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CHICKENS OF TOMORROW

Conclusion of the recent statewide Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest proved many things. First, the younger farm generation has received excellent cooperation from hatcheries and feed companies. Secondly, interest in poultry production has been increased. Quality of broilers and fryers is being improved.

Ninety-four per cent of the entries sold, setting the best record in ten years. Although the top price of \$6 per pound was 50 cents below last year's record, second and third place winners received more than twice last year's average.

One of the things youngsters need most in developing into agricultural lines as a future profession is encouragement. Such they receive in the Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest.

QUILTING BUSINESS

During a visit with the Green Tree Thimble Club this week, recollections of a day gone by came to mind. Every winter the family back on the farm was banished from the living room. Not exactly banished, but at least crowded out.

When the first snows fell, mother brought down from the attic the well used quilting frame. All furniture in the living room was shoved to the walls. The huge frame was balanced on chairs, tables, at an angle across the room. This made passage as easy as an army training camp obstacle course.

There was a deftness in her needle, a certainty in her thimble, a little more artistic choice of color and fabric than the youngsters underfoot were wont to admit. There were wedding rings, double wedding rings, patchwork, stitched satin and sateen.

Spring arrived, the beautiful quilt was done. Today it has joined the heirlooms. A good many earlier productions were worn out through the economy-minded housewife whose time was for practical things primarily. A tribute's due the Green Tree Thimble Club for carrying on a tradition.

COMPANY TOWNS, COMPANY STORES

Still the song "16 Tons", and "I owe my soul to the company store" rings out, and an item in today's 50-Year-Ago columns of Lancaster Farming refers to a company town.

Pennsylvania has had its company towns with mining firms, perhaps the type referred to in the song "16 Tons." Today's reference in the 50 Years Ago column is Wilson, Ark., a town constructed, built and operated by R. E. Wilson. Today Wilson, Ark., is one of the most beautiful in northeastern Arkansas. Its streets lined with red roses present an outstanding sight each June.

There are other company towns, towns that were established as company towns down south, like Bell City, Mo., founded by other extensive landholders and cattlement, the Bell family; there's Bird Eye, Ark., an outstanding Angus plantation-farm; Brook View Farms' Herefords graze in bluegrass pastures on all sides of the tiny town of Pine Grove, Ky.

Many of these company towns have disappeared as such, growing into more proper metropolis stature, but their history is most interesting. The role they played in starting extensive land openings is too often overlooked today.

25 PER CENT FOR FOOD

The average American family spends about 25 per cent of its wage income for food. That was true in 1920; it is true now. But in 1956, the average diet contains more meat, milk, eggs, vegetables and fruits. We eat less cereals, less potatoes.

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

50 YEARS AGO (1906)

By JACK REICHARD

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Wisconsin Farmer's Children Pulled Plow

Complaints had been made against a farmer living five miles southeast of Nennah, Wis., that he had been hitching four of his seven children to a corn plow or cultivator which he compelled them to drag through a 10-acre truck field, while he guided it. Farmers in the vicinity and persons from Oshkosh riding along the highway in carriages had witnessed the strange sight. Attention of authorities was called to the matter, and after securing substantiation of the facts an agent of the Fox River Valley Humane Society, went to the farmer and compelled him to send five of his children to school. The majority of the children were girls, the eldest being 14 years of age. Dr. Wilkie stated the plow had harness attached to it, which was put over the shoulders of the children. The farmer claimed the plow was very light, and was used merely to stir up the top soil.

Pittsburgh Livestock Market, May 25, 1906

Cattle steady, choice, \$65 and \$590; prime, \$535 and \$560. Hogs active; prime heavies mediums, Yorkers and pigs, \$6.60 and \$6.65, roughs, \$5.50 and \$5.75. Sheep steady; prime wethers \$5.40 and \$5.50, culls and common, \$2.50 and \$3.50, lambs, \$4 and \$6.60, veal calves, \$6 and \$6.50.

In a duel between two farmers, near Jacksonville, Miss., Sid Hopkins used a pitchfork and John McAdams a knife. Hopkins was fatally injured and McAdams had one eye put out.

Get A Horse! — Or Keep A Team

Half a century ago farmers were advised to not go longing for an automobile when they had a fine team of horses at their command. It was stated: "The horses are not half as likely to land you in a ditch and you can usually count on their not playing out before you've reached your destination".

Rained Fish; Preacher Said So

At Aberdeen, S. D., May 28, 1906, during a violent rainstorm thousands of live fish fell from the clouds and were found wiggling in shallow pools and lying dead on sidewalks. Rev. Marshall Montgomery, rector of St. Mark's Church, was the first to report the phenomenon, after he picked up a number of the fish. Several of his neighbors captured many of the fish alive and placed them in aquariums.

Grain Elevator Slides Into River

Fifty years ago this week, at Fort William, Ont., the large grain elevator of the Ogilvie Co started to slide into the river at night, and it was considered impossible to save it. Displacement of the pile foundation was said to have caused the building to collapse. The Canadian Pacific Railway and the other elevator concerns in that section offered assistance to save the grain, estimated at 350,000 bushels. The total loss of the elevator was placed at \$250,000.

Farm boys and girls were told that if they placed bits of string and strips of cloth near trees where robins were building their nests the birds would be quick to utilize the bits.

25 Years Ago

25 YEARS AGO (1931)

According to the State Industrial Congress, held at Arizona, revenue from tourists in 1930 was second to mining. The report stated:

"Revenue from copper mining totaled \$76 million, while the tourist revenue of \$50 million was in second place. Agriculture brought \$37 million to the state, and livestock revenue was \$15 million.

Wilson, Ark., was owned by R. E. Wilson, nationally prominent plantation owner, whose cotton holdings were said to be the largest in the south, 25 years ago. The city had no administrative officers and every building except the depot was owned by Wilson.

Twenty years ago the first space rocket was fired from Berlin's rocket airport at

Reinckendorfwest. The projectile was less than seven feet high and attained a height of approximately 12 miles.

Division of large Prussian estates into small farms resulted in the creation of 70 new villages in East Prussia in 1930. A further total of 67,000 acres was being planned to be divided into farms in 1931.

Tenant House Destroyed By Fire

Fire was discovered by passing motorists in the double tenant house on the Lancaster farm of Ira H. Herr, one mile southeast of West Willow. The blaze was believed to have started from a defective flue in the partition between the two dwellings. The families of Daniel Rineer and Harry Miller occupied the house and were away at the time. Fire companies from Willow Street and West Willow responded. The motorists, assisted by neighbors, removed the furniture from the first floor. Damage was confined to the room adjoining the parlor.

THE THIEF!

Wife: "The new washer woman has stolen two of our towels!"
Hubby: "The thief! Which ones, dear?"
Wife: "The ones we got from the hotel in Miami."

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Acts 12:25-15:35
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 49:7-12.

Sending Spirit

Lesson for May 27, 1956

IF THE Descending Spirit is the story of the second chapter of Acts, the thirteenth tells part of the story of the Sending Spirit. People may be very much interested in the Descending Spirit but not enough in the Sending Spirit. People today like Simon of Samaria in olden times, want the Holy Spirit to descend into their hearts — but for the wrong reasons, sometimes. We want the Spirit to help us do what we want to do, to accomplish our plans, to Dr. Foreman make us persuasive and popular personalities. But the Spirit of God, although everybody's aid, is nobody's aide. The aide to a general is just the General's right arm, his tongue — whatever the General wants done, the aide is there to see it done. The Holy Spirit is no aide!



God Can Break Up Good Plans
The church at Antioch was going strong when the Holy Spirit broke into their plans. We don't know how the Spirit spoke to them, nor how they were sure it was the Spirit. But one thing is pretty certain; they must have had plans which the Sending Spirit broke up. Barnabas and Saul were what we would call today Associate Pastors of that big city congregation. They had been together there only a year, and that is a short pastorate. Very likely Saul and Barnabas both, along with the church, had plans of one kind and another afoot — good plans, evangelistic, sacrificial. But the Spirit said No. The Spirit had other plans. The church must set aside Barnabas and Saul, cut them off from their growing, successful work in the First Church of Antioch, and send them out as missionaries. They must go to parts unknown, to places not nearly so important as Antioch, to the backwoods per-

haps They must go out and endanger their lives, far from the peaceful busy streets of Antioch. The Holy Spirit has often come to men in disturbing ways. He often breaks up our best plans. The thing to remember is that God knows better than we do. God's Spirit never breaks up a good plan unless it is for the sake of his better one.

The Spirit Through the Church

The way the Spirit operated there in Antioch is instructive. The Spirit called Saul and Barnabas; also the Spirit spoke to the church. The command was given: Separate Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. And the church obediently "laid its hands on" these two leaders and sent them out. The Sending Spirit often works in this way. Most missionaries today are selected and sent out by mission boards of some kind. The boards will not, if they know it, send any one to a mission field who has no sense of being called by the Spirit. But on the other hand, even if a young man feels the Spirit has called him, if in the Board's judgment he will not make a good missionary, they will not accept and send him. This is all in the wisdom of God. It gives a missionary today, and it gave Saul and Barnabas back yonder, a strong "lift" to know that the church is backing them up, praying for them, wishing them well, ready to send reinforcements if they fall by the wayside. Sometimes the only way a call of the Spirit comes to a man or woman is through the church. Older Christians ought to realize their responsibilities here.

The Church Through Men

God does not call all men to be missionaries. But he does call every Christian man, woman and child to be missionary. That is, missionary in heart and purpose. The church that is not sending and supporting missionaries, directly or indirectly, by themselves or through a board of missions, the church that is not out there on the firing line through its representatives, the church that doesn't even know there is a firing line, the church that spends all its money and all its interest on itself — such a church is not even a cousin of the kind of church we read of in the early days, like the Church at Antioch. The selfish congregation is contributing to the death of the church; the sending church is contributing to its life — its own and the life of the Christian fellowship around the world.

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