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## BY JACK REICHARD PLANET MARS "TEASED" ASTRONOMER 75 Years Ago

"Easy to get and hard to hold" sang the poet of gold and there was never more truly words spoken in prose of poetry

The trouble comes from not knowing the actual value of money. The individual who has been compelled to earn his own bread from youth knows the value of a dollar. To most men fortunes come only by hard work, carried on through many years of unremitting effort.

But there is another class who, when fortune drops into their laps expected or unexpected, lose their heads and usually their money also. A case falling in this class involved the Tilden boys, who made national front page news back in 1883.

Their father began his career as a peddler of varnish. He worked hard for many years. By thrift and business sagacity he succeeded in accumulating two and a-half million dollars. In 1869 he died, leaving his great wealth to four teenage sons.

During their frugal father's life the boys were kept down to a moderate allowance, perhaps much against their inclinations. But at his death all this changed. As the acknowledged heirs to great wealth, the sons were not compelled to work. They believed that the money was intended to be enjoyed, and through the indulgence of guardians they planned a European trip, employing a traveling tutor at a salary of \$5,000 with all expenses paid.

Within a period of 13 years this fortune, accumulated during the life time of the hard-working father, had entirely disappeared in the hands of his children.

Back in 1883 the crew of the life-saving station at Spring Lake along the East Coast, discovered in the undertow, near the station house, a huge fish, which they succeeded in killing. The fish measuring over nine feet and weighing 800 pounds, was sent to the Smithsonian Institution where Prof. Ballard stated that fish represented a species never before seen in the United States or even in the Atlantic Ocean. According to the professor, it belonged to a group of small sperm whales characterized by the absence of permanent teeth in the upper jaw, and was one of the greatest acquisitions to the institution.

## 50 Years Ago

Fifty years ago the State of Arizona apparently held a dislike for children, according to a New York City woman who had taken up residence with her family in southern California. The lady stated:

"Talk about children not being wanted in New York apartments. Why, Arizona is the worst place in that respect that I have ever visited. You can hardly find any one there who will rent you a house if you have children. We tried various towns in the state but there was no abiding place open to us because of our little olive branches.

"We should have liked to settle in Tucson, but not a landlord would have us. Finally we had to give up and go to Southern California, where they are not so hard-hearted. Wouldn't you think that a new country like Arizona would be glad to have settlers with children, who would help to build up the region? But it doesn't seem to be so."

In Rue Belliard, France, the question of children, dogs and pianos in apartment houses was of utmost importance. Back in 1908 a company of house owners announced that all tenants must be fathers of families having three children at least.

Professor E. C. Pickering, Harvard's leading astronomer and scientist, in 1908, startled the world of astronomy and astrophysics by declaring that Mars "teases" him, and that he was "abandoning any further investigation of the much-mooted planet".

## 25 Years Ago

Cotton was one of the leaders in American export trade.

During the first eight months of 1932 the value of cotton exports was more than seven times that of wheat exports. It exceeded the value of the combined exports of all American machinery, automobiles and parts, cotton cloth, wheat flour and rubber manufacturers — whereas in 1931, the export value of these articles was more than double that of cotton.

It looked as if the cotton growers were entering a new era. Much of the credit for the increase was given to the cotton cooperatives. These organizations had led in a movement toward more economical production a better product and more profitable prices. They had put new "fight" into the cotton growers, who, like all American farmers back in 1933, were battling an economic war.

In Atlanta, Ga., burglars broke into the residence of Howard Lawson and stole virtually everything he needed in the course of his duties as a member of the police force.

Twenty-five years ago this week, Lancaster County Fire Marshall Paul Z. Knier, of Mannheim, told members of the County Firemen's Assn. meeting in Akron, that thorough investigation of 20 fires in the county during January, 1933, failed to determine the origin of many of them. He warned against incendiarism.

Fritzlyn Gifted Boy owned by William F. Fretz, Pipersville, Bucks County, was named Senior and Grand Champion Guernsey bull of the 1933 Farm Show at Harrisburg.

Out in St. Louis, Mrs. Gladys Moore testified in her divorce suit that her husband smashed all her china and every window and also broke her nose.

Two new books had been added to library shelves which were extremely popular with teenage boys and girl readers, back in 1933. They were "Calico Bush" by Rachel Field and "Ghosts of the Scarlet Fleet" by Rear Admiral E. R. Evans.

The former was the story of a little French girl in the early days who spent her life on the coast of Maine when the Indians lurked behind trees.

The latter, a story of blood and treachery, involved great fleets of pirate ships on the Spanish Main, secret underground passages and buried treasures.

## Things Aren't So Bad Here

ACCORDING TO MOSCOW sources, a Soviet scientist has come up with a new cattle breeding formula for assuring that Communist Russia will achieve its goal of producing more meat and milk than capitalistic United States.

The substance of his theory amounts to the breeding of small bulls to large cows of high milk productivity to get small calves that won't endanger the mother at birth but will have the mother's high milk potential.

How's that for killing two birds with one stone? Where he's to get his large cows in succeeding generations by that method, he doesn't say. But, we suppose, they could always be imported from the United States, thus proving the infallibility of Soviet theories and the gullibility of Americans who'd even part with large, high-producing cows for enough Yankee dollars.

Another tale from Moscow on the farm front indicates that the spirit or practice of capitalism by Soviet farmers is not yet dead.

It seems that sugar beet production has been dropping for the last couple of years in the "Workers Paradise." Now comes the tale that the farmers have been converting the sugar beets into the Russian version of "moonshine" instead of sugar.

They were taken to task for this practice by none other than Khrushchev, who, peculiarly enough, has never been noted for his abstinence.

## Old Sol Gets New Job

OLD SOL MAY be cast in the new role of herdsman, it appears. A Purdue University ag engineer has developed a device by which energy from the sun is harnessed to operate an electric fence charger. Here's how it works.

Silicon solar cells, located in a frame atop a conventional fence charger, collect radiant energy for the sun and convert it directly to electrical energy. And it works just as well on cloudy days, too, because those solar cells also charge nickel-cadmium storage cells inside the fence charger. These operate the charger when Sol is hiding the clouds and at night.

It appears this would be just the ticket for those fields which can't be reached by the electric line and in other spots where batteries must be relied on.

## Now Is The Time . . .

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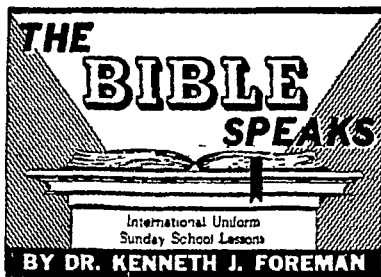
**TO PREVENT MASTITIS IN DAIRY HERD** — The emphasis should be on the prevention of mastitis rather than the treatment. Using antibiotic udder treatments too often may endanger the health of your cows; also, prevention is less expensive than treatment. Proper feeding and herd management are worthy of full-scale adoption; here lies the long-range answer to dairy herd mastitis problems.

**TO GIVE SPECIAL CARE TO SHEEP FLOCK** — Lambing time is at hand on many farms or in the near future. The ewe flock should be given daily outside exercise. One common problem with the flock late in the winter is the "paralysis" condition just prior to lambing. Daily exercise, legume

hay, and a laxative grain ration will reduce this problem. Individual lamb brooders will save many lambs in extremely cold weather.

**TO PLAN HOME GROWN FEED SUPPLIES** — Effort should be extended among all dairy and livestock producers to produce a maximum amount of grain and roughage on the farm. Before the planting season starts it is suggested that producers look into the future and plan their crops in order to keep feed purchases at a minimum. Too high feed costs have been the down-fall of many a farmer.

**TO ADOPT MANAGED MILKING ROUTINE** — Progressive dairymen will quickly realize what is involved in "managed milking". This practice should have the acceptance of many more herd owners. It is merely using an outlined routine of preparing and milking the cow each time a total time of seven minutes per cow. Full details in leaflet No. 40 titled, "Managed Milking".



Bible Material: Luke 4:14-21; II Corinthians 9:6-8; Galatians 6:1-5; Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:23-25; I Peter 2:8-10  
Devotional Readings: II Corinthians 5:11-19

## Chosen People

Lesson for February 2, 1958

MOST church members do not realize what a privilege it is to be one. The Bible passages for this week are extremely suggestive and will bear careful study. As usual, there is room here for comment only on two or three points brought out in one of the most striking sentences ever penned to the church — To the church as well as about the church, for most of the New Testament books were written as letters to churches. As the reader thinks over the words, he should keep in mind not "This means me," but "This means the church, in which I am privileged to be a member."



Dr. Foreman

## A New Kind of People

Saint Peter, writing to people he had probably never seen, dares to say to them some very high things. He could say these things because, while he did not know them separately and personally, he knew the church and what God intended it to be. "You," he wrote, "are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." A chosen race. The church, so far as it is a true church, is made up of persons whom God has chosen. He has chosen them not like separate little pearls each in its own oyster, but as the gathered pearls on a gleaming necklace. Peter uses the word "race" rather than organization or group or society. Race suggests blood brotherhood, it suggests a common ancestor, a common life. If each race of mankind has something special about it, so the Christians, as the "chosen race," have something special about them. A church which cannot be told apart from just any club, a church whose members are not appreciably different from people on the outside, is a church in name only. Christians as a family are a new kind of

people. They have been born anew, they have a quality of life no other people have.

## God's Personal Representative

Again Saint Peter says, "You are a royal priesthood." Remember these words were not addressed to any particular person or group in the church, they were written to the whole church. The church is itself a priesthood; this is what is meant by the expression "the priesthood of all believers." Now Saint Peter had been and still was very much a Jew. For him, priesthood had meant a great deal. The priest, in the centuries before Christ, had long been the accepted mediator between God and men. He represented men before God, he represented God in the presence of men. Now if the church, taken all together, is the priesthood of God, then it also is, or is expected to be, God's personal representative in this world.

Consider only one meaning of this. What convinces us that any person exists, and really is the kind of person he is said to be? Next to the person's coming to see us himself, the most convincing evidence that he is real, and no flying-saucer imp, is some friend or relative of his who can make all our doubts vanish by telling us what he knows. So the church, as a priesthood in this skeptical world, ought to be representing God in such a convincing way that people no longer doubt that He exists. One test of a true church, as of a true Christian, is: Does this church make it harder, or easier, to believe in God?

## The International People

The church is also a "holy nation." It has not always been clearly understood what Saint Peter meant by this. Did he mean that Christians must withdraw from the world to a little holy island or ghetto of their own, there to "let the rest of the world go by?" Did he mean that Christians are a supernational, empowered to dictate to all other nations, owing allegiance to no flag but the Christian flag? Unless Peter was out of line with all the rest of the New Testament, he probably meant no such thing. He did mean at least this much: first that the Christian church lives by higher laws than the "kingdom of this world." The church is the nation where the Law of Love is the constitution. Second, since the binding force in this nation is not race or tradition or geography but holy love, it will not have any earthly boundary but will spread throughout the world. The church is the great and only completely international society.

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