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Farm Show Starts Monday

Pennsylvania, and especially Lancaster County, agriculture has its eyes on Harrisburg next week.

Monday marks the opening of the 1st Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. From scattered exhibits of fruit and grains at annual meetings of a few farm organizations in Harrisburg, it has grown to be the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the United States under one roof.

The Farm Show is operated by and for the farmers of Pennsylvania. Representatives from each of 52 different state-wide farm and related organizations, comprise the Pennsylvania Farm Show Committee, which operates the show.

It is expected that approximately 10,000 individual entries of farm and farm home exhibits will be shown this year. All except certain classes of poultry are limited to Pennsylvania producers.

In the past it has been customary for Lancaster County farmers to come home with than their just share of the blue and purple ribbons. This year should prove no exception.

Last year the County copped 92 of 94 tobacco prizes and the crop is even better this year.

So even if you are not exhibiting, come to Farm Show Monday through Friday.

See how Lancaster County justifies its claim as the Garden Spot.
R.E.B.

Farm Safety Is Up To You

The first essential for preventing accidents on your farm is for you, your family and workers to become more safety-conscious. There are many things you can do, precautions that will make your farm a safer place to live and work on, and winter is a good time to get them done.

Weeds growing around buildings should be cut down as a fire preventive measure. And gasoline should be stored underground and well away from any buildings, and all buildings should be grounded for lightning. Fire pails, water barrels, mechanical extinguishers and buckets of sand should be placed in convenient locations for use in case of fire. Keep a good ladder and hose in some handy spot. Remove all fire hazards such as wood shavings, paint rags or oily rags, piled-up paper and rubbish from your house and farm buildings. Replace worn electrical cords and plugs, and be sure that no circuit is overloaded because there are too many appliances plugged into a single outlet. When you follow these suggestions, you prevent fires from starting, and small fires from blazing into big ones with heavy property damage, injuries and possible fatalities.

To prevent injury or loss of a finger, arm or leg, turn off the power before adjusting, oiling or unclogging machinery. The working members of your family and all your help should understand the operation of every piece of machinery you have. Give all workers thorough training with new machines. Warn them to take no chances with livestock and to be especially careful with new or strange animals. Animals respect firmness and respond to kindness. Know your animals and speak gently when approaching them. Keep young children away from machinery and from pens and barns. Bar or fence off water tanks, cisterns, wells and pools. Put all dangerous tools out of reach of children and away from play areas, and keep yards free from garden tools, waste and rubbish.

Be sure that ladders and steps are in good repair, and ladder openings are hand-railed. Protect all haychute openings and avoid storing loose materials overhead. Danger spots such as low beams or hazardous steps should be clearly marked with white or yellow painted stripes. Or better yet, with reflective easy-to-apply plastic yellow or white "Dotties" that shine out brilliantly under poor lighting conditions or in the dark. If there are boulders or posts near driveways, they should be painted or whitewashed to prevent collisions.



This Week in Lancaster Farming

By JACK REICHARD

50 YEARS AGO (1907)

25 Years Ago

Twenty-five years ago, dairy cooperatives staged a test of their strength in the milk wars being waged in various states, particularly in New York, the home of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association.

The issue, for the most part, lay between unorganized farmers, who sold their product at whatever they were offered and organized members who held out for a fair price. The cooperatives had, of course, been forced to take a drop in prices, but if they had not existed, dairy farmers in New York would have been in a far worse position than they were.

Cooperative officials pointed out that a milk war made it possible for the consumer to purchase "cheap milk", but it also meant unemployment, decreased purchasing power and unpaid bills among dairy workers.

Farmers in general were urged to support the cooperatives in their efforts to stabilize the milk industry and put an end to the milk wars.

FISH BITES WOMAN

The chief concern of the proprietor of a fresh fish stand in a Baltimore market, back in 1932, was whether his liability insurance policy covered fish bites. On that January morning a 30-pound carp flopped from the stand and bit Mrs. Tilhe Levy on the ankle.

MAN PLANNED SUICIDE

After making elaborate plans to end it all, Jesse Jolliffe of Morgantown, Pa., didn't commit suicide after all. He had paid up all his debts, arranged his affairs in general, and then went to bargain with an undertaker for his funeral job. In an argument over the price Jolliffe beat up the mortician and was sentenced to six months in jail.

Life for James Lowrie and Janet Ferguson, St. Louis, held matrimonial promises, 25 years ago. After being sweethearts for sixty years they got married.

That same week Judge Hanson, of McCook, Neb., got his matrimonial vows mixed up. During the marriage of Ethel Hayes, Hanson asked her if she would promise to support her husband and before he could correct his error the bride had consented.

Across the ocean in Kingston, England, the Rev. A. W. Orr announced he would referee no more football games because his decisions made the players swear.

Elsewhere in England that week, Richard Tugwood fired out of a window, at what he thought was a cat, hit a policeman's helmet, and was fined \$10 in court.

MATCH FLAME REVEALS GOLD

Dick Raycraft on Tonopah, Neb., believed in smoking, not only as a source of comfort, but also as a harbinger of good luck. In 1926 he lit his pipe and threw the burning match into a hole on his property. The flame revealed a shiny interior which investigation showed to be particles of gold. From that hole Raycraft had taken about \$50,000 worth of gold ore up to 1932.

In Alda, Neb., the Rev. F. A. Shawly had suggested a voluntary decrease in his salary from \$1,200 to \$900 a year because of the financial strain on his congregation.

Fifty years ago, many Mexican ranchmen who had been land poor all their life suddenly became gloriously rich, with the discovery that the native guayule shrub contained valuable rubber properties.

The utilization of the shrub was no longer an experiment. More than \$3 million had been invested in the erection of guayule rubber factories, with the investment of additional millions planned for expanding the industry.

The guayule shrub covered many million acres of land upon the plateau of northern Mexico, extending into southwest Texas for a distance of 150 miles.

Before the discovery of its rubber qualities the shrub had been considered a nuisance to the landowner, as it interfered with cattle grazing. The land had very little value before the discovery, most of it having been purchased at thirty cents an acre. In 1907 these acres were producing an average of two tons of guayule per acre, selling at \$50 a ton, American money.

One of the food products imported into this country from Holland, half a century ago, was honey vinegar, which was manu-

factured on a commercial basis. The particular characteristic of the product was its agreeable aroma.

NEBRASKA'S PRAIRIE CHICKENS

A rough estimate of the number of prairie chickens killed in Nebraska in 1906 was placed at 5 million, of which all but one million were shipped out of the State.

BLACKSMITHING DOOMED

Back in 1907 it was said that country blacksmithing was no longer a paying enterprise in Lancaster County. This was evident in the Lutz area, where five of the six smithies closed up shop and went to farming.

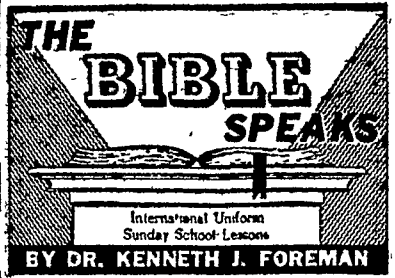
POCKETBOOK FOUND, 2 MEN RELEASED

The finding of a pocketbook, containing \$545, released one man from jail and exonerated another from the charge of stealing it, 50 years ago this week.

John Womert and Jefferson Bard were arrested on the charge of robbing Abram L. Houck, of Intercourse, of \$545. The alleged crime had been committed in New Holland. Womert was locked up, but Bard secured bail.

Then came Sunday. While Joseph Beiler, a neighbor of Houck, was on his way to church, he found a pocketbook along the road about a mile from New Holland. Investigation proved it belonged to Houck.

The owner, finding nothing was missing, immediately went to Lancaster and had Womert released from jail and the charges against both men withdrawn.



Background Scripture: Matthew 24
Devotional Reading: Hebrews 3:1-14

Tempted We Are

Lesson for January 13, 1957

EVERYBODY is a sinner yet not everybody is tempted to the same sins. But being tempted is not a sign of sin. The church believes that the same Jesus who "in every respect has been tempted as we are" (Hebrews 4:15) nevertheless was tempted without sinning. It would be a mistake to suppose



Dr. Foreman

At Highest Moments

One thing we can learn from Christ's temptations is that it is not possible in this life to be guaranteed freedom from temptation. In the first place, it can be said that only serious-minded high-principled people know what real temptation is. Weak, flabby, frivolous persons fell no pull or push; they drop into sin like a stone into water. You can't feel temptation without resisting. Low-minded people do what they feel like doing without thinking. They aren't even aware they have sinned. They are like dirty little boys who can't see the sense in washing — they feel clean enough! It is the clean person who is conscious of dirt on his hands or clothes. So only the person with real convictions and ideals can feel the tug of temptation. It is only people with consciences who can be tempted to go against their conscience. Now high-minded people, people who really want to please God, often wish they could reach a stage in life where they wouldn't have to struggle to be good and to do right. But the story of Jesus shows that this is a false hope. Jesus had just been baptized when his great temptations came. If ever there was a consecrated, holy person, conscious of God's approval, it

Another way in which the Christ-temptation, in his Bible, surely the Christian of today is cutting himself off from a major source of strength. It is when temptation comes the best he can think of is, "I am sure there is a verse in the Bible about this somewhere, but I can't think what it is." The best way to have the Bible ready for daily use is to have it on a shelf, but to have it as a treasure in the mind.

Sword of the Spirit

of wrong. "The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," said Prof. W. M. Urban, "in the presence of a greater, is the essence of the sword of the Spirit." "To choose a lesser good," said when what is better is possible. times tempted to do what is good. So we, like the Master, are some- from the inside, to feed their souls. bread. He came to change men. radical than supplying people with do something more profound, more cause Jesus was commissioned to not foolish. But still wrong; be- meat, manna, manna, manna, into could turn them into medicine, into bread for himself alone. And if was said about Jesus using the try full of poor people. Nothing would be a helpful thing in a coun- the stones into bread —? That be very wrong indeed) but turn- be worked, but for him it would fine in a wheel-barrel, it might not of State down Pennsylvania Ave- United States rolled his Secretary #11 sm. (If the President of the fool is foot isn't so much wicked as it of sin jumping off a temple worshipping Satan is obviously the levels of sin. Falling down and three levels of temptation, three temptations of Jesus illustrate a thing evil in itself. The three that sin may not always be some- Again, the story of Jesus shows

Tempted to Do Good

moment the great struggle begins. late. But that may be the very one is tempted to say, "Now I am life's highest and holiest moments. In the Spirit to be tempted! In new tells us that Jesus was led Holy Spirit, it was he, yet Mat- there was a person filled with the