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4-H Vows to Slay Highway Dragon



More than two million 4-H members are waging an all-out attack on the fire breathing dragon of traffic fatalities which menaces the safety and happiness of American motorists.

Led by the eight national winners of General Motors scholarships for outstanding 4-H safety activities, the 35th National 4-H Congress has pledged to "Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents."

The national winners and 34 other state winners received all-expense trips to the 4-H Congress in Chicago from General Motors, awards donor for the program for the 12th consecutive year.

"Traffic accidents take nearly 42,000 lives each year—one every thirteen minutes," the national winners told newsmen.

Young People Most Deeply Affected

Young people should be the most concerned about cutting this toll because it is our futures that are the most deeply affected.

Increased driver training, more courtesy on the highway and stricter observance of traffic laws were the safety experts' suggestions for top weapons in the fight against accidents.

Typical of the group was Richard Mitchell of Denver, Colo. who is president of the Colorado Teenage Traffic Safety Association. He has staged a number of Teenage "Road-e-os" to test driving skill.

Safety Season Always Open

"If a motorist is alert, skillful and consistently careful, he has a good chance of RETURNING from his destination instead of just ARRIVING there," he said.

Other national winners included: Earl Lee Norton, Attala, Ala.; Anita Mae Wenger, Powhattan, Kansas; Richard Parsons, Parsonsburg, Md.; Clyde Templeton, Olin, N.C.; Ella Lou Hembree, Braman, Okla.; LoRetta Hales, Spanish Fork, Utah; and Marjorie Rauwerdink, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

Here is the slogan all the GM award winners suggest to everyone alike: THE SEASON FOR SAFETY IS ALWAYS OPEN!

JOINING THE "ENEMY"

"Farmers who once fought grass as one of their bitterest enemies are coming to look upon it and legume-grass mixtures as their greatest allies in conserving soil and water, improving and making better use of land, and providing feed for the production of meat, dairy and poultry products."

— Hon. Luther H. Hodges, Governor of N. C.

Truth Will Out

A banker says a college education sets a man back three or four years. Why speak vaguely of "a man?" Why not come out frankly, and say "Father?" — The Detroit News.



This Week in Lancaster Farming

BY JACK REICHARD

50 YEARS AGO (1907)

Fifty years ago today, Friday, Feb. 8, the Lancaster County Farmers' Institute opened a two-day gathering at Quarryville, with the Hon. William Brosius presiding.

W. F. Hill, Pennsylvania State Grange Master, was the chief speaker. Other speakers included Dr. J. H. Funk, Harrisburg; L. W. Lighty, East Berlin; Mrs. Sara B. Fritz, Duncannon; John F. Shenk, New Providence and Rev. George Bucher, Mechanic Grove.

About 300 persons attended the sessions held during the morning, afternoon and evening that Friday and Saturday.

At Lancaster, Friday, Feb. 8, 1907, a large attendance of persons from every section of the county gathered in Martin's Auditorium at the Y. M. C. A. building to hear Senator Benjamin Tillman, of South Carolina, who spoke on the race question, the foremost problem facing the South, 50 years ago. Tillman pointed out in his talk at Lancaster "that if some method of disfranchisement was not adopted the Negroes would be able to elect members of their own race to fill every office in South Carolina."

Fifty years ago this week, Gov. Stuart signed the first bill passed by the 1907 Pennsylvania Legislature, empowering county commissioners to erect new bridges "wherever the existing bridge or bridges are not sufficient to accommodate the public travel".

FOUR CHILDREN PERISH IN FARM FIRE

A tenant house on the farm of Rep O. A. Newton, near Bridgeville, Del., was destroyed by fire, with four children perishing in the flames.

The house was occupied by Isaiah Johnson, a farmer, and his family, who were sleeping on the second floor. When the fire was discovered it had made such headway that only Johnson and the oldest child managed to escape by jumping from a second-story window. The father made an attempt to save his children, but the heat was so intense he was compelled to flee.

Just as he leaped from the window, the burning building fell in, and the children were roasted to death while he looked on, powerless. His wife was away on a visit at the time. The burned children ranged from 2 to 10 years of age.

BARN FALLS ON FINGERS

On the Lancaster farm of Wesley Book, near Umco, 50 years ago, the owner had the misfortune of having his hand caught under the weight of the barn when a jack slipped while he was raising the forebay of the building.

His wife ran to Unicorn for assistance, and a number of men rushed to the scene, using the jack to free her husband. Book came out of the mishap with three fingers badly mashed, one of which required amputation.

\$1,000 OFFERED FOR OUNCE OF SEED

Luther Burbank, noted plant wizard of half a century ago, offered a reward of \$1,000 for an ounce of horseradish seed. The plant, native in eastern and southern Europe, for some unknown reason produced no seed upon its introduction in America.

The largest potato warehouse in the world, in 1907, was located at Stratford, Me. Its dimensions were 900 by 125 feet, with a capacity of holding 240,000 bushels.

25 Years Ago

Daylight saving time was being discussed wherever people met. The subject was given a special airing at the meetings of organized groups in general.

The Lancaster County Fruit Growers' Assn. objected to changing the time, declaring it a "hindrance and detriment to all agriculture pursuits".

Daylight saving time was opposed by members of Farm Women's Society 13, in a resolution adopted at their February, 1932, session held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Lauschy, Intercourse.

At a meeting of the Lancaster Advertisers' Club in Hotel Brunswick the subject was vigorously attacked, representatives of merchandising establishments claiming that "the change in hours made it difficult for residents of the county to shop in Lancaster and effected business in general".

Twenty-five years ago this week, Lancaster County tobacco growers were busy making deliveries of their crops. The price range was from 5½ to 7 cents through.

The February, 1932, meeting of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers' Association was held in the auditorium of the Nefsville Consolidated School, with C. L. Cramer presiding. Following the

business session J. M. Frey, of State College, spoke on cleaning and treating tobacco seed to avoid the spread of wild fire.

EGG LAYING CONTEST REPORT

Laying at almost 72 per cent of capacity during January, 1932, pullets in the Pennsylvania Egg Laying Contest, set a mark seldom reached except under most ideal conditions, officials reported.

In the first three months of the contest 780 competing birds laid 46,050 eggs, totaling 42,738 points. The pen entered by Guy A. Leader, York, laid 88 eggs during the 92-day period, leading in the contest with 729 points.

The annual 1932 meeting of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau was held at Lancaster, with David M. Landis presiding.

Twenty-five years ago this week, members of the Octoraro Farmers' Club were entertained at the home of Mr and Mrs. Linford Webster at their "Walnut Lane Farm", at Homesville. Specimens on display were a Leghorn pullet weighing nine pounds, belonging to Mrs Roy Ferguson, and turnips by George Haverstick.

Especially effective work has been accomplished with the boys' and girls' clubs. This training of farm boys and girls for community leadership is perhaps the most important activity for the betterment of agriculture in the future.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 11-12
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 61.1-4

Lights

Lesson for February 10, 1957

ANYONE who has ever driven in a city traffic knows what a snarl there is when a traffic-light goes "on the blink," meaning that it doesn't blink. There is almost as bad a tangle of traffic when one side of the light, either green or red, fails to operate. The driver on the blind side is not sure what he ought to do,



Dr. Foreman

but the drivers backed up the street think they know, and honk at him and at things in general, until the police come and straighten things out. Now suppose—if you can suppose nonsense for a minute—that a city board of aldermen decided to save money by not buying red traffic lights. "Let's not discourage our energetic citizens with red stop-lights; what we need is vigor and drive; GO lights are all we need." Or suppose in another place the city fathers decided to buy and install red lights only. People should be left to their own initiative, they might say. All we need to do is to stop them when they need to be stopped.

God's Yes and No

All through the Bible, and especially in the teachings of Jesus, we find, as it were, lights both red and green. There are the red lights of warning and the green lights of encouragement. In the two chapters of the background Scripture, for instance, we find Jesus warning men against: judging by appearances, failure to respond to God's messenger, condemning men for "sins" which are not really sins, regarding institutions (in this case, the Sabbath) as holier than human life itself, speaking evil against God's Holy Spirit, careless speech in general, and living an empty life (the story of the restless demon). These are all warnings against ideas or action which look all

right on the surface. The Bible has few warnings against obvious sins; many against sins that look harmless or even good. But also there are the green lights of comfort and encouragement. A certain philosopher, a particular gloomy one, called Christianity, God's "attack on man."

Lighthouse

In the New Testament Christians are called lights in a dark world. Indeed Christ says they are "the light" of the world. So the church like the Lord must tang high both the lights of warning and the lights of encouragement. The church must never let the red light get out of order. She must never let people think a sin's not a sin, or that sin is not harmful. She must warn men of dangers that are not obvious. She must never sing, "The world is so full of a number of things, I am sure we should all be as happy as kings." Like a lighthouse, the church must warn men, both Christians and the world at large, of hidden dangers. If the church sees no harm in what "everybody does," if the church's standards are simply those of the world, if the church turns into a sort of celestial rotarian society, its members figuratively slapping one another on the back and telling one another how wonderful they are, then the church itself is in danger.

Home Lights

If the lighthouse says, STAY AWAY! the harbor lights say COME HOME. So the church, like the Lord, if faithful to God's Word, will show men not only what not to do but what to do. When an airplane is approaching a landing-field in the dark, if it is a modern properly lighted field, it will have a double row of lights on the runway, so that the pilot by lining up his plane with those lights can follow them right down to a safe landing. The church ought to furnish lights like those for the world. The church has the right and the duty to speak, as Jesus spoke, not only to its own members but to the world outside, proclaiming the principles of life which is right in the sight of God, not only for individuals but also for group living on small scale and large. The church must speak of sin, yes by all means. But a church that speaks only of sin and never of its remedy, is like a doctor who diagnoses but never prescribes,—like a harbor authority which maintains a lighthouse to keep boats out but no buoy lights to guide ships in.

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