are still inadequate to meet a growing load one believed impossible but a short time ago. Vocational agriculture and home economics are receiving greater emphasis, with more adequate facilities.

The expense is tremendous, but there can be no better investment than in the future of youth.

BLOSSOM TIME

Poets could wax poetic, musicians could wax musical with spring in Lancaster County. The Ozark Mountains have their Autumns and the Rocky Mountains once had their springs to be sung about. But the blossoming hillsides of Lancaster County can match them all with room to spare.

It happened all of a sudden. It looked as though some painter had splashed white recklessly across the hillsides. Only the evergreens failed to show. They just became greener, unable to equal the bloom of peach, dogwood, cherry.

It's interesting to see the bloom from a long-range viewpoint, but more interesting it is to go down among the river hills to see the smaller, more insignificant blooms of the tiny spring flowers that prove as beautiful or more beautiful than the flowering trees.

Mountain pink . . . nothing like it, and all appeared so suddenly.

Of all the seasons, spring's perhaps the best, and Spring in Lancaster County has no par.

SMOG

One Flying Farmer complained recently that in flying over Chicago and other industrial cities of the Midwest, wings of his plane were coated and blackened with smoke and moisture. Now a followup comes from California, where a man was found guilty of violating smog regulations when he created smoke by broiling eight steaks on a barbecue grill. One town we know, with strict anti-smoke regulations, forbids trash burning in the back yard, while barbecue grills tantalize passersby with hickory charcoal smoke odors teamed with the delightful smell of frying foods.

PHILOSOPHY

When things go a bit tough, there's always a statement that crops up and saves the day:

"I cried because I had no shoes — until I met a man who had no feet."

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

50 YEARS AGO (1906)
By JACK REICHARD

Thursday, May 7, 1906, was the coldest May day on record for 25 years. Snow and frost were reported at various places along the Atlantic coast. In Delaware frost was general. Snow continued to fall at Cumberland, Md., that Thursday, marking the fourth day of continuous snowfall in that region. The Allegheny mountains were covered with snow. At Scranton there was hail, cold rain and light snow reported. The thermometer registered a low of 38 degrees in Lancaster County that day.

Tobacco growers were interested in the report of Nathan Shelly, Manheim Township, who had patented a device to be attached to tobacco planters, which deposited a quantity of bran with each plant as planted. Shelly claimed the cutworms fed on the bran instead of eating the plant. The bran, it was said, killed the worms.

Henry Reist Landis, near Lititz, had a steer that weighed 2,500 lbs. He had purchased the animal 18 months before when it weighed 1,100 lbs. The steer was sold to Butcher Rutt, of Lancaster, and had to be hauled to the slaughter house because it was too heavy to be driven.

Runaway Mules Make News

Runaway mules were nothing new to Lancaster farmers half a century ago. But the runaway pair owned by J. M. Hostetter, of Martinsville, gave him and his brothers, Ira and Earl, a rough time. Hostetter and his brothers had been planting corn that day and were on their way home, with the mules hitched to a fertilizer drill, driven by Earl behind a wagon upon which the other two brothers were seated. Suddenly, the mules shied at something and started to run away. Hostetter, seeing what happened, jumped off the wagon, seized one mule by the bridle, and tried to pull the team into a nearby fence, when he was forced to let go, permitting the team to wheel around, throwing Earl off the drill, with the mules taking off down the road homeward bound. When the runaway team reached the barn one wheel of the drill ran up the gate post of a pale fence, tearing the spokes out of the other wheel. The mules drug the drill on one wheel down the lane across two fields before they finally stopped. In reporting the story it was stated, "the drill was just new, as Mr. Hostetter just began farming this spring"

Henry Kraemer, a farmer of Upper Bern, Berks County, had a hen that refused to lay eggs in its nest in the chicken coop, but flew on the roof of the summer house, descended through the chimney and laid an egg each morning on the hearth.

Hawk Attacks Cow And Children

When Mrs. Thomas Good, of near Danville, Pa., went to the meadow with her two children found one of the animals in a for the cows that evening, she terrific scrap with a large hawk. The bird was lighted on the cow's back, tearing pieces of flesh from the animal's side. Mrs. Good managed to drive the hawk off the cow with a club, when the bird attacked the children. A connecting swing of the

club knocked the hawk into unconsciousness, and Mrs. Good dragged the bird to the house and confined it to a cage. The children were unharmed.

At Patterson, Pa. a \$1,400 stallion, owned by William Petrie, horse raiser and racing fan, was gored to death by a bull, which jumped over a fence and rushed the valuable steed in a field.

The old Conestoga wagon used as the model for Hovenden's painting "Westward Ho" in the capitol rotunda at Washington, D. C., was presented to the Bucks County Historical Society by the artist's widow, 50 years ago this week.

25 Years Ago

Gerard Swope, president of the General Electric Co., told members of the International Chamber of Commerce, it is the business of each industry to regularize employment and avoid seasonable, or cyclical, periods of idleness. He said: "It is the sixty thousand million dollars earned and spent each year by American workers and farmers in normal times, that make prosperity. The few that live on

unearned income cannot absorb the nation's automobile, radio, washing machine, or vacuum cleaner output".

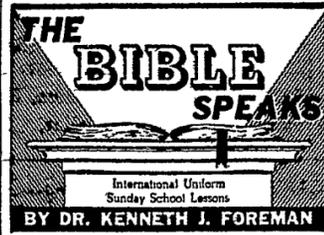
Isabella's Investment In America Poor

C. J. Starkey, Hollywood attorney, accustomed to big figures, said Queen Isabella got a poor return when she invested \$6,000 worth of jewelry in Columbus' trip to America. If she had invested \$6,000 at five percent, compounded twice a year it would have amounted to four trillion five hundred billion dollars, and that, according to Starkey, was "eleven and one-half times the value of the United States and all its possessions", in 1931.

A damage bill, introduced in the legislature by Representative Norman Wood, of southern Lancaster County, causing the State Highway Department to pay one-half the damages in changing the width or relocation of state highways, was passed by the Senate Monday May 11, 1931.

Mrs. Isabella Hamilton, White Plains, N. Y. was suing the New York Central R. R. Co. for \$35,000 damages on grounds that a fall prevented her from dancing, skating or bobsledding.

Upon the complaint of his wife that he took 25 cents from the baby's bank, Roy Markee, of Evansville, Ind., was arrested and lodged in jail.



Background Scripture: Acts 9:32-11:18
Devotional Reading: Acts 10:34-43.

For All Men

Lesson for May 13, 1956

STRANGE as it seems, one of the hardest things for Christians to get through their heads and into their hearts, is that the Gospel is for all men. Some people have actually believed that God has two lists, and everybody's name is on one or the other; one list is of the people whom God intends to save, and the other is the list of those whom He has no intention of saving. This notion is out of line with the New Testament, especially such a clear statement as I Timothy 2:4: "God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved." Others, as we all know, somewhere back in their minds are very slow to believe that the Gospel is really for all men.



Dr. Foreman says: "The Believers Were Amazed" Prejudice is not new in the world, not new in the church. The very first Christians had their prejudices and some of them never recovered from them. We are told that the Roman army officer Cornelius, and his whole household — presumably servants as well as family — were converted, the believers who came from Jerusalem with Simon Peter were amazed, "because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles." These Jerusalem believers were all Jews, and Cornelius and his household were all Romans — or some other race, perhaps Egyptian or Greek — and Jews had long supposed that being the "chosen people" meant that God would have dealings with them, and with them alone, of all the races in the world. The "Gospel" was for God's people; and the Romans weren't God's people — as those first believers saw it. So when it was obvious that some Romans had accepted God, and God accepted them.

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Prejudice, Modern Style

Is the Gospel for all men? No, some would seem to be saying. Only for white people. If it is for anybody else, let it be somewhere else but where white people worship. The gospel can't be preached to any ears but white ears in the white man's church. A preacher in a large all-white congregation reports having received grateful telephone calls from members of another race — men and women who don't get very much out of the sermons in the only churches where they are admitted; so they have stopped going to church and have to "make do" with the radio. Is the Gospel for all men? No, a great many American church members seem to be saying when the offering plates are passed. These members may spend generously for their own congregation. They will put out big money to build an educational plant, or an entire new church. They will buy the preacher a new car. But money for missions? Not a cent from some of these people.

God Loves All Sorts

It was not only the first believers who were "amazed" that Romans could become Christians. Believers today are shocked from time to time in the same way. The fliers in the great war who were shot down over jungles, expecting death, only to find in those rain-forests people singing Christian hymns; the prisoner in a Japanese concentration camp who found that one of his guards knew Jesus; the traveler in Russia who finds that there are real Russian Christians even today; these have been amazed too. But such surprises occur not only across the seas; they can happen across the tracks. Many persons show that they don't expect the Gospel to do any good except to some one kind of people. For example, everybody knew Billy Graham could reach the masses of Englishmen, the ordinary kind that will flock to a sports arena to see any kind of sensation. But when Billy Graham proposed to visit Cambridge University, many people advised him not to go. You'll never get anywhere with university students, he was told. It's the old story, the Gospel is for some people, not for all. Sometimes it's the other way around. People well-polished with education and filled with culture to the eyeglasses, don't want certain "other kinds" of people in their church; it might "lower the tone!" No — God loves all sorts; and if we profess to be his people, we had better learn to love other sorts than our own.

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