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## Keep Bees With Ease

SOME OF THE GREAT labor requirements in beekeeping, an industry that's vital to pollination of fruit and seed crops is being eliminated by engineering research.

Studies by USDA and cooperating State experiment stations have yielded important man-hour savings in both hive handling and honey extraction. Our engineers are making contributions to the general thriftiness and well-being of bee colonies by protecting them from extremes of winter cold and intensive summer heat. They're investigating other aspects of apiary management.

Beekeeping has one of the highest labor requirements in the entire field of agriculture. In the unfavorable market of 1954, it took 52 hours of labor to produce \$100 of product, and in the following year of better prices, 41 hours per \$100 of product. Only tobacco, milk, and cotton production have higher ratios.

Two-queen hives, stacked high with supers (extra sections for honey storage), are common today. Working such stacks takes much energy and time. ARS agricultural engineers C. D. Owens and B. I. Detroy and entomologist C. L. Farrar of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station at Madison devised four ways to lift and tip hives on their sides for easy access. They utilized such available devices as truck and tractor fork lifts and truck hydraulic tail gates.

Uncapping combs and extracting honey from them also are time-consuming bottle-necks in apiary operation. Honey and wax removed from the comb during uncapping become mixed, and removing that wax is another tedious job. The engineers have improved these operations.

Two nuisances in extracting honey — regulating the speed of the common radial extractor by hand, and frequent comb breaking from its accelerating too rapidly — have been eliminated by a new speed control device.

The engineering studies originally dealt with requirements of electric heaters to keep colonies in good strength under low winter temperatures in the North. A flexible, rubber covered heating type tape that's wrapped around the hive proved satisfactory. A positive relationship has been found between size, shape, and movement of the bee cluster, and hive temperature. Owens found that a temperature of 30 degrees F, is preferable to 35 degrees to 55 degrees, and that other colony factors are important.

Owens is now experimenting with ways of reducing excessive heat from the Southwest summer sun. Overheat is particularly a problem in moving colonies from shaded yards to unshaded fields for crop pollination.

Other engineering studies are being made to improve the methods of storing honey in the apiary and ways of keeping honey houses in a sanitary condition.

## Freedom to Question Sparks Progress

THE ESSENCE OF AN EDUCATED mind is the welcome accorded a free inquiry into all of the subjects that touch the mental life of man, and the willingness of the individual to question the real values that former generations have placed upon all things.

This does not mean that one should lightly discard the wisdom that has come to us through the ageless experience of the race, but, with all our confidence in accepted values, we should look openly at questionings that arise in our minds. To fear the test of impartial intelligence is to betray our own insecurity in relation to our opinions and beliefs.

The freedom of the individual to explore the thinking and conclusions of the human race, and to weigh them in the scales of new intelligence, is the spark-plug of human progress. No race moves ahead by blindly following the past and accepting, without question, thoughts which have been handed down to us. Without inquiries into the values of the past, human improvements would come to a standstill.

The Cherokee County (Ala.) Herald



BY JACK REICHARD  
 50 YEARS AGO (1907)

President Theodore Roosevelt issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, through the Secretary of State, naming the last Thursday in November. The proclamation is given here in part.

"A great democracy like ours, a democracy based upon the principles of orderly liberty, can be perpetuated only if in the heart of the ordinary citizen there dwells a keen sense of righteousness and justice. We should earnestly pray that this spirit of righteousness and justice may ever grow greater in the hearts of all of us, and that our souls may be inclined evermore both toward the virtues that tell for gentleness and forbearance one with another.

"Now, therefore I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do set apart Thursday, Nov. 28, 1907, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day I recommend that the people shall cease from their daily work, and, in their homes or in their churches, meet devoutly to thank the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received in the past, and to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to receive a continuation of these blessings in the future.

## COAL ANNIVERSARY PLANNED BY W. V. H. G. S.

The Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society planned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first burning of coal in a commercial grate. The observance date was set for Feb. 1, 1908, and it had been decided to strike off a medal in commemoration of the event.

According to the records anthracite coal was first successfully burned in a grate by Judge Jesse Fell, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. At that time the coal was known as stone coal. Outcroppings of anthracite coal were abundant in the area, but no one thought of using it for domestic purposes until Judge Fell conceived the idea that it could be done.

He constructed a grate of iron bars and imbedded it in bricks in the open fireplace in the main room of the Historic Fell Tavern where the first experiment was conducted. There was a good up-draft in the large chimney, and soon the coal was red hot, producing a comfortable heat in the room.

## FRIDAY SUPERSITION AN UNLUCKY DAY

Is Friday an unlucky day? Well, Gladstone, Washington, Bismark, Beaconsfield, Fahrenheit are a few of the great figures who were born on Friday.

Henry VIII gave Cabot his commission which led to the discovery of North America. Columbus actually discovered this continent and the Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth Rock on Friday.

The first newspaper printed by steam power, The London Times, appeared on a Friday. The stamp act was repealed in England on the same day of the week. With Charles Dickens Friday was a favorite.

## 25 Years Ago

Twenty-five years ago Franklin D. Roosevelt and John N. Garner were carried into the nation's presidential and vice presidential, chairs by a huge majority, receiving some 400 electoral votes. It was a Democratic landslide.

President Herbert Hoover and Vice President Curtis, Republican candidates, received some fifty electoral votes. President Hoover sent the following telegram to President-elect Roosevelt:

"I congratulate you on the opportunity that has come to you to be of service to the country. I wish for you a most successful

administration. In the common purpose of all of us I shall dedicate myself to every possible helpful effort."

In Lancaster County assemblyman Thomas J. Brown, Mount Joy, died at his home Nov. 2, 1932.

Mr. Brown's name appeared on the ballots to be used in the Nov. 8 election that year. He was a candidate succeeding himself, and was seeking a sixth term in the Pennsylvania Legislature. Death came in Mr. Brown's 78th year. He was well known as a manufacturer, citizen and legislator. He was born in Yorkshire, England, arriving in this country when a small boy.

Elsewhere in Lancaster County fire destroyed a large barn and storage shed on the farm of Phares S. Beamesderfer, near East Petersburg about 5:30 on a Saturday afternoon. Twenty turkeys, one pig, the season's crops and most of the farm implements were burned. No estimate of the loss was given.

## EASTERN PENNA. HIT BY STORM

On Nov. 1, 1932, Philadelphia and suburban towns were hit by one of the heaviest rainstorms ever recorded in the area. Buildings were unroofed and

otherwise damaged, with trees uprooted and poles snapped off, disrupting telephone and telegraph service.

Parts of New Jersey also were hard hit. At Atlantic City a large advertising sign was lifted from its concrete base atop the Million Dollar Pier on the Boardwalk and sent crashing to a roof below.

The sign was valued at more than \$125,000.

## MARYLAND JAIL PRISONER ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

Blaine Swan, colored, attempted to escape from the jail at Elkton, Md., and was caught in the act.

Swan, charged with highway robbery and awaiting trial, had scratched plaster from the wall of his cell and removed a number of stones. Slipping through the opening, he reached a thirty-foot wall surrounding the prison and was in the act of attempting to scale it when captured. The prisoner had tore out electric light wire from his cell, and had fastened it to a hook made from a piece of pipe conduit. He was preparing to toss the hook over the wall when seen by the guard.

Back in November, 1932, motorists were warned by the Pennsylvania Highway Patrol that they must comply with a 20-mile-an-hour speed limit in school areas throughout the Commonwealth.

"Every legal measure will be taken by the Highway Patrol to protect school children from the reckless motorist," said Captain Wilson C. Price, Superintendent of the Patrol, in a statement to newspapers.

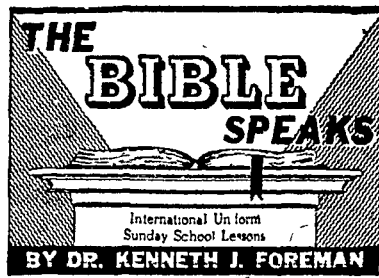
In worshippers from every country in the world. Remembering this, we shall be solemnly grateful that we too can share in this age-old Remembrance of Christ.

## "In Remembrance of Me"

For this Lord's Supper is a rite of remembrance. How shall we best approach it? To come carelessly, thoughtlessly, is to cut ourselves off from its meaning and its blessing. We should come to it remembering the One in whose Name it is celebrated. But how shall we remember him? There is something more here than simple memory. We do not well remember a good mother's birthday by getting drunk, or by polishing off a shady deal, or by being hateful to members of our family. We best remember Washington not by making speeches about him but by being patriots ourselves. So we can best remember Christ not by being suddenly reminded of him by seeing that this is Communion Sunday, not by merely recalling that once such a Man lived and died. We come and worship in his name rightly when we come remembering, and praying for, his spirit in our lives. Those who get most out of Communion are usually those who have been keeping closest to their Lord.

## Remembering Others

Protestant churches take seriously another thought in Paul's lines about the Lord's Supper. That is, that this is not something we can best do alone. There is room for private worship of God, and a necessity for it. But there is also room and necessity for the public worship of God, and the Holy Communion is public, social, communal, corporate, rather than private and individualistic. That is the way theologians would put it. For the plain worshipper, the point is this: In coming to this sacred high-point of worship, we shall get the most out of it if we give thought to others not less than to ourselves. We need to remember the Church in whose company this feast is kept. We need to remember the Body—not only the broken body of Christ, but the Church which Paul (in the very next chapter) calls the body of Christ. We need also to remember those who are in need. Most congregations use the Communion for special offerings for the poor or otherwise needy. So again the right way to approach this hour of worship is to come already in the spirit of unselfishness. It is a poor sort of Christian who has to wait for the Communion service to remind him to love his neighbor as himself.



Background Scripture: I Corinthians 11.  
 Devotional Reading: Colossians 3-17.

## In Worship

Lesson for November 3, 1957

WHY do people go to church? There are very poor reasons, such as showing off a new hat, or keeping up a respectable front. There are reasons which are only middling-good, such as enjoying the music, or going to please your wife. There are also very good reasons; the best of these is simply to worship God.

There are different ways Christian churches use in worshipping God, and it is rarely that one particular service makes use of one way alone. Hymns are one way, and prayer is another, and offering is another. But the way of worship which most churches feel to be most sacred is the observance known by the names of Eucharist, Lord's Supper, Holy Communion.



## Long Years, Wide Road

What is the right spirit of worship? In particular, how can we make the most of Communion? Saint Paul offers us some plain and valuable hints in the letter he wrote to the church at Corinth. That church needed some plain-spoken help, for two reasons. For one thing, the Christian religion was hardly thirty years old. There was no long tradition, no prayer-book, no New Testament to go by. For another thing, many of the Corinthians Christians had been outright pagans till recently, and pagans had some very odd notions about how to worship their gods, such as getting drunk in their temples. So Paul had to make some things clear. One is that the worshippers at the Lord's Table are not alone, there is a tradition behind them, there are hosts of other churches also at worship in this way. We worship best when we are mindful of the whole church of Christ. We are travelers on a road stretching through two thousand years now, not thirty years only—a road wide enough to take