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County Chickens

Word that Lancaster County ranks second nationwide in chickens four months old and over in farms in 1954 comes as little surprise to local residents.

Outsiders may accept this, not realizing the Garden Spot ranks high in the tables of other agricultural yield records. Lancaster County, with 2,825,047, ranked second only to Monmouth County, N. J., with 3,260,953, or 0.9 per cent of the U. S. total.

Figures on broiler production swing wide over the nation, with the third position going to Sonoma County, California, fourth to San Bernardino County in California, fifth to Ocean County, New Jersey, and sixth to Cumberland County, New Jersey.

Add to this Lancaster County's records in tobacco production, her high rank in other fields.

Although Lancaster County's rank in poultry is high, it must be remembered that it holds records in other agricultural lines too, and is not confined to one phase alone. Record receipts at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange indicate other records—much higher—will be wrapped up again soon by the Garden Spot

Old Soldiers

There's something sobering when you take a look back into the armed services after several years without direct contact. It takes but a reunion between a couple out of uniform a decade and one who has remained in.

Names are exchanged in rapid-fire fashion. "Where's so and so? How about Jim—? Have you heard anything of—?" From the civilian ranks comes some news, from the uniformed ranks comes others. Speaking of rank, one master sergeant today is a lieutenant colonel in Bangkok, Thailand; the boyish lieutenant colonel of some years back is now matured and in an extremely responsible position in Europe.

Some names must be crossed off the list. There have been deaths, some through military and civilian aircraft mishaps, births, divorces. The perennial motorcycling bachelor has married and slowed down. Some have risen through the ranks at break-neck speed, others have cruised along at normal, non-excitable speed, maintaining what rank they have.

Today's life in service is different. There's a camaraderie that didn't exist in the days of World War II when people of all walks of civilian life were thrown together under war conditions. Today there has been more rigid sorting. There is a manpower shortage in several branches. Hours are long. Work requirements are stringent. Social life is perhaps more family style than it was in the days when the family was in one corner of the country, the man of the house in another corner of the world.

There's casual talk of flights to Paris, Rome, Tehran, Iceland, the Azores, Scotland—a world that is shrunken by airplanes.

Most interesting is that there is a devotion to duty, a schedule that ignores the 40-hour week, a spirit among the regular service men that is one of work, devotion to duty. Much of the public is still unaware of what really goes on in service ranks today, where a limited number are doing the work that twice that number should do.

Unusual Seasons

Tobacco being harvested ahead of normal. Rains have pushed potato vines along and delayed tuber growth. Rains have boosted tomato plants and shaded the fruit—delaying ripening. All pose problems for the Lancaster County producer.

For awhile there were fears of damage to tobacco; movement of tomatoes must be on a split-second schedule.

The season where there is not a spare moment to leave consideration of crops is here. What a change it is from the dry spell we encountered this time a year ago, and how wonderful the fields look. Visitors are wondered, and well they might be.

Nothing unusual, one might comment, typically Lancaster County and Lancaster farming.

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

50 YEARS AGO (1906)

By JACK REICHARD

Justice of the Peace William Duff, prominent farmer, aged 80, of New Castle, Pa., died from the effects of a shotgun wound received in an altercation with four Italians. The foreigners were shooting birds on Squire Duff's farm, and when ordered off the place, one of the Italians shot him in the head. He was found in the field by his son, and before losing consciousness, accused Dominick Ferrone with the assault.

Milk Dealers Sued

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Werren, directed his agent in Adams County to bring suit at Gettysburg against the dealers who sold adulterated milk to the National Guard of Pennsylvania troops during the division encampment in the area.

Wheat Train

For Kansas

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, in cooperation with the Kansas State Agricultural College, ran a wheat instruction train over some of the lines of its system in Kansas during August, 1906. Five lecturers from the agricultural college accompanied the train.

It was stated that for a long time, it had been the practice of many Kansas farmers to sell most of their good wheat and use the poorest for seed. The main purpose of the train was to teach farmers that they would profit by sowing the best wheat. It was estimated the use of only the best wheat for seed would increase the yield of Kansas wheat from 3 million to five million bushels annually, a half century ago.

On the Lancaster farm of Robert Scott, Little Britain Township, a large number of neighbors had gathered to see Scott's new Halleck potato picker work. Just when the equipment was adjusted for trial, a heavy rain put a stop to the operations.

Farmers Turn Out

To See Trains

Sunday, Aug 12, 1906, farmers residing along the new Low Grade branch line of the Pennsylvania R. R. Company, between Columbia and Parkesburg, spent most of the day along the right-of-way watching the first freight trains to pass over the line. Many of the families had never seen a train before.

A meeting of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers' Association was held at the Cocalico experimental station, West Cocalico Township, 50 years ago this week. Among the speakers were Professor Whitney, of Washington D. C., and State Chemist Frear of Pennsylvania State College. An exhibit of cigars and tobacco from the 1904-5 crop grown at the station was on display.

Lancaster cattle dealers organized to confine business at the Union Stock Yards to fixed market days instead of scattered all through the week. Fifty years ago Wednesday was the big day, but cattle were bought and sold on other days of the week.

UNTREATED T.B. CASES

Dr Edward X. Mikol, tuberculosis expert, estimates that at least 80,000 persons in this country are ill with tuberculosis but are not in hospitals for treatment. He cited a U. S. Public Health Service report showing that 45 per cent of T.B. patients are not hospitalized, 87 per cent of which are in advanced stages of the disease and half of which are 45 or older.

25 YEARS AGO (1931)

Farmers throughout the nation vigorously opposed the railroad's petition for a 15 percent increase in freight rates presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Hearings were scheduled at Washington, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Atlantic, and Boston during August, 1931.

Farmer Dies

In Wheat Field

Mervin W. Fair, farmer, near Gettysburg, was a heat victim in Adams County, 25 years ago this week. He was at work in a wheat field pitching sheaves on a wagon in the hot sun, and suddenly collapsed. Fellow workmen tried to revive him without success.

The 1931 picnic of the Lancaster Farmers' Protective Association was held on the Central Manor Camp grounds and attracted a large crowd.

Speakers included H. Landis Shank, president of the Lancaster County Taxpayers' League, Lancaster; Honorable A. J. White Hutton, of Franklin County; John H. Moore and T. Richard Witmer, both of Lancaster.

Hutton advised the assemblage to take greater interest in politics, so that the interest of the farmers might be better safeguarded.

Livestock judging contests featured the field day meet of Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association at the farm of Earl L. Groff, association president, near Strasburg.

Professor R. H. Olmsted, dairy cattle specialist of Pennsylvania State College, supervised the placing of the animals. Three classes of livestock were judged: mature cows, yearling heifers and bull calves.

Farm Hand

Caught In Thresher

Horace Hughes, 25, employed on the farm of Eugene Heitzel, at Elverson, Chester County, was fatally injured. He was helping to thresh and the platform from which he was feeding sheaves broke and threw him into the blades of the machine. His leg was mutilated before he could be released and he died soon after being taken to the Pottstown Hospital.

Pomona Grange Plans

Picnic on Aug. 18

Lancaster County Pomona Grange No. 71 will hold its annual picnic at Oakryn Hall Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m., Aug. 18.

A short business session will follow. Those attending are requested to bring a basket lunch for the picnic, according to Mrs. S. Ralph Wanner of R2 Narvon.

The world has always had individuals able to answer all the questions involving mankind, but fortunately the people have been too smart to listen to them.

rather sit alone. Fellowship is sharing-with-love, it is a sharing love.

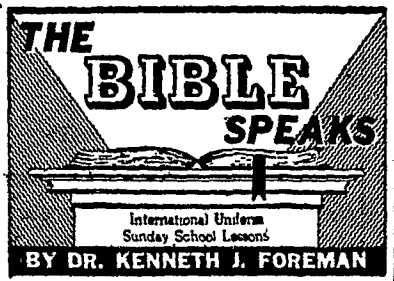
With Man

It is a striking fact that although John is writing to and about the Christian church, he writes two of his three letters without ever using the word. Perhaps it was too cold and formal a word for him, although Paul loved the word "church" and so may we. But John did not want to be misunderstood. So he uses simple words like "God's children," "brothers." The church is the place for fellowship among God's children. In a real church, there is bound to be a closer, dearer tie between Christian and Christian than there can be between persons outside the church, or between Christians and outsiders. What brings Christians together in the first place is not simply themselves as human beings. It is their fellowship with God. It is because they are so close to him that they become close to one another. Now fellowship with other Christians in the church again more than sharing. Even on the sharing-level, how much of it is done in the typical church? What do "members" of the same church share? Pews, hymnbooks, the same sermons, preacher, potato salad at church suppers? All this may be the doorway to Christian fellowship, but still not quite it. Two people can sit at opposite ends of the same pew, and eat out of the same salad bowl, for years on end, without ever finding out what real fellowship means. It is only when they really share the love of God when together they let his love flow through them in joyous service in his name, that they discover Fellowship.

Learning How

Christian churches would wither without Christian homes. Little children learn lessons in living first at home before they learn in Sunday school or church. Father, mother and children can learn together what Christian fellowship is, and if they do, they will know what the preacher is talking about. If they do not learn at home, the minister, and the Bible, will seem to be talking in a strange language. Actually, there is not a great deal of time to practice fellowship in the church. Maybe one spends five hours a week there; it's more than most do. But there are 168 hours in a week; what about the other 163? If the church is the lecture-room for fellowship, the home is the laboratory. The Bible tells us that it will work. Home is where we can find out how right it is.

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Fellowship

Lesson for August 12, 1956

THE word "fellowship" is battered around a good deal without people's always knowing just all that the word can mean. When some men use the word they may mean no more by it than lurching in the same place with other men of about the same age and salary bracket, once a week, calling one another by their first names and in general acting as jolly as possible. This is some distance off the meaning of the same word "fellowship" as we find it in the New Testament. There it is a very important word. Indeed it sums up all that the Christian church is and ought to be at its best.



Dr. Foreman

With God

Fellowship,—the word, that is—even among Christians can be misunderstood. It is not just the same thing as "sharing." Some forms of sharing, or what goes by that name, are not fellowship at all. The writer was in a meeting once where a good deal was said about sharing with the needy of the city and in other lands. Toward the close of the meeting it came out what was being planned: an old-clothes drive. Everybody present was exhorted to go through his or her attic and closets and find clothing, hats and what-not that wouldn't be used again, and to have these ready on the porch when the boys came by for it. Of course that was not real sharing at all. It was only a scheme to get rid of some fire hazards, to tidy up for full housecleaning. Real sharing always involves giving up something which one would otherwise have been glad to use. But even real sharing may not be fellowship as the New Testament has it,—not as our Lord and the beloved John meant it and practiced it. A traveler can share a seat on a bus when he would much