

To Be A Farmer



Bill and his 4-H steer

Billy Hackman is the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hackman, Elizabethtown RD 3. He is one of six children in the family and has been active in 4-H since he became eligible three years ago.

He had the champion baby beef at Mt. Joy Farm Show and First Place senior calf and reserve champion short-horn steer at the Pa. Farm Show. He has taken several other prizes in capons, corn, tobacco and record books. He has a dairy project and is entered in the 1959 Chicken-

of-Tomorrow contest. An eighth-grader at Elizabethtown Area School, Bill is in "the middle years" of 4-H work, consistently building a record of top performance and conduct. As a farm youth in a 4-H family, he is taking major strides toward a future in farming.

'Amen'

The publication "Food Marketing in New England" issued by First National Stores, Somerville, Mass., says: "An infallible guide to the acquiring of a greater respect for the farmer is to try to become one."

It then quotes Michael Fitzmaurice, a TV narrator who has 600 acres in Vermont, mostly in timber but with a sizeable piece in potatoes which have done well in quantity and quality, as follows. "Farming, to me, is the most exciting, tantalizing, exasperating and rewarding occupation possible. I am relatively new at it, but am reading and studying everything I can lay my hands on. And the more I study and learn, the greater grows my admiration and respect for a successful farmer."

Many an amateur who has sought to make land pay can say "Amen" to that statement.

Eight Area Holsteins Hit 100,000 lb. Lifetime Mark

The Holstein-Friesian Assn. of America has announced the following registered Holstein cows in this area have completed official production records to raise their lifetime production totals to more than 100,000 lbs of milk.

They are:
 Wye Oak Hero Dora, owned by Elvin Hess, Strasburg, with 131,357 lbs of milk and 4,510 lbs of fat in 3,006 days on official test.
 Colantha Lady Monogram, owned by Elmer B Stoltzfus, Elverson, with 121,233 lbs of milk and 5,461 lbs

of fat in 2,454 days on test.
 Fultonway Rag Apple Beauty, owned by J. Mowery Frey & Son, Lancaster, with 113,280 lbs. of milk and 4,516 lbs of fat in 2,545 days on test

Prilly Ida Ormsby, owned by Job Stoltzfus, Elverson, with 110,911 lbs of milk and 3,845 lbs of fat in 2,151 days on test.

Maple Haven Pansy Var, owned by Hubert S. Miller, Myerstown, with 108,919 lbs of milk and 3,484 lbs. of fat in 2,643 days on test.

Mabel Rag Apple Honey Girl, owned by A W Wick-enheiser, Mt Joy, with 108,418 lbs of milk and 3,757 lbs of fat in 2,309 days on test

Lincoln Admiral Gail Carnot, owned by William A. Reid, Oxford, with 104,042 lbs. of milk and 4,257 lbs. of fat in 2,458 days on test.

Heriandia Patsy Teake Lucifer, owned by Galen W. Herr, Elizabethtown, with 102,120 lbs. of milk and 3,463 lbs of fat in 2,491 days on test

This Week

by Clinton Davidson

Food For Peace

Widely overlooked in President Eisenhower's farm message to Congress last month was a sentence near the end in which he revealed plans for use of a cold war weapon possibly more decisive than all of the ICBMs.

That weapon is food for the hungry people of the world to combat the spread of communism and strengthen the ability of free nations to remain free.

"I am," he said, "setting steps in motion to explore anew with other surplus-producing nations all practical means of utilizing the various agricultural surpluses of each in the interest of reinforcing peace and the well-being of friendly peoples throughout the world—in short, using food for peace."

In digging for the facts back of that proposal we learn that the State Department has begun what one official describes as "exploratory talks" with several Western nations. These, we understand, include Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and several South American nations.

World Food Bank

The idea of using food to help friendly nations remain free from communist domination is not new. Since the end of World War II we have financed out of the U. S. Treasury the export of more than \$10 billion worth of surplus farm products to friendly nations.

As far back as 10 years ago bills were introduced in Congress to create a world food bank. Surplus-producing nations would "deposit" their surpluses in the 'bank' and nations in need of extra food could "draw" on that account by putting in their IOUs.

President Eisenhower, although he did not elaborate on his proposal, apparently has in mind some variation of that plan. White House officials tell us it would be impractical to reveal details until other nations have agreed to specific plans.

The United States has available as an initial deposit into a world food bank nearly \$9 billion worth of farm surpluses, chiefly wheat, rice, cotton and feed grains.

It is estimated that Canada, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand would have available a minimum initial deposit of \$3 billion worth of food and other farm products, chiefly wheat.

Free World Is Ahead

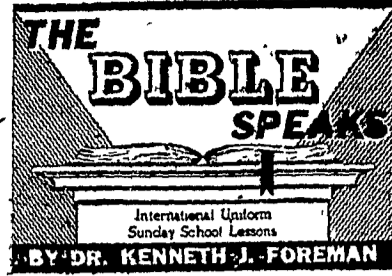
Food production is one big advantage which the West has over the communist bloc of nations. Russia and China are having and very likely will continue to have, difficulties in raising the diet level of their 800 million people.

The effectiveness of our PL 480 program for selling food and other farm products abroad and accepting foreign currencies in payment was one of the big reasons back of the recent visit of Russia's Deputy Premier Mikoyan to the U. S.

His appeal for long-term credits and assistance was a tacit admission that Russian farms and factories cannot match those of the United States, and that the cold war will be fought not alone in the minds of people, but in their stomachs.

It is to be hoped that we will make full use of our food surpluses and our food producing potential to give the free world the type of moral and economic leadership that offers far more than the communists can ever promise.

Good loam soil may contain as many as 10 earthworms per square foot with a total weight of 500 lbs. per acre.



Bible Material: Matthew 21 33-46, Mark 14 3-9.
 Devotional Reading: Isaiah 53 1-6.

The Great Refusal

Lesson for March 1, 1959

A DOUBLE meaning can be found in some of Jesus' parables. A triple meaning, if you include the simple literal words of the stories. For instance, take the parable which in old-fashioned English is called the parable of the Wicked Husbandmen. In more modern English it would be the story of the Wicked Tenant Farmers. The first and simple meaning is just the story. Like so many that Jesus told, this one both sounds as if it might have actually happened, and as if it were too fantastic ever to happen. It is the story of a farm owner who tried to collect from his tenants. But they beat up all his agents, one after another. Finally the owner sent his son. But this only stirred the tenants to murder. If we kill the man's only son, they said to each other, then the vineyard will be ours. So they killed him.



Dr. Foreman

Jesus ended his blunt, ugly tale with a question. What will the owner do next? His hearers knew. The least the tenants could expect would be to lose their places. But more likely the owner would destroy them. Their murder would come back on their own heads.

Shadow of Calvary

So much for the story itself. But it was more than a story; that is, there was a meaning under its surface. It is on record that the leading citizen to whom Jesus told this tale of brutality and madness, immediately made plans to arrest him. They saw that Jesus was speaking about them. This was no simple rural Who-done-it. It was a sword-thrust, a stern prophecy, and they did not like it, nor him. These men, you might say, were parable-experts, parabolists (sic) themselves. They saw in a flash what the Man from Galilee was

driving at. The owner of the vineyard was God, the tenants were themselves. The Kingdom of God was the Kingdom of God's powers and privileges entrusted the Jewish people, especially their leaders, these chief priests among them, with the laws, the knowledge. But instead of blessing with these his gifts selfishly to keep them very own. They had God's messengers. Now God's son was sent . . . but murdered minds.

One of the most Jesus ever said was to these men who were death "The Kingdom be taken away from them. That was a shock. They grew up believing to had the exclusive right to the Kingdom and to the favor of the Wicked Husbandmen. In more modern English it would be the story of the Wicked Tenant Farmers. The first and simple meaning is just the story. Like so many that Jesus told, this one both sounds as if it might have actually happened, and as if it were too fantastic ever to happen. It is the story of a farm owner who tried to collect from his tenants. But they beat up all his agents, one after another. Finally the owner sent his son. But this only stirred the tenants to murder. If we kill the man's only son, they said to each other, then the vineyard will be ours. So they killed him.

The Tragic Pattern

But with this last a third depth of the parable comes to light. Not only predicting at the hands of those have made him most not only predicting the Kingdom of God world He was suggesting a question. What will the owner do next? His hearers knew. The least the tenants could expect would be to lose their places. But more likely the owner would destroy them. Their murder would come back on their own heads.

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Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



Max Smith

TO CHECK FARM MACHINERY — A useful winter-time chore is to check all farm machinery; examine all for broken, loose, or defective parts. Make repairs before spring work. This should avoid loss of time during busy season.

TO PRUNE GRAPE VINES AND TREES — Grape Vines should be pruned before spring weather sets in; prune before the flow of sap starts reduces "ring" of the vines. Fruit trees and all types of shrubs should be pruned before new growth starts.

TO APPLY FOR WOOL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS — ASC office announces that the wool marketing year ends March 31st and wool producers have until April 1st to request incentive payments. Applicants must submit original sales slips, showing the date and amount. All sales slips must be signed by the purchaser.

TO RECOGNIZE MILKING MACHINE CARE — The most used and abused pieces of machinery on dairy farms is the milking machine; this machine should be carefully maintained and should receive the care; owners are urged to follow the manufacturer's instructions and give the equipment a good going over every six months, the vacuum pump and lines should be cleaned at least four times a year.

TO PREVENT MASTITIS — Here is another cure prevention is much better than any attempted cure. Mastitis is uncertain and expensive in most cases. Proper hygiene care and adjustment is the cause of many mastitis. Bruises, drafts, and injured udder tissue are major causes. We call your attention to these in order to prevent the trouble.

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