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Breeders Ideas Have Merit

Two excellent proposals came from meetings of breeders associations last week at Farm Show. The first of these is that a program for the eradication of swine brucellosis be established.

It was noted by the association that during past tests of swine in the state, incidence of the disease is small. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture also seems inclined to assist in providing compensation for animals that will have to be disposed of.

Therefore it seems that the backers of the program should try to get the plan into action as soon as possible while interest is high.

With a working swine and cattle brucellosis program, Pennsylvania will gain stature and preference in the eyes of out of state buyers for Keystone State stock.

The other proposal is for a "warm up" dairy show for breeders in the Middle Atlantic states in preparation for the National Dairy Show.

With the facilities available at Harrisburg and the transportation and communication facilities available, it seems a "natural" for Pennsylvania to play host to such a show.

At the same time, it will give Pennsylvania breeders an opportunity to match their best against cattle of the surrounding states with a minimum of effort and expense.

A Lesson From the Feedbunk

Probably none of us realizes it, but from a nutrition standpoint those steers, hogs or chickens on the farm actually eat better than we do. As a rule, they get more of the right kinds of foods than do humans, at least.

This was pointed out by a feed manufacturer the other day to emphasize the advances made in animal nutrition in recent years. He went on to point out that the reduced mortality and healthy development of young babies in large measure accounted for the increased life-span of humans, and this in turn was largely a matter of better nutrition — formula feeding of infants. We formula-feed the baby, all right, he continued, but as soon as he can yell and make known his desires, most parents start giving him what he wants and not what he needs. With animals, on the other hand, we formula feed them from the cradle to the grave, so to speak, and consequently, they are much better fed.

Certainly he has a point. Noting the strain on that last notch in the belt, we're not all sure that last helping of pie and ice cream would have been included in our prescribed formula, even though it seemed a good idea at the time. The idea, of course, would be that utopian state wherein all those things we should eat and want to eat would coincide. Maybe human nutritionists would have more luck taking that tack than in trying to tell us what we should and should not eat. At any rate, there is a lesson for us humans out there in the feedbunk.

— The Corn Belt Farm Dailies

USING THE OLD NOGGIN

Saw a man the other day trying to park a station wagon between two cars with only inches to spare on either side. He finally made it, but there wasn't room enough for him to open his side door. It appeared he would have to back out and find a new parking place or remain trapped inside his station wagon. He solved his problem though. He crawled over the seat, opened the door at the rear, and slid out into the street. Every new year seems to present many "impossible" situations, but if we use our heads like the driver of the station wagon, we'll squeeze by all right.

— Shell Chemical Agricultural News.

As Yet

A New York bank will now serve tea on Mondays from four to six. As yet adjoining restaurants have made no plans to make loans to their customers. — Christian Science Monitor.



BY JACK REICHARD

50 YEARS AGO (1907)

Readers in general were interested in the story of "The Wild Man of Borneo", a poor old drunken sailor whom P. T. Barnum, the great circus showman, was trying to reform. Barnum was an active supporter of the temperance movement in this country a half century ago.

The old sailor, whom Barnum had known for many years, was an expert with the pocket knife, and during long voyages across the Pacific he would whittle out skulls, skeletons and other things. Finally he found himself at New Bridgeport, Conn., and destitute. He had nothing but a few wooden skulls and skeletons fastened together with wires which rattled when shaken. He went to Barnum to try and sell these. He was ragged, hairy and hungry.

"Why, where have you been?"

"Been to Borneo."

"Well, you look it! Come in and sit down. We are just going to have supper!" said the showman.

The tramp sailor begged Barnum to put him in a cage, like a wild beast, to keep him from drink and where he could sit and whittle and sober up. That is how "The Wild Man of Borneo" was conceived, a great sideshow spectacle for circus goers of 50 years ago.

The aged man refused to play wild man after Barnum died. It was said the showman had left his friend a considerable amount of money.

SOCIETY MATRONS CONCERNED OVER HIRED GIRLS

Newly-landed servant girls into this country half a century ago, brought with them a source of trial and annoyance for families who employed them, especially matrons of the more fashionable households. The more unsophisticated the newcomers were, the more ignorant they were of feminine ways in America, according to an article published in the New York Herald.

The story told of Christine, a young Swedish girl, who came to a family residing in Morris Heights, N. Y. She had just landed, was engaged through an employment agency and entered upon her duties abounding in alacrity but also ignorance.

The young mistress of the household noted with concern that Christine was innocent about corsets. In fact the hired girl had never seen one. She did not even know what they were.

The matron, feeling that Christine's apparel was not quite suitable for appearing in the dining room as a waitress, made a trip down town that afternoon and purchased a cheap but durable pair of corsets, which she presented to the new domestic that evening with a smile of self-congratulation. The girl should wear them in the future, beginning the next day.

When serving breakfast the following morning, there was no question about the new girl wearing the corsets. Even a near-sighted person could tell that because she had them on the outside of everything else.

The matron was aghast, the young husband shamefully amused and Christine gloriously happy and proud as a peacock.

In Sweden, 50 years ago, the government was concerned in the promotion of the use of telephones, with the result that in some sections of that country the instrument was in more general use than anywhere else in the world.

READS BY LIGHT OF SAUSAGE

Prof. Hans Molisch, of Prague, according to a London Mail dispatch, 50 years ago, had been able to read a newspaper by the microbic glow emanating from a

sausage.

Prof. Molisch explained that all meat contains the microbe, which projects a greenish-white light. "With sausages it is not so frequent, but is, when present, much stronger," he declared.

He noted that the presence of these microbes in meat was no sign of decay, for in no case had they been found in meat unfit for human consumption.

In Norway, back in 1907, a new fertilizer, containing nitrogen taken from the atmosphere, was in production. The fertilizer was claimed to be nearly as good for plants as Chile saltpeter, and its cost much lower.

25 Years Ago

Among the many schemes which have been projected by politicians and others in real or pretended efforts to aid the farmers of the country, few have been of any practical benefit. In fact, some have been productive of more harm than good.

But there is one project of government aid, started 25 years ago, which has in general been helpful. It is the agricultural service, whereby farm and home demonstration agents, trained for this important work, have gone among

farmers, their wives, daughters and sons, and taught them how to help themselves.

The various field and home projects and demonstrations carried on by these faithful work-

PRICE OF WIFE IN AFRICA \$75

Miss Ruth Thomas, a St. Louis missionary, returning from East Africa, 25 years ago, reported that when an Inhabani wanted to get married he usually went to work in the Johannesburg gold mines to earn the price of a wife. The price of a native wife, in 1932, was \$75, which was paid to the girl's father.

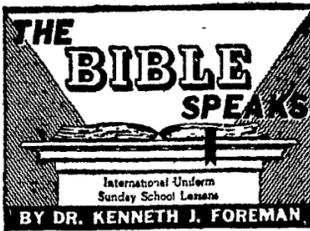
According to Miss Thomas, the prospective bridegroom marched into the home of the father and inquired in a bold voice, "Do the cattle eat here?" (Inhabanian for are there any marriageable girls here?)

If the father replied affirmatively the young man produced the bride price and asked for the daughter's hand, but he also had to obtain the consent of the girl.

If the daughter was obstinate it often required a great deal of arguing on the part of the parent to change her views. "However", said Miss Thomas, "seldom does a prospective father-in-law allow \$75 to slip away from him".

Miss Thomas pointed out that when an agreement was reached the young couple kneeled before the father for his blessing. He then filled his mouth with water and sprayed the faces of the bride and bridegroom. That completed the wedding.

Jack Reichard



Background Scripture: Matthew 8:1-9:34
Devotional Reading: James 5:13-20.

Health and Sin

Lesson for January 27, 1957

IT TAKES a long time for some ideas to sink in. Sometimes it happens that a father or mother will give a child a serious talk about something important, but all the child remembers is that there was a talk about it. Years later, as a grown man, the former child will suddenly exclaim: So that's what Father was trying to tell me!

Much of Jesus' teaching was like that. He was always giving hints, or saying things straight out, which a few faithful minds remembered, but did not understand. For years the saying of Jesus would be read in the Bible, and scholars would puzzle over it . . . and then hundreds of years after Christ, people would discover what Jesus meant. He was long ahead of his time.



Dr. Foreman

Why People Are in Hospitals

One of these ahead-of-time hints was about the relation between health and sin. In the famous story of the man who was paralyzed, brought in by four of his friends for Jesus to heal, it long seemed a puzzling thing that the first thing Jesus said to him did not appear to have anything to do with his case. "Your sins are forgiven," Jesus said. Perhaps the four friends found it odd. They did not bring the man there to have his soul looked into, they came to get him back on his feet again. It was his muscles, not his morals, that seemed to need help. But Jesus saw with certain eye that the root of the man's trouble was not in his body, it was in his soul. He saw there was no use sending the man back into activity, with an active body but a crippled soul. Jesus that day was probably the only living person who could see that. Today the truth has dawned on a great many persons. Dr. Russell Dicks of Duke University says

it has been learned that the majority of patients in hospitals would not be there if they were rid of what is eating into their minds.

Sins Against the Body

Psychiatrists, who are M.D.'s first, and who work hand in hand with surgeons, internal-medicine, specialists and so on, are trained to probe for these non-physical causes of disease. The causes may be mental or spiritual, — if indeed they can be distinguished. A major cause they look for is the "guilt complex." One who hides within himself, perhaps at a deeper level than conscious memory, a sense of guilt, is a person who falls easy victim to disease, even to accidents. Case records are numerous in which it appears that the patient began to get well as soon as he began to "get right" in his attitude to God or man, or both. (Don't jump to extremes here! If you catch cold it's not necessarily because you've been stealing.) One of the most common sins, however, that many commit without being aware of it, is the whole class of sins against one's body, one's health, — against oneself. Eating and drinking unwisely, under-sleeping, overstrain or undernourishment, — in ways too many to be counted, men and women sin against themselves. If it is a sin to commit suicide, it is equally a sin to do anything or to form any habit which shortens life.

Can Jesus Help?

Jesus brought the paralyzed man back to health of soul and body. Can Jesus help today? Yes, in several strong ways. (1) As a living Spirit, he can bring assurance of God's forgiveness. With that assurance, the inner life can begin again, healed and strong. (2) As the unseen but constant Companion, Christ can be so real that in his presence temptation loses its power, and the desire to live as in his presence becomes a high motive of life. (3) Christ has so inspired many a man and woman that they have been his personal representatives; he has lived in them and worked through them. Today there are persons, in Alcoholics Anonymous, for example, who have been so touched by the Master that they no longer live for their own appetites, but literally are on call day and night wherever they may help others who are struggling with the same habit which once had dragged them down. Whatever a Christian does for another in the name of Christ is not only done for Him — He does it. So Christ today, through those bear his name, helps by cure, but better, by prevention. (Based on outline copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service.)