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CASUALTIES IN FARMING

Those in Lancaster farming find it hard to believe farming is one of the most dangerous industries. Headlines tell a different story. Farm Safety Weeks pass, with some influence, but the greatest impression — unfortunately — comes when a neighbor, friend or relative is injured in a farm mishap.

The National Safety Council has listed what it calls its Ten Commandments for Farm Safety. Here they are:

1. Keep machines in good repair. Make sure your equipment is in safe working condition. Keep all guards and safety devices in place.
 2. Operate tractors safely. Start tractors smoothly and turn corners slowly. Avoid ditches, banks and soft ground.
 3. Know and obey all traffic laws. Be a safe, careful driver and drive a safe car.
 4. Be firesighted, don't smoke around the barn. Don't start fires with kerosene. Be careful with matches.
 5. Speak to animals when approaching them. Animals may bolt if startled, so calmly assure them when approaching.
 6. Be a good housekeeper. Keep things systematic in your home and on your farm. Have a place for everything and keep everything in its place.
 7. Watch your step to prevent falls. Keep ladders in good repair. Make sure barn floors have no treacherous holes.
 8. Follow safety instructions. Reading and heeding printed instructions can save your life.
 9. Know and obey water safety rules. Don't swim alone. Know the depth of water before diving. Sit still in boats.
 10. Apply first aid promptly. Keep first aid kits handy and know how to use them.
- To this you might add a statement from the director of the Council's farm division, Maynard Coe: "Mental alertness, know-how and a commonsense attitude toward farm safety are more essential to safety in agriculture than a long list of rules or regulations."

GOOD OLD DAYS

Everybody likes to refer to the good old days, whether they be a couple of years back, a few decades, a half century or more. There's an item in an 1889 paper that catches our eye, in the manner of reporting and in the subject too:

A blight has fallen upon the young men of Fort Madison, Iowa, because of an unusual accident that occurred on Tuesday to Miss Theresa Krunkemeyer, the leading society beauty, the best waltzer and the loveliest girl of the village. This is the height of the stilt season here. Everybody possesses a pair. Miss Krunkemeyer's brother, George, aged 17, left his stilts in the yard, and his sister essayed to walk upon them.

She climbed the fence, and, after buckling her feet carefully into the foot rests, started down the gravel path. She did very well for some time, but the pace soon became too fast for her and, losing control of the stilt handles, she plunged through a flower-bed and was finally thrown through a barbed-wire fence, striking her left leg upon a post and fracturing it. She was picked up by tender hands, and carried into the house, and the doctor found a compound fracture four inches above the knee. The limb was set with great difficulty.

Recalls our early experiences with stilts, the challenge to soar to greater heights, the tumbles and bruises that resulted therefrom. That's probably why we look with askance on the daredevilry of youth today.

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

50 YEARS AGO (1906)
 By JACK REICHARD

A Pulaski County, Ind., syndicate, in 1906, devoted a 2,000 acre farm to the culture of mint. It was stated the product demanded a black and mucky soil, such as a drained swamp. The company was capitalized at \$80,000, with a relatively large amount of the money earmarked for the construction of a laboratory and refinery needed in the preparation of the mint. The returns were estimated at \$200 an acre when in full tilth.

A Lancaster farmwife, Mrs. George Helm, of Landisville, suffered three broken ribs when her wagon upset in a runaway and a stove fell upon her.

Jacob Gehman, 20, son of John M. Gehman, near Bowmanville, Becknock Twp., Pa., met death in the barn stable that morning while placing the harness on a mule. The father had left home at midnight to attend the early morning Reading market. He was notified of his son's death and returned at once to the farm.

Tobacco dust was claimed to be the best preventive of damage by the striped beetles which attack cucumber, squash and melon vines, a half century ago.

A mid-west company with a capital stock of \$100,000 was organized for the purpose of manufacturing paper from corn husks and stalks. Based on experiments, it was declared the process was feasible.

U. S. Forest Service Reports On R. R. Ties

A pamphlet issued by the U. S. forest service of the Agriculture Department gave an interesting report on the number of cross ties used by the railroad companies in this country in 1905. Of the 80,051,000 ties used, 36 per cent were used in the construction of new tracks. About 75 per cent of the ties were of oak and white pine, with cedar, chestnut, fir, cypress and hemlock supplying the remaining 25 per cent.

A Pennsylvania farmwife of 50 years ago offered the following recipe for preserving sweet corn: "Boil corn on the ear till milk sets, cut from cob and mix thoroughly with salt at the rate of one pint of salt to four of corn; pack in jar and cover with cloth and plate. Salt should be soaked out before cooking. Corn preserved in this way keeps its flavor remarkably well and is also tender"

25 Years Ago

25 YEARS AGO (1931)

Twenty-five years ago several farm families emigrating from Louisiana to Pennsylvania were stranded in Lancaster County. District Attorney Hosterman learned that John K. Hartman, Lancaster, had persuaded residents in the Leesville and Lano areas through a letter-writing campaign to join him in a co-operative community which was to raise fruit on a large farm he claimed he owned at Pequea and to use the products in making pies at a bakery he owned in Lancaster. Investigation developed that Hartman owned neither farm nor bakery.

Arthur Brisbane Predicts Doom of Small Schools

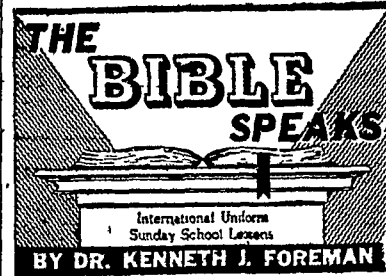
Arthur Brisbane, prominent columnist back in 1931, in a commentary on schools, predicted the doom of the small rural schools. He stated: "Consolidation will make one large school of many small schools. That is necessary, in these days of efficiency, economy and motor buses for school children. But it is a pity. There is value in the 161,531 tiny schools scattered over America, each with its wood-box outside the door, its patient teacher and small group of children. The bigger boys that sat outside on the fence until the last minute, and swallowed their lunch whole, to have more time for baseball at 'recess', often amounted to something later on. At least they could spell, add, subtract and divide. They lived in the country, saw the sky every day, went barefooted and caught turtles in Summer, read Dickens and put firecrackers under milk cans, all useful parts of education"

Soviet diplomats have indicated that Pan American Airways may be permitted to fly schedules to Moscow

Twenty-five years ago this week John A. McSparran, State Secretary of Agriculture, officially opened the annual Lancaster fat stock show. The trend of the market in 1931 was toward the baby beef type and McSparran urged feeders to buy and prepare for the market the highest type of that stock.

Gene Tunney, returning to America after extensive traveling in Russia, had the following to say 25 years ago this week: "There are in Russia 30 million young people under twenty-seven years of age that know nothing but Communism. They have been brought up breathing the atmosphere of Communism as their ideal, their religion. They would die for it, as any Mohammedan would die for his faith. They do not know what you talk about, if you discuss anything opposed to the modern theories of Russia."

The Witkin bill regulating the sale of firearms in Pennsylvania was signed by Governor Pinchot. Under its provisions dealers in firearms were required to pay a ten-dollar license fee, annually. They also were forbidden to deliver weapons to persons under 18 years of age, habitual drunkards or persons mentally deficient. Purchasers were required to pay a fee of 50 cents for a license, which was to be issued by the local chief of police or the county sheriff, and establish good reasons for the request.



Background Scripture: Acts 27-28.
 Devotional Reading: Psalm 67.

Widening Circles
 Lesson for June 24, 1956

THE doctor who wrote what we call the book of Acts must have known that his story was not the whole story. He throws his spotlight first on one leader, then on another; occasionally on a whole church. During more than half his book he follows one man, Paul.



Dr. Foreman history. Paul was both outstanding, and typical. He was outstanding in that there is no record in the New Testament of any leader as great as he. He was typical in that for him as for others, Christianity is not a quiet stand-still religion; it must move.

Pioneers

In the book of Acts the reader sees Christianity moving always in one direction: west. It has been going west ever since. But there were already pioneers in other directions. To the north went missionaries into the countries now known as France, Holland, Scandinavia, Great Britain. To the south went the pioneer Christians who founded the churches along the southern side of the Mediterranean and even penetrated up the Nile. To the east went pioneers who brought the Gospel to what is now Iraq. It was not long before there were Christians as far away as India. The Book of Acts closes with Paul in the world-capital of Rome. But the story of the Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Christian church is still being told. It is an unfinished story. It will always be an unfinished story so long as there are persons yet to be won. Life Magazine carried a story about the martyrdom of some young missionaries to the Aucas, a trib

est Ecuador. It is safe to say that most of the readers of Life had not heard of the Aucas before. Indeed most American church members had never heard of them. But the point is, some Christians had, and to hear was to want to go and tell them the story of Jesus. Now there are five dead missionaries, and five widows . . . but it is safe to predict that some of these will go back, and others will follow, and one day it will be as safe to live among the Aucas as it is on your own street. You cannot stop the pioneers.

A world religion

Why has the Bible been translated into so many hundreds of languages? Not for fun. They don't first translate the Bible into (say) Mayan, and then start looking for some Mayans to try it on. It is the other way around. First some missionaries go to the Mayans, and they win some to Christ. And then both the missionaries and the new Christians want a Bible in the language of the land, so some one starts to translate it into Mayan, and after some years of hard work there appears a Mayan New Testament. Some day the Old will appear too. Every translation of the Bible is evidence that missionaries have been at work. If the Christian religion had stayed where it started (it would have died, but let's suppose it lived) there would be no English Bibles, no Latin, no French, only some obscure dialect of Hebrew. The existence of Bibles in English points to the work of missionaries centuries ago who brought not only culture but religion to our wild ancestors.

Miles are made of yards

We talk about the spread of Christianity, and indeed it has spread around the world. But it never spreads any farther at one time than from one person to one person. Drop a stone into a pond and presently the ripples reach every shore. But the first ripple is hardly bigger than the stone. Every road, no matter how long, is made up of very short stretches. Every mile is made of yards, yards are made of inches. You can't cover ten thousand miles without covering every inch of all that distance. A plain church member calling on a neighbor and saying a good word for Jesus Christ may not feel like a "world Christian"; but that is what he is. If the world is ever won for Christ it must be man by man. No less a person than Billy Graham has said that the most effective kind of evangelism in the world is visitation evangelism: one plus one plus one.

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