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STATE LEGISLATION

Two items have been signed by Gov. Leader that will be of interest to farmers in this area. One provides \$30,000 for eradication of rust-spreading barberry bushes. Another appropriates \$35,000 for maintenance and operation of a regional poultry and diagnostic laboratory at Doylestown.

The growing importance of the Commonwealth's poultry industry is gaining more recognition, and needs more recognition.

BACK THE POULTRY CENTER

Ground has been broken, excavation has started, the walls staked out for the new Lancaster Poultry Center. It's a project that demands the support of all concerned, and that circle is very wide.

Throughout recent years, the poultry industry in Lancaster County has made a tremendous forward strides. Selection of a suitable site and choice of a modern design will serve the industry as a billboard to the traveling public.

Volunteer labor will be used insofar as possible. Money can be judiciously used.

A brochure of the Lancaster County Poultry Association and the Lancaster Poultry Exchange explains the time for decision:

"If all of us will support the project in relation to our poultry business and the need for these facilities, we are assured completion of this project in a manner that will be an ever increasing satisfaction and usefulness to our entire poultry industry."

It is the time for decision. Your share in the Lancaster Poultry Center is needed now. Give as best you can.

CLOCKWORK CONFUSION

An item in last week's 25-Year-Ago columns in Lancaster Farming pointed out that Manheim rebelled in 1931 against Daylight Savings Time. Semi-daylight savings time, where clocks were moved ahead a half hour, was in use by some. Others used standard time, still others Daylight Time.

Today use of Daylight Savings Time is much more widespread. But it still entails difficulties to no end. On some plane trips you can arrive before you leave, theoretically. Cities along time zone borders have an especially bad time with time. One city, out on the edges of the Central-Mountain time zone line is a railroad center. Trains arrive on Central Time, leave for the west on Mountain Time. Trains going east arrive on Mountain Time and leave on Central Time. Although the bulk of the city is in the Central Time zone, most of its railroad workers are on the western division. Their clocks are on Mountain Time.

One radio announcer was much embarrassed when he found he had Mountain Time residents two hours ahead of time, and innumerable calls in the country wind up in confusion where residents — and their livestock — remain on standard time.

Chickens won't go to roost earlier. Not many Lancaster County farmers head for the golf course in that extra afternoon hour of daylight Rudy Vallee's old theme song, "My Time Is Your Time" no longer holds true. There's confusion in the clockworks.

FARM BILL EFFECTIVENESS

There is now a farm bill with measures both good and bad, some query as to its timeliness and how it will apply to crops already planted, and, in some cases, ready for harvest. The President called it "second choice," the Secretary of Agriculture said "On Balance, the constructive features of the bill outweigh its undesirable provisions."

The bill's signed. It will be administered. Months may pass before its effectiveness is determined. One thing that can never be done is to tailor a bill that will apply equally to the 60-acre farmer and the 30,000-acre farmer. But as long as there are restrictions on production, we'll have to deal with what is handed us.

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

50 YEARS AGO (1906)
By JACK REICHARD

Red Rose Presentation
At Manheim Church

Fifty years ago this week the annual Feast of Roses was held at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Manheim. The feature of the quaint services was the presentation of one red rose to Miss Ida Boyer, of Harrisburg, a descendant of Baron William Henry Stigel, the founder of Manheim, in payment of the rent for the ground on which the church stands. W. S. Brinton, of Lancaster, presented the rose that year, and the memorial address was made by the Hon. Thomas L. Montgomery, state librarian of Harrisburg.

Lancaster School Board
Turns Down Co-education

At a meeting of the Lancaster School Board, a proposal for consolidating the Boys' and Girls' High Schools was defeated by a decisive vote. The chief objection was the allegation that co-education was not good for the pupils from a moral point of view.

During that same week, in 1906, Rufus H. Hipple, Rapho township, was elected a Lancaster teacher for the 51st time. For 44 years he had taught at the same school at Newtown. Many of his pupils, in 1906, were grandchildren of his first pupils.

Farmer Becomes Father
Of Twins at 76

Jesse Huggins, aged 76, near Morrisville, Pa., became the father of twins, a boy and a girl. His wife was 25 years old, and they had two other children, having been married for seven years.

A New York banker in his observations half a century ago said: "Before I went to college I was content to raise nice, square cattle and plant even rows of corn, but since I left the farm I have never been contented and seem always to desire something I can't have."

Observers at a number of experimental stations in the country, in 1906, reported that from 60 to 80 lbs of grain went further when fed to hogs on pasture than 100 lbs of grain without pasture. Farmers were urged to turn their hogs into pasture, instead of feeding them all summer from pail or basket.

When a veterinary surgeon reached the stable of John C. Gibbal, wealthy citizen of Wyncote, Pa., he found a valuable driving horse had in some manner fastened one of its rear hoofs in its mouth, with the steel shoe securely clamped between the teeth of the animal. Several of the horse's teeth had to be broken to release the hoof.

Fifty years ago this week a tornado swept through the stock raising region of Chouteau County, Mont., causing damage estimated at millions of dollars.

Freddie Turner, aged 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, Lawrenceville, Pa., was scalded to death when he tripped over some wood and fell into a tub of hot water while his mother was doing the family wash.

25 YEARS AGO (1931)

Financial Experts
View Gloomy 30's

During the depression of the 1930's top financial experts were telling Americans this country must never sink low enough to adopt a national dole. England, with a dole amounting to \$500 million a year, was pointed out as a horrible example. On the other hand, without any dole, America faced a deficit of a billion dollars for the year 1931, the largest deficit any government ever had in peacetime, up to that year.

30 Million Pounds
Of Butter in Storage

In 1931 it was estimated there were some 30 million lbs of quality dairy butter in storage. Prices were the lowest in a period of 25 years. The Dairyman's League Cooperative Association of New York pointed out: "the surplus could be entirely eliminated if each of the six million American families would use one extra pound of butter per week for a period of five weeks"

When a farmer in Texas was fined \$5 for failing to stop, and asked why he was making his wife pull the plow, he replied, "Because I haven't got a horse"

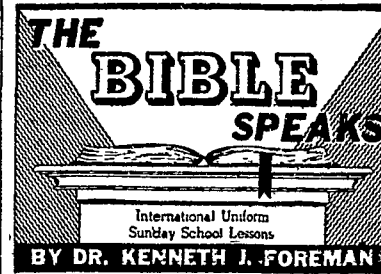
\$32,976.35 Collected
At Columbia-Wrightsville

During the month of May, 1931, motorists paid more than \$1,000 a day to cross the Lancaster-York inter-county bridge across the Susquehanna River between Columbia and Wrightsville, according to a report released that year by officials of the Bridge Commission. During the month of May a total of \$32,976.35 was collected, according to the report.

An unfortunate husband was fined \$5 for failing to stop on a signal of a traffic cop in Detroit. He explained: "My wife told me to go on, so I went."

Henry R. Hess, West Willow R. 1, was advertising for Lancaster farmers and others to raise Cloverhill rabbits. Hess stated: "We guarantee to buy all you raise. A clean, profitable business. An opportunity for farmers and lot owners. Requires small space".

Twenty-five years ago this week these Lancaster Countians attended the election of trustees at Pennsylvania State College: Samuel L. Sheaffer, Eden Twp.; John F. Shenk, Providence Twp.; Leslie I. Bolton, Drumore Twp.; H. H. Angle, representing the Lancaster Tobacco Growers' Association and Mrs. Landis, of the Farm Women's organizations.



Background Scripture: Acts 18:23-26, Ephesians 5:15-18
Devotional Reading: Proverbs 23:1-5, 29-32

Fighting Paganism

Lesson for June 10, 1956

CHRISTIANITY has seldom if ever spread smoothly and easily like gravy over mashed potatoes. Its history is more like a river which meets with immense rocks and boulders which tear the water into foam and spray. As the Colorado river has to fight to make its way westward, so the Christian church has had to fight. It is not true that all men are eager for the Gospel and that all we have to do is to tell people about the love of God and they will all be grateful and glad to hear it. On the contrary, Christ has his enemies now as he did in Galilee, and has always had. The name "paganism" is sometimes given to everything in contemporary life and thought which is actively hostile to Christ and his cause.



Did the church conquer paganism?

Already in the city of Ephesus, when St. Paul was the main preacher there, Christians ran into trouble. We sometimes think if we could get rid of our preachers and get the Apostles to take charge of our churches for a while, we would eliminate all our troubles; but St. Paul for one would not have agreed with us. We hear of opposition that became quite serious. Certain men "were hardened," "did not believe," and far from keeping their unbelief to themselves, "spoke evil of the Way" (i.e., Christian life) in the most public places ("before the multitude"). This is a sample of what Christianity, the Christian church and individual Christians, have to contend with in all ages of the church: hardened men, who are not only without faith but who will go out of their way to attack the Christians' faith. This is paganism; it has many forms but its spirit is always anti-Christian. The church both has, and has not ov

come paganism. It has won many of these enemies of Christ to become his followers, and is still doing so. It has taken the control of society out of their hands, in various times and places, as happened at Ephesus for a time. But the fact is, paganism is far from dead. In one form or other its attacks go on and on.

Missionaries of paganism

When an army stays for any length of time in a foreign territory, it usually leaves behind it words or phrases which the natives pick up, and which may become a permanent part of the local language. It was so with the English language. The Roman military occupation of England, which lasted into hundreds of years, left many souvenirs in the English language. One of the first words the Britons learned from the Romans was "wine" from the Latin vinum. (Incidentally, also, another word borrowed but not now used in English was a word for "buy" that comes from a Latin word for tavern-keeper.) So our very language bears testimony to the fact that the pagan Romans were everywhere missionaries of paganism, and that part of the gospel of paganism is, Liquor is a Good Thing... so let's all have more of it! Paganism still sends out its missionaries. On a slow boat to China not many years ago two men shared the same stateroom. One was being sent out by an American Christian church to preach the gospel of Christ. The other was a man who was keeping his son in college by selling liquor in China — sent out by a large distillery firm. Every convert made by the liquor-missionary was going to make it more difficult for the Christ-missionary; and also the other way around.

Paganism's progress

Christians too easily sit back in their easy pews and think, Paganism has been licked. St. Paul licked it, or Luther, or Wesley or somebody. We live in a Christian era, in a Christian land. Do we or don't we? There are some figures that ought to make us think. The statistics of the Internal Revenue Service of the United States, as analyzed by the Methodist Board of Temperance, show that for every church being erected in the U.S., seven retail outlets for liquor are being licensed. As of the latest count, there are 141,733 more saloons, cocktail bars and stores selling alcoholic beverages than there are churches, synagogues and temples combined. The breakdown shows 441,789 "spirits sources" as against 300,506 "spiritual sources".

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