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Lancaster County Ranks High

More records agriculturally are being stacked up by Lancaster County to truly label it the Garden Spot of the United States. Amazing it is that the fields are so varied. Other competing counties may shine in one division alone, but Lancaster County's position is more widespread. Some have been itemized in Lancaster Farming. Other reports come in day by day, so a review is not out of place at the moment:

Among the top 100 counties of the United States in each division, Lancaster County stands nationally

- 1, second in number of chickens four months old and older;
- 2, third in poultry and poultry products sold,
- 3, sixth in chicken eggs sold;
- 4, 13th in chickens sold;
- 5, 87th in turkey hens kept for breeding,
- 6, 40th in turkeys raised;
- 7, ninth in total number of cattle and calves sold;
- 8, 11th in value of 1954 cattle-calf sales;
- 9, 18th in cattle and calves on farms,
- 19, 7th in dairy products sold, \$16,657,000 in 1954;
- 11, 11th in milk cows on farms, with 58,267;
- 12, 11th in whole milk sold, 394,545,000 lbs, valued at \$16,608,707, or 7th in value for the nation;
- 13, seventh in horses and mules on farms, 7,853 for Oct.-Nov. 1954, against 16th place in 1950 with 10,122.

On and on the record could read. More agricultural facts may be revealed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, more records may be established for Lancaster County.

One Year

Following the seasons through their 12-month pattern, the newcomer to Lancaster County still finds the County amazingly beautiful in all parts of the year.

Green fields, contoured rows, the various phases of harvest, the miles and miles of timbers, neat farmlands, excellent appearing buildings, a case of thriving agriculture. There have been deviations in the weather pattern, first a lack of necessary rain, then an abundance; a mild winter sparked with some heavy snow and drifting, iced highways and a demand for careful driving.

What season's the best? Even after a year, that is impossible to determine. There's something wonderful about each, but to watch development of the crops from plowing to harvesting, one finds something most heartening, something that makes Lancaster County truly outstanding.

Back to School

This is not to be read by the younger generation, the school-going crowd, which soon gives up the pleasures of vacationing to return to what they consider the dull classroom. There is a faction among this group, we don't hesitate to say, which is happy to see school open again, as the pleasures of summertime develop into harvest work.

There's much shopping to be done, new clothes, new togs for the classroom. A new lunch-pail was among the items purchased in our day, but this is being replaced by school cafeterias. Books too are furnished by the school system as a rule today.

College enrollments are at new records, and classroom facilities in many cases are inadequate, despite one of the most extensive expansion programs in many a year. There's a greater opportunity for the high school graduate of today to attend college, if he can gain admittance in budgeted enrollments.

Pop was never sure his daughters got their dollars' worth out of college, although they worked several years in teaching after getting their degrees. Some, he contended, went to college just to get a husband. Times change, daughters don't.

Today the supply of well-educated prospective wives is at an all-time high.

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

50 YEARS AGO (1906)
 By JACK REICHARD

POTATO GROWER SOLVES WEED PROBLEM

A Western potato grower claimed he had solved the problem of weeds which usually went to seed in his patch after the potatoes were ripe by sowing buckwheat just as the vines began to die. He declared he planted his potatoes a good depth so that little hilling was necessary, cut the buckwheat when ripe and later dug his potatoes. He explained this gave him two crops from the same piece of land, and at the same time he had the satisfaction of having his field kept free of weeds.

On the Lancaster farm of Alfred Fisher, New Providence, was grown a potato curio, consisting of five white potatoes grown together. The center one and three of the ones attached were large and about the size of a walnut. The unusual growth was on display at the office of the Quarryville Sun, 50 years ago this week.

Across the sea, in Switzerland, over 5,000 peasants fled from the Val Vedasco section on the Swiss Italian frontier, during a severe storm on Lake Maggiore. The superstitious villagers declared that they had seen an angel in the sky pointing a finger at the valley. They believed that the valley was doomed and in great terror, fled from their flourishing orchards, gardens and fields, which were deserted, according to a news dispatch from Geneva.

SECRETARY INSPECTS PACKING PLANTS

In Nebraska, Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture, inspected the meat packing plants in South Omaha without the owners knowing about it. Wilson, unattended and without registering or disclosing his identity, arrived at a local hotel and drove alone to the packing plants. He said later: "I have inspected all the packing plants and found them in good condition. I will go from Omaha to Minneapolis."

25 Years Ago

25 YEARS AGO (1931)

The sixteen 4-H Girls' Clubs of Lancaster County held contests at Williamson Park and were attended by more than 100 persons. The Clay group scored the highest number of points in the contests on the all day program, and were awarded a silver loving cup by Mrs. J. R. Cassel, president of the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women.

A novel feature of the afternoon session, with Miss Mary Brubaker presiding, was a "Dress Revue" in which the girls dressed in clothes of their own making and paraded before the judges and assembly.

DUCK'S BLACK EGGS UPSET SCIENTISTS

For years white ducks had been laying white eggs. And scientists didn't get excited.

But in 1931, New Jersey poultry fanciers did a lot of fancy talking about a black duck that was laying black eggs.

The duck was owned by Marvin Snowwhite, fifteen, of Bridgetown, and had laid four black eggs in a row. Marvin was so excited, he broke the first egg. A hen was sitting on another. A third was being exhibited and

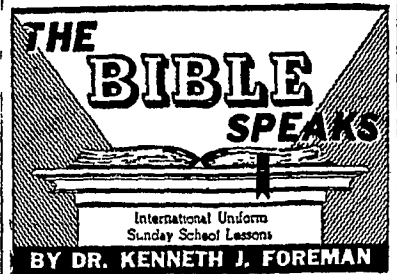
the fourth was opened and cooked. It was just like other eggs.

How would you like to plow, harrow, plant, weed and seed your ground water, and feed your mules, mend your harness, pick your cotton, haul it to market, and get \$290 in full payment for your year's work? Well, that's what the average cotton farmer in the United States got in 1931.

Twenty five years ago this week, the Chevrolet Motor Company announced "20 beautiful models at prices ranging from \$475 to \$675 F.O.B. Flint, Mich."

BUZZARD GANG MAKES NEWS

Joe Buzzard, aged 70, member of the famed Welsh Mountain horse stealing trio, Joe, Abe, and Ike Buzzard, was again behind cell bars following his arrest on suspicion in Southern New Jersey while driving a horse and buggy which was stolen from John Kauffman, of near Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster County. According to a record Joe, himself, had carefully kept, he had spent exactly 21 years of his life behind cell bars, up to August, 1931.



Background Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34; 1 John 2:28-32.
 Devotional Reading: Psalm 46

"We Know"
 Lesson for August 19, 1956

"I DON'T know, I hope so," is the answer you will often get when you ask some one if he is a Christian. It's common answer but it doesn't make sense. Are you going to be sick tomorrow? Are you descended from William the Conqueror? Will you ever be famous? You may well say "I don't know," for various reasons, to such questions. But being a Christian is something different. Are you one? You ought to know. You're not a perfect one, you may not yet even be a very good one. It is quite right to say you don't know just how much of a Christian you are, for only God knows that. But if you have ever decided for Christ, if you ever accepted Christ as Savior and Lord, then you are a Christian-by-intention. If you never settled that before, you can settle it before you read another line.



Dr. Foreman

"That You May Know"
 There is one of the New Testament letters which has as its theme, "We Know." It was written by the same person who wrote the Fourth Gospel. In both the gospel and the letter, the author says plainly why he has written what he did. To the readers of the Gospel, John says, "These (things) are written that you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). Now there must have been a number of people back yonder, as there are now, were uncertain whether they really "belonged as Christians, or not. If you asked them, "Do you believe?" they would say "Yes." If you asked them, "Are you sure you have eternal life?" they would say, like their modern descendants, "I don't know, I hope so." John writes to just such people, so that they won't have to give such a timid uncertain answer any more. "I write this to

State Conservation Society Will Meet In Millersville

Prof. Clarence Bryner, ornist at Penn State, has attention to the annual of the Keystone Chapter Conservation Society of ca scheduled August 17 at the Millersville State College. At this meeting Bryner, now vice-president unopposed for the chapter idency.

A special award to standing Pennsylvania will be announced at the meeting, in recognition of conservation practices now. A ballot-by-mail now being conducted by Ralph W. Harrisburg, society secretary will select officers and directors for the coming year.

D. Joseph Sacco, State chapter president, is chairman of the program committee in planning the event. Committee members include V. C. Miles, Coudersport; M. Wise, Carlisle; and Graham Netting, of Pittsburgh Carnegie Museum.

SAVED FROM CRASH

Union, S.C. — John was thrown through the shield when his brand crashed into a railroad. Brady suffered only bruises, although he was most of his clothing was a total wreck.

you who believe," he says, you may know that you have eternal life." (1 John 5:13.)

"By This We Know"

You know you have a looking in the mirror. You you have a farm because it is on record at the court. You know you have sixty in the bank because the statement tells you so. But you know you have eternal is infinitely more important any of these things. Knowledge have it is likewise the most knowledge you can have. The letter of John is not content "We know"; the apostle goes say why we have every right sure. One outstanding reason pressed in the sentence, "We have passed from death because we love the bride (3:14). You'll not be much athlete if you don't like it. You'll never make a farm farmers don't appeal to you you have nothing to do with. If you are a Christian, further you will surely love Christ; you do love them, it's enough sign for the apostle.

Listening to the Word

The reader will find other signs by which, John we can know whether we eternal life. This life cannot be looked at, it cannot be graphed, weighed or measured. Like any other kind of life, be known by its effects. You a plant is living by the fact puts out shoots and leaves can't shut the plant open at the life, but you can see from way it behaves that it is living with eternal life. And by that the reader will note that speaks of "having," not "having" eternal life.) One point may be noted here. In different ways of expressing assurance: We know we passed from death to life. Know he abides in us. . . we are of the truth. . . that we abide in him. . . that we are of God. . . knows God" he says (4:19). "tens to us." In other words who know God listen to speaks the Word of God. Who of a lover is it who will his sweetheart's love letter is kind of soldier is it who reads nor opens an order. superior officer? What sports lover is it who at the sports page? So ask. How much of a Christian who never reads his father in heaven has to his Word? God's words.

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