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Women Are Part of Business

The ladies of the family are receiving a little extra attention from two farm organizations here in the County. It seems that Poultry Assn. and the County unit of the Pennsylvania Farmers Assn. both think that their work could be assisted by organization of an auxiliary.

From a purely selfish standpoint, we're for it.

In our experience of covering meetings, we've found that when the ladies are present, there is a much greater likelihood of some "goodies" being passed around after the business is done.

We have a fatal attraction for Lancaster County cooking.

In a more serious vein, we still believe that the organization of auxiliaries would be an asset to the associations.

Farms in this area are family farms, and as such, the entire family is affected by the numerous changes in marketing, legislation, and prices. The wife, who does most of the buying for the family, is probably the first affected in a price squeeze.

So you can bet that she is interested in what is going on in the farming industry.

We believe that the organizations will be surprised at what the women can and will do in assisting their men in their various efforts.

Responsibility Law Needed

In the process of renewing our automobile insurance last week, we asked the agent what the financial responsibility requirements were in Pennsylvania.

We were quite taken aback when his answer was, "None."

Then a couple of days later, word comes from Harrisburg that the Governor is proposing a bill requiring financial responsibility of all Pennsylvania drivers.

This will mean, of course, that most drivers in the state will have to carry a given amount of auto liability insurance. Most of us would rather invest \$20 to \$30 a year in insurance than try to carry the load alone.

We believe that the Governor has proposed a good and needed piece of legislation. We also believe that the greatest fault to be found with it is that it is long overdue.

Not that we are selling insurance, or that we own any insurance stock. It is just that we don't particularly relish the idea of people being allowed to operate a machine that has the potential of doing great harm to both ourselves and our property without being capable of being held responsible.

An automobile today is probably the greatest single investment of many families. It is only fair that they be given the same protection from irresponsible persons that other property owners have.

Falls Cost Needless Expense

A slip of the foot can cost a farm family more than a slip in the price of agricultural commodities, according to the National Safety Council.

The Council points out that falls are the leading source of all injuries to residents of rural America, and that they account for 25 per cent of all injuries to farm people.

Injuries from all mishaps, including falls, are expensive. A study in Iowa shows that the medical costs associated with 3,060 injuries amounted to \$216,401, an average of \$105 per case. Furthermore, lost time averaged 10 days per injury. Piled on top of the medical cost is the expense of hired labor which is sometimes necessary if the accident occurs at a critical work period on the farm.

Falls kill about 2,000 farm residents annually—and no one can estimate the cost of a life.

Good housekeeping both indoors and outdoors can substantially reduce tripping hazards, according to the Council.



BY JACK REICHARD

50 YEARS AGO (1907)

A perplexed farmer was Samuel Brackbill residing in The Buck area of lower Lancaster County, when a pair of his mules fell into a deep well on his farm, 50 years ago this week.

Brackbill was engaged in hauling stones on a sled to fill an old abandoned well, when one of the mules stepped on a plank placed across the opening and broke through. In unhitching the animal it moved, and both mules plunged to the bottom, a distance of about 35 feet.

Ropes and pulleys were hurriedly secured and with assistance of neighbors both mules were raised to the surface. One of the animals was so severely injured it had to be killed. The other was pulled out none the worse from its experience.

MAD DOG ATTACKS FARMERS

When George Jones of Wrights-dale, southern Lancaster County, left home that morning he headed towards the Howett farm, where he intended to build a fence. He was walking down Howett's lane when a dog foaming at the mouth suddenly dashed up at his side, sinking its teeth deep into Jones' wrist, resulting in an ugly torn flesh wound. Harvey Howett, who the dig picked for its next victim, managed to beat off the animal with a tin bucket he was carrying at the time of attack.

The raging animal then went to the Owen Wright farm, where it circled around the house several times without finding anything to bite, making its way to Harvey Jackson's, near Kinseyville, where it bit two dogs. The rampage was finally ended at Bradley and Clements Mill, near Wakefield, where the dog was shot.

EXPLOSION IN MISSOURI P. O.

Fifty years ago this week, a mail package, apparently containing dynamite, exploded while it was being stamped in the St. Louis post office, bringing police of that city rushing to the scene to investigate. After the room was cleared of smoke, resulting from the blast, it was found that John G. Bayer, the clerk who was stamping the parcel, had a finger and thumb blown away. All trace of the contents and all the address excepting the words "Independence Mo." had disappeared in the explosion.

In Lancaster County, that week, F. L. Heiser, Rothsville store-keeper, found things missing from his storeroom one morning. An investigation revealed that thieves had entered the building during the night and carried off clothing, watches, pocket knives and other merchandise valued at over \$100. To satisfy their hunger the burglars helped themselves to generous quantities of cheese and sardines.

Elsewhere in Lancaster County mules made accident news. Clarence Grosh, a young farmer in the Landis Valley area, was confined to his home suffering from a fractured leg and head injuries. He was driving a two-mule team on the Neffsville Pike that day, when the animals frightened at something and ran away, throwing the driver from the wagon to the roadway. The wheels of the wagon passed over one of Grosh's legs, breaking it.

On the Gregg farm, near Fairfield, Gregg's son, John, was helping his father clip a mule, when the animal suddenly turned and let go a sneak kick, knocking the youth down and rendering him unconscious. The boy

was treated by a physician and was found suffering with a severely bruised arm.

JAPANESE NAMED TOP U. S. POTATO GROWER

George Shima, a Japanese, residing in California, was named the largest grower of potatoes in the United States a half century ago. Shima specialized in raising the Burbank potato, and his profits in 1906 was estimated at a half million dollars.

25 Years Ago

The National Child Labor Committee made front page news, 25 years ago this week, when it reported that 700,000 children, between the ages of 10 and 15 were at work in American industries, and another 300,000 between 16 and 17 years of age were employed in "unsuitable occupations". The irony of the conditions of affairs in this country, in 1932, was the fact that from six to eight million men were unable to find work, while a million children were working full time, all of whom should have been attending school.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 26:1-27:10
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 53:1-9.

He Took the Cup

Lesson for April 7, 1957

THE dark shadows of Gethsemane have never fully lifted. If even the closest friends of Jesus did not watch with him through that hour, we cannot at this great distance hope to penetrate where no light is. Some have found it hard to believe that Jesus actually knew distress. This is to deny Jesus' own words, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death," Mark's report that he was "greatly distressed and troubled," and Luke's story of the sweat like drops of blood. It



Dr. Foreman could hardly have been fear of death that disturbed him. Lesser men have met it without a tremor, and he himself had faced it more than once without fear. It was something deeper that broke up the fountains of his soul that night.

Cup of Suffering

There are gleams in the darkness. Jesus refers to his experience as a "cup." He had been speaking of a cup not two hours before, in the upper room, the cup of his blood. Was it this cup he prayed might pass from him? We make a mistake when we think of this in merely physical terms. In many a hospital there are patients who have already suffered longer and more severely than Jesus could have, physically speaking, all of Good Friday. It was his soul that was troubled, not his nerves, in Gethsemane. The cup of suffering which he dreaded was more than scourging and nails. He was being rejected. . . . rejected. Not a friend would stand by him. All his work would come to an end. He had fought for time, but time was running out. He had come to his own, and his own people had not received him. He was God's last word to men, and men had no response but thorns and cross.

LANCASTER CITY NEEDS GETS TONS OF FOOD

That same week, in 1932, trucks loaded with foodstuffs were trailing into Lancaster from rural districts outside the city, to help those out of work and in dire need. A total of nearly 65 tons of food was the result of an urgent appeal from relief officials in charge.

PREHISTORIC MEN LIKED FAT WOMEN

J. Townsend Russell of the Smithsonian institution, speaking at the international anthropological congress held in Paris in 1932, declared prehistoric men preferred their women fat.

He stated that primitive sculpture and scratchings found on cave walls indicated that men of the Neolithic and Paleolithic periods held as their ideal of feminine beauty women who were almost as fat as they were tall.

U. S. SENATOR LIKED 'EM YOUNG

Senator Capper was greatly amazed when told by a press reporter that one of Washington's most dashing debutantes was going to marry one of his oldest constituents. Meeting the young lady later in the day at a luncheon club he ventured to take her to task.

"Why, that tottering old millionaire already has one foot in the grave", he expostulated.

"Yes", retorted the debutante, "but he can't move the other one on account of rheumatism, so I'm going to help him".

Other men have known rejection, knew it, for not another man in history came to this earth so full of heaven as he.
The cup which he dreaded was also the cup of sacrifice. From earliest times, the Christian church has read the story of Gethsemane and Calvary in the light of the prophecy in Isaiah 53: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities." The weight of human sin lay darkly on his soul. It was not that in Gethsemane for the first time there had occurred of giving him a ransom for many. The rejection of love is a sore thing to bear; but to feel the weight of the sins of the world is something of which we do not even dare to think. He had always identified himself with sinners and with sufferers; but now he was going the last mile appointed to him. Long ago he had spoken of the suffering and the sinning. All of mankind fell upon him, a suffering cloud which in a few hours would even hide the face of God.
"Not as I will!"
We must not accuse the Master of cowardice, not even of weakness. Horror there was indeed; but a strong man may be filled with horror without any the less, Jesus did not turn to flee. "Yet it is quite plain, and we must not pretend it was otherwise, that Jesus wished for some other cup than this. 'Nevertheless,' he said, 'not as I will but as Thou wilt.'"