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Fair Schedule Snafu

THE HEIGHT of confusion on the show circuit for dairymen was hit the past week in the county when two fairs and two major state shows were held at the same time.

The result was that dairy cattle judging was held hurriedly at Quarryville and the animals were rushed to Harrisburg in time for the Junior Dairy Show. The same Junior Show prompted two exhibitors from the northern part of the county to refrain from showing at the Elizabethtown fair at all.

Both fairs were out the best of the Holsteins because of the State Black and White Show being held Friday.

The people coming to the fairs surely must have been disappointed because the best of the cattle were not available to be seen. And at least one young showman told a representative of Lancaster Farming that he would, have rather shown at home, but he was obligated to show at the state event.

We believe that next year when the fair schedules are being made, the directors should make sure that no major state events will conflict with the local shows. This way, although it may take some adjustments, the exhibitors will have a chance to show their cattle at home before their own neighbors and at the state event.

The public, which comes to see the prize winning animals, will have a chance to see them.

And the animals will show better at both events by being allowed to have time to rest between shows.

Spring in September

DRIVING THROUGH Lancaster County the past week, we were somewhat startled, amazed and gratified to notice that the countryside looks like the first few days of Spring rather than early Fall.

The rains have made a tremendous difference in the looks of the fields, and to some extent, in the attitude of the people who live from those fields.

The folks you see now don't have that sort of resigned look to them. Now they are smiling and chipper. The fields, too, have lost their look of brown dismay and are sporting a bright green countenance.

It's too late for much good, everyone agrees, but this beautiful countryside this late in the season is going to be nice to remember this winter when the dark dull weather tends to make you think that the world can never be bright again.

Livestock Income Down

A 300 THOUSAND dollar drop in cash receipts from livestock is offset by a 700 thousand dollar rise in receipts from crops to give Pennsylvania a current cash farm income of some 400 thousand dollars greater than last year. The total so far this year is estimated at \$419,143,000 as compared to \$414,894,000 for the same period in 1956.

These figures are reported in the current Farm Income Situation report published by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the USDA.

The report reveals that for the nation as a whole, farmer's realized net farm income for the third quarter of this year may run as much as half a billion dollars higher than the third quarter of 1956. The 1956 rate is 11.8 billion dollars as compared to 12.1 billion this year.

Marketings totaled 17.6 billion dollars in the first eight months of this year, or one per cent more than in the corresponding period last year. Prices received by farmers during the eight month period averaged three per cent above last year but the volume of marketings was smaller.

The increase of approximately 150 million dollars in the January-August total of cash receipts was due to a 500 million dollar increase from livestock and was only partially offset by a drop of 350 million dollars in crop receipts.

Farm operating costs are running higher than a year ago with prices paid by farmers higher than in the third quarter of 1956 for all production items except feed and fertilizer.



BY JACK REICHARD
50 Years Ago (1907)

Fifty years ago this week four murderers were hanged in the jail yard at Lancaster, the largest number to expiate crime on the gallows simultaneously in Pennsylvania since the Mollie Maguire hangings in the coal regions some 30 years before. The subjects of the law's vengeance, back in 1907, were Joseph Celnoe, Anthony Delero, Stephano Carlini and Siverio Rodelli, who were convicted of killing Plato Albamese, a fellow countryman in 1906. The execution was witnessed by about 40 persons, including the sheriff's jury, a few prison attaches, physicians and newspaper representatives.

Lunatic Called on President Roosevelt

Orlando Toland, alleged lunatic, who claimed he rode on freight trains all the way from Oxford, Ala., to the home of President Theodore Roosevelt to get the President to help him collect a claim of \$50,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller, was dead in the morgue at Hackensack, N. J.

Secret service men who surrounded the President's home at Oyster Bay discovered Toland at the gate.

"I have come all the way from Alabama to get the President to help me collect a claim from the Oil King," Toland told the secret service men. "I discovered the murder of a young woman in Minnesota for Rockefeller and he promised me \$50 million."

After receiving a sealed envelope containing a blank sheet of paper, which the detectives told him was a personal letter from the President to Mr. Rockefeller, Toland was satisfied and started for New York, stating he would go west to find Rockefeller.

Three days later the body of Toland was found along the tracks of the West Shore Railroad cut in two. The body was identified by a sister of the dead man.

Atheist Falls Dead Denying God

As the words that there was no God passed from his lips, Amos Clark, 45, apparently in good health up to that moment, dropped dead at Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Clark, an atheist, was conversing with a group of neighbors gathered in his front yard. He was discussing his disbelief and arguing with members of his family. He called on God, whose existence he denied, to punish him if his view was wrong. Then he fell dead.

Phys. is summoned from the nearby town stated death was due to paralysis of the heart.

Fifty years ago this week, fire of unknown origin destroyed a large barn on the Lancaster farm of Harry G. Wittmer, one and a half miles southeast of Washington Boro. The building, 80 x 48, was completely destroyed, together with all its contents consisting of farm implements, crops of hay, wheat and oats. Three acres of seed leaf tobacco owned by Jacob Walk, of Washington Boro, was in the building and also went up in smoke. All livestock, a two-horse wagon and a Jenny Lind carriage were saved.

Hurt Scaffolding Tobacco

Jacob Rutter, residing between New Holland and Intercourse, was seriously injured while scaffolding tobacco in his barn, 50 years ago this week. He fell a distance of some 30 feet, landing on a corn sheller.

25 Years Ago

25 Years Ago (1932)

Lancaster County's West Lampeter Community Fair Assn closed its 1932 exhibit at the High School with a community program. The program included selections by the West Lampeter Orchestra, Marimba selections by the Rosenbergers, marionette show by Junior League members and selections by the Harmony Boys Clee Club.

Total sales at the consignment sale of cattle exceeded \$2,500 when 42 head were sold through the auction ring. The highest price paid for one animal was \$96 for a Holstein Cow.

Celebration At Ephrata

Twenty-five years ago this week Lancaster County's borough of Ephrata presented a gala Washington bicentennial program on a Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering. Choruses of the borough's churches united in furnishing a number of selections. The American Legion Junior Band, with E. A. Lit as director, played several patriotic selections.

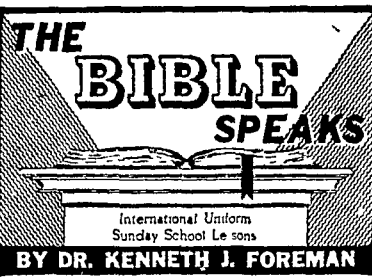
Addresses were given by the Rev. George T. Fitz, Dr. M. W. Schweitzer and the Rev. E. M. Rhoad.

Unused Building Burns

Fire destroyed a frame building, formerly used for the manufacture of fireworks at Pequea Valley, south of Willow Street.

Damage was placed at \$3,000 by Chester Huber, chief of the Willow Street Fire Co. The Lampeter Fire Co. aided in fighting the blaze.

The structure was empty, ex-



Background Scripture: Nehemiah 1-2, 4; 6:15-16, 13
Devotional Reading: Psalm 99:1-5.

Patriot in Action

Lesson for September 29, 1957

THERE is no closed season for patriotism. You might think there was, for there is a rash of patriotic speeches and editorials along about the fourth of July, and on Washington's Birthday and similar occasions. This time of year people seem to be thinking more about the hunting season, and school openings, than about our wonderful country. Now, let us admit that patriotic speeches the year around, would be a dreadful bore. Fireworks and oratory every night are not called for. Nevertheless it is true there is no closed season for patriotism. There is a daily need for patriots.



Dr. Foreman

Counterfeit Patriotism

Patriotism is not noise, not speeches. The patriot is not the man who brags about his country the most. Travelers abroad from America know the nuisance type of tourist who is forever complaining, wherever he is, about nearly everything, loudly telling the world that "We have it better in the States." Such a man is not doing America any good. Hanging out the flag on important days is a good practice, but a man's patriotism is not to be measured by the regularity of his flag-displays. Furthermore, a true patriot is not one who thinks of his own stock as the true Americans, and all others as not quite it. A man like this will think of descendants of earlier immigrants as antiquated, out of touch with life; and the descendants of those immigrants who came later he thinks are "really" Europeans or something, never quite Americans.

Initiative

Many patriots' portraits are to be found in the Bible; Nehemiah is one of these. He was a governor

cept for a few tools. No fireworks had been manufactured there since May 29, 1930, when an explosion leveled several similar buildings on the site, killing two workmen.

That same week the brick dwelling house on the Chester County farm of John A. Barkley, north of Cochranville, was completely destroyed by fire at 4:30 in the morning. The loss estimated at \$6,000 was partly covered by insurance.

The blaze was discovered when members of the family were awakened by the smell of smoke and found a fire had started in the kitchen. Atglen and Parkesburg fire companies were summoned but firemen were unable to save the building because of lack of water.

Some furniture from the first floor of the dwelling and a quantity of fruit stored in the cellar were saved.

K.C.T.A. CULLS

294 COWS

Twenty-five years ago C. R. Gearhart, supervisor of testing for the Pennsylvania State College dairy extension service, reported that Keystone Cow Testing Assn members improved their herds in January, 1932, by selling 294 unprofitable animals.

In 78 associations 25,283 cows were tested. Of these 4,433 produced more than 40 pounds of butterfat and 5,431 gave more than a half-ton of milk each. In the 40 pound group 1,541 exceeded 50 pounds of fat, and of the heavy milkers 3,220 gave more than 1,200 pounds of milk.

of Jerusalem, under the Persian Empire, more than a hundred years after Jerusalem's freedom had been lost. Jerusalem had had a string of governors before; but not one of them, or all of them together, accomplished for that city and its people what Nehemiah did in his term of office. He was a true patriot, one whose services really benefit his country, one who renders services without asking payment in return; or if he is a man on salary, as Nehemiah seems to have been, he goes beyond what he is paid to do. Nehemiah never had to be pushed or prodded. He was out in front, seeing what had to be done and starting to do it, while other men slept.

Leadership

There have been patriots without much power or gift of leadership; but surely a better type of patriot is a man or woman who can stir other people to serve their country too. This Nehemiah is famous for building a wall, but he may never have laid a brick, personally. He did something far more miraculous than that; for the first time in 140 years, he got the people of Jerusalem hard at work at what they should have been doing long before: getting a wall built around their little city. The people "had a mind to work," but it was their governor who inspired this ambition in them. The great patriots of every nation's history,—David, Scipio, Henry V, George Washington, Syngman Rhee, and all the rest, have been men from whom as from a dynamo electric current flowed to vast numbers of their countrymen. Under their leadership, weak men were brave, discouraged men full of hope.

Religion

Religion, in any nation, is not like an auxiliary water tank, for the use of the fire department,—something that can be tapped in an emergency and then turned off again when the trouble is over. Religion if it is worth anything is more important than patriotism, just as God is more important than any country. Nevertheless, though God refuses to be used as a political ally, as Hitler and others have tried to use him, other things being equal the man with the most vital religion makes the best patriot. For religion is first and last a reliance upon God, as supreme Helper and as final Judge. Nehemiah's religion comes out in many ways, but it is plain that he was no once-a-week believer. His faith in God was woven into all his actions. He never spent long hours in prayer; but there was no corner of his life shut off from it.

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