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Poultry Center Open House

The new Lancaster County Poultry Center, 340 West Roseville Rd., Lancaster, is to be open tomorrow with guided tours available all afternoon.

We think that it would be well for all Lancaster County poultry producers who have not done so to go to Lancaster and visit this new building.

It is a beautiful building in both design and setting, but it is much more than that. It is a concrete example to the world that Lancaster County poultymen have enough initiative to make themselves a market place where none existed before.

We have been with many groups that have visited the Center, groups from Pennsylvania and other states, and all of them say that they have nothing like it. They were, frankly, envious.

As we see it, the greatest thing about the new Center is that it is not the result of the efforts of any one group. It is there through the efforts, time and money of the entire poultry industry in Lancaster County. Through the dinners, and through direct contributions, producers, processors, feed companies and dealers, pharmaceutical dealers, equipment firms, buyers and even newspapers have contributed to make this center a reality.

So go to the barbeque at Lititz Springs Park tomorrow by way of Lancaster and see this new building. You'll be glad you did.

Theories Take Setback

In the past couple of weeks we have been suddenly bombarded with literature saying that cholesterol does not necessarily cause heart disease and you shouldn't stop drinking milk or eating pork or other meat or stop eating eggs because of fear of heart disease.

A possible cause for this sudden deluge is that Dr. Frederick J. Stare, director of Harvard University Department of Nutrition has been quoted in a national magazine as saying that no one food is responsible for good or poor health.

He said that the statistics used to form theories that certain foods are responsible for cholesterol formation in the blood stream causing hardening of the arteries are subject to numerous inaccuracies.

Dr. Stare said that the figures used to back up the cholesterol theory were taken in counties where fat consumption dropped during the last war. They show that deaths due to hardening of the arteries dropped also.

However, Dr. Irvine H. Page, noted heart specialist, head of the Cleveland Clinic, and past president of the American Heart Assn. points out "vital statistics, particularly in foreign countries with their poor methods of reporting, understaffed health departments, and dubious autopsy proceedings are apt to be misleading."

Thinking Ahead

Most of the tobacco is planted now and seems to be doing well. The weather has been favorable and barring hail and unusual conditions, it should produce another bumper yield.

But what is going to happen then? Are the buyers going out for a week or two and pay well enough to cause general excitement and comment and then stop? Stop, that is, long enough to get enough growers worried enough to sell their crop at a figure that will give them practically no income for the time and labor invested in the crop.

The County Tobacco Producers Cooperative still remains. Now is the time for the directors of that organization to start plans for marketing this year's crop. And most important, now is the time for tobacco growers to plan to change their marketing methods to try to insure a proper return for their work.



This Week in Lancaster Farming

BY JACK REICHARD
50 YEARS AGO (1907)

25 Years Ago

Fifty years ago this week the Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee pointed a critical finger at the glass blowing industry which employed young boys in night work at their establishments. The report stated "Contrast life on the farm with the life of the little glass-house boys, who every other week enters the factory at five o'clock in the evening, sits at the feet of a glass blower to open and shut moulds, stands at the side to break off the soft, wax-like glass from the end of the blow pipe, or carries the hot ware from the finisher to the annealing oven. To compel young boys at the time of life when body and mind are undergoing their most rapid transformation to be employed at labor exhausting in itself, is to fasten upon childhood an extraction not only inhuman in itself, but menacing to our future social well-being."

STAGECOACH RUNS OVER CHILD

Five-year-old Anna Fralich, daughter of Charles Fralich, Conestoga Center, was seriously injured when a heavy stagecoach, driven by William C. Betts, proprietor of the Lancaster-Conestoga Stage Line, passed over the child's body. No one saw the accident, but it was believed the girl was hanging on to the rack in the rear of the stage and was in some manner caught by the rear wheel which ran over her chest. Her condition was reported critical.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

The following items were published in a June, 1907, issue of the Mt Joy Bulletin.

At Lime Port, Pa., wasps were being trained to operate a paper factory. At Cherry Point, Pa., huge lightning bugs, brought from Brazil, were placed in large globes in an experiment for lighting the streets. At Shrinersville several thousand acres of land were to be used in the propagation of red ants for use in the manufacture of formic acid. At Neff's, Pa., woodpeckers and bees were being taught to do boring at a large lumber mill, and at Low Hill robins were being trained to pick cherries and lay them in crates.

At Mt Joy, a man residing in the east end of the community, had discovered a sure cure for gaps. His formula called for the use of a quill through which strong cigar smoke was blown down the chick's throat.

The largest individual bull-frog farm in America, a half century ago, was owned by Miss Edith Stege, of California. The farm covered nearly ten acres, and in 1906 its owner marketed more than 3,500 dozen frog legs, returning her a profit of nearly \$2,000.

LITITZ PLANS JULY 4th EVENTS

Fourth of July celebration at Lititz, back in 1907, promised a day bristling with interesting events. The main feature was to be an industrial and mummies parade. Fifty some floats were assured, and every industry and business enterprise in the borough were to be represented.

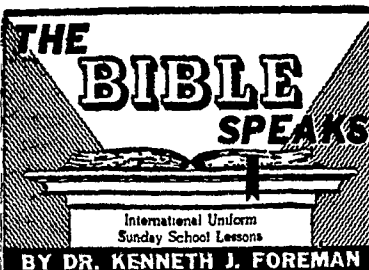
Beck's Cornet Band and the Ephrata Rifle Band were engaged to furnish concert music throughout the day at Lititz Springs Park. Two games of baseball, between Lititz and Ephrata, were scheduled during the forenoon and afternoon. A giant fireworks display and candle illumination was planned to climax the day's celebration in the evening.

Even back in 1932 4-H clubs were big business, with nearly 900,000 farm boys and girls enrolled, according to estimates made by State extension workers to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The requirements for the completion of a year's work by 4-H Club members centered around four principal points, each carried out under the direction of the county extension agent. These included growing a crop or carrying on some other farm enterprise or home-making activity by the best methods known, keeping a record of the operation, showing an exhibit at the community fair, and writing a summary of the year's project. Of the 890,374 club members enrolled in 1931, 70 per cent met the requirements in full. This was the highest percentage of completions in the history of the 4-H Clubs, according to the officials.

1932 OAT PRICES IRREGULAR

Oats on the farms in Iowa, in 1932, were selling from seven to eight cents per bushel. Many acres were not to be harvested because the price would not pay



BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
Background Scripture: Genesis 37.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 68:1-6.
Family Tensions
Lesson for June 16, 1957

"THE family is a divine institution. That is to say, God invented it. He thought of it before men did. He intended it. So it should be a success. Yet the family is also a human institution—that is to say, all homes are made up of human beings. Every home therefore suffers from the ailments that nag at all things human. A successful home succeeds in spite of all the human handicaps. A home that does not succeed, fails because these handicaps strain it too much.



Dr. Foreman

Tensions

A favorite modern word for these stresses and strains within a home is "tensions." The word is new but the thing is old. Tension is what makes the teen-ager scream, and her mother feels like screaming, "I can't stand this another minute!" Tensions are what make meal-times regular battle-grounds, what give mothers nervous prostration and fathers peptic ulcers before their time, what may make children remember their childhood with a kind of shudder. Tensions are what keep juvenile delinquents from going home, tensions may even be the beginning of lost minds. Now the thing is old, as was just said. In the home of Jacob, who was a God-fearing man, there was plenty of it. There was tension between him and his wives, between the wives themselves, between some wives and some sons, between the sons, between him and his sons. The family, so to speak, was pulled every which way, and actually at last broke up.

What Can't Be Helped

Some tensions cannot be helped. They are in the nature of things. In a home there are persons of different ages, sexes and temperaments. This cannot be avoided. Let the "battle of the sexes"

for the labor.

For use on a horse breeding farm in New Jersey, the owner was paying forty cents a bushel in carload lots, rob Farmingdale.

On the Mojave Desert in California, top quality alfalfa hay was selling for \$10 a ton, or two pounds for a cent. It was declared that under irrigation it took 500 pounds of water to grow one pound of alfalfa, which meant that 1,000 pounds of water had to be pumped, two pounds of hay cut, all for a penny.

LANCASTER TOBACCO GROWERS IN SESSION

A meeting of the Lancaster Tobacco Growers Assn., was held at the Mt. Joy Fire Hall, 25 years ago this week.

F. W. Fletcher, director of research, State College, Pa., discussed the future co-operation between County, State and Federal activities.

That same week, in the southern end of Lancaster County on the farm of William Bucher, near Mechanic Grove, a poultry meeting was held.

C. O. Dossin, extension poultry specialist from State College, discussed improvements of quality eggs, possibility of egg auctions, flock management, culling and showed how to caponize.

Elsewhere in Lancaster County, on the farm of Mrs. Norman Greenawalt, along the Valle, B Road, near Quarryville, thieves raided the chicken house and carried off 150 chickens.

Pages from generation to generation; younger people find older people sometimes very hard to get along with, and vice versa. In Jacob's home he was much older than his wives, very much older than his sons. Men and women in those days and times probably differed even more sharply than now, kept separate as they were for much of the lives. And in Jacob's home temperamental differences surely could hardly have been more striking. The thing to remember is that since these strains cannot be helped, something good can be made of them. The man's point of view is different from the woman's, of course; but it takes both of them to make a healthy human point of view. Youth needs the caution and the wisdom of older people; older people need the optimism and enthusiasm of younger people to keep them from withering on the vine. Different temperaments can balance one another. A home can capitalize on its very handicaps.

What Can Be Helped

Nevertheless, some strains and stresses are just the result of human meanness, human sin. They can be helped, they call for repentance and change. Consider the home of Jacob. His wives did not get along together, but while it was in those times legal enough, it was foolish for a man of his temperament to have married all those four women, especially as he loved only one of them. Some of the trouble arose from young Joseph's 17-year-old conceit. Perhaps he couldn't help his dreams of grandeur; but he did not need to tell those dreams at the breakfast table. And some of the trouble lay in Jacob's playing up his son Joseph.

How to Help It

A foundation-stone for harmony in the home or anywhere else, is harmony with God. One who lives close to God will remember that God's will is always for peace, never for strife. The soul conscious of being forgiven by God will be more ready to forgive others. The spirit blessed by the grace of God—and God's grace comes only to the humble—will not be forever standing on its rights and complaining about its wrongs. It would be a good thing for many a family all nervous with many tensions, to read together the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians, the great chapter on love-in-practice, and then spend a while in silence, each one thinking: Does this describe me? And if not, do I not need God's forgiveness, and a fresh start?

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