

FROM WHERE WE STAND

Have You Ever Been A Football?

In the silly little verse about the purple cow, the author winds up by telling the wide world that he'd rather see than be one.

All of us have seen a football; almost all of us have touched one, at least once, and quite a few of us have even played in a game with one. Now it looks like farmers are going to get a chance to BE one.

The American farmer or at least the farm situation, is going to be in for a heap of kicking around in the next few months.

Organized football of the kind we usually think about begins in the fall and runs into the winter, or until the season is over.

The kind of football game in which the farmer becomes the object of the well directed, or misdirected kicks has already begun. It will become more feverish through the summer and come to a climatic turmoil just before election day.

Agriculture is not the only target for the pointed toes of the politicians, but it seems that it is one of the favorite targets.

Already one would-be nominee has declared that his first official duty would be to replace the Secretary of Agriculture with someone with the needs of the farmer at heart. During the same broadcast, wherein that pronouncement was made, another announced candidate was directing a few strokes of the political toe at Mr. Rural America. He pictured the farmer as living in a world well padded with the hard earned dollars of the poor laboring people, and the horn of plenty filled with tax dollars raining down wealth for any farmer to gather in.

This is just the beginning. Before the campaign is very much older, nearly every political hopeful from township supervisor on up will feel called upon to take his turn at trying for a field goal.

"And why not", is the attitude of many politicians. The farmer is notoriously independent in his voting. There is no strong union to bring pressure to bear on the farm vote. The farmer is no longer a majority or even a large percentage of the electorate. But there has been so much publicity, some of it entirely false, about phases of the farm situation, that the politician can have a ready audience any time he desires

to make a statement or any segment of agriculture.

The worst is yet to come. The referee has hardly tooted the opening whistle and already we are feeling the boots. We had better toughen up our hides. It is going to be a tough game, and the spikes are sharper than ever.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

MAID SERVICE

Fifty years ago dad planted the buckwheat, and when it was ripe, he harvested it and took it to the mill. Mother took the flour he brought home and mixed it with buttermilk she had churned from the milk she had taken from the cow. She added, some other ingredients and set the whole batter in a warm place until the next day. With some fresh flour, more buttermilk and other ingredients added at breakfast time, mother would be ready to fry up a batch of buckwheat cakes.

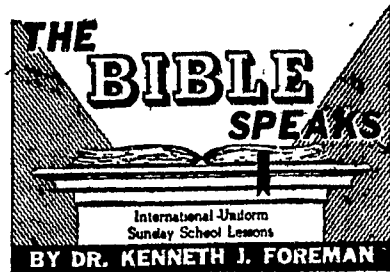
This morning the nine-year-old daughter got up three minutes before dad, went to the shelf and took down a box of ready mixed, self rising, non-lumping, buttermilk buckwheat cake mix, poured a few spoonfuls into a jar, added a prescribed amount of water, and in "ten shakes", by the makers instructions, she poured out golden pancakes on the electric griddle, (set according to instructions).

In grandmother's day, the rich could afford servants. In this day, the housewife demands and gets her maid service built in. This is what we pay for at the grocery store.

Now home economists and food processing companies tell us that we haven't seen anything yet in "convenience foods". Already some packages cost more than the food they contain, but many new products are being dreamed up every day.

Announced but not yet on the market generally is a synthetic potato skin for those who like to eat baked potato skins, but want them standardized. One company is marketing "cook-in-pouch" frozen foods that do not have to be thawed and no pan needs to be washed. Many other innovations are on the way to release Mrs. America from the kitchen.

Most of us can not afford maids, but we are all on the way to paying for built-in maid service at the grocery store.



Bible Material: Matthew 4:23 through 7:29, 9:14-17; Mark 4:1-2, 10-13, 33-54. Devotional Reading: Psalm 119:33-50.

Master Teacher

Lesson for April 3, 1960

PEOPLE WHO knew Jesus of Nazareth thought of him as a teacher. Jesus thought of himself as a teacher. The title given him most often in the Gospels is Teacher. When he rose from the dead and Mary Magdalene recognized him, she called him Rabboni, My Teacher. Jesus said to his disciples (a word which itself means pupils), "You call me teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am." (John 13:13.) Jesus expected his teachings to be taken seriously. "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I tell you?" he asked. (Luke 6:46) A man who hears Jesus' sayings and does not do them, is like a man building a house on sand. (Matt. 7:26) "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life," he said. (John 6:63.) It is absurd, it is even wicked, for a man to claim to be a Christian, and by-pass the teachings of Jesus.



Dr. Foreman

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Jesus' Theme

When we hear that some one is a teacher, the first thing we ask, if we are interested, is: What does he teach? Jesus' great theme, his subject, was a tremendous one: LIFE. One reason why he is called the Master Teacher is that his theme was the most important, the most all-inclusive, in the world. We can make this more definite. We can put this in three ways. 1. Jesus taught about Life in the Kingdom of God, or to put this another way, he taught what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God, or to say it still another way—he taught what kind of behavior God requires of those who want to live in his Kingdom. 2. Jesus taught about Life as God wills it. Everybody lives somehow, or at least exists; and if you look about you,

or if you will yourself, you can see people living to and never giving God thanks for his doings. That is taking over a life to suit the person it only common what God's will light. The nation can tell us what Christian and shown us the the next question know that Jesus have Jesus' will is to do shall know what is from God's it and see' Life at its precisely what pattern, it can really be

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Why Parables

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THIS WEEK

—In Washington

With Clinton Davidson

The Golden Mirror

There hangs in the official office of the Vice President in the Senate wing of the Capitol Building a mirror that, if it were granted the gift of speech, could tell an interesting story.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota took the time recently to look up the story of the "Dolly Madison Golden Mirror," and to tell it in a recent letter which he sends

regularly to his friends back home

The story, we think, is worth retelling.

Dolly Madison, the charming wife of our fourth President, James Madison, purchased a small gold mirror while in Paris with her husband, who was on official business.

She paid \$50 in American money but on returning to New York found there was a \$30 customs fee due on the mirror Mrs. Madison charged it the official account, and the government paid the fee.

In due course, the audit committee of the Senate, in checking the salaries and expenses of the White House, came across the \$30 custom fee charge. There being no authorization for such an expenditure, an investigation was begun to determine whether Mrs. Madison was guilty of wrong-doing.

After weeks of investigation the committee named to look into the charge decided there was no basis for prosecution and advised that the "case of the golden mirror" be dropped.

The committee, however, submitted a bill of \$2,800 to cover cost of the investigation. There is no record of how the mirror, which cost taxpayers \$2,830, got from Dolly Madison to the Vice

President's office. Whispering Chandelier

Sen. Mundt tells the story of another decoration in the same office; a chandelier that was purchased by Thomas Jefferson, also in France. It is made of Bohemian crystals and has all sterling silver clips and chains.

When Jefferson became the third President, he had the chandelier placed in the White House and it remained over the President's desk until the term of Theodore Roosevelt.

It is said Mr. Roosevelt was distracted by the wind blowing over the chandelier prisms when the windows (Turn to Page 5)

Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



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TO APPLY NITROGEN TO CROPS—Stands of winter ryegrass, or field bromegrass plowed down as a green manure corn will fully utilize an application of at least 50 pounds per acre of nitrogen with no manure this application should approach 100 pounds per acre of nitrogen. If this nitrogen is applied 4 to 6 weeks prior to plowing, extra nitrogen can be realized and the nitrogen there to aid in decomposing the manure and plant refuse.

TO USE NEW FORAGE CROP SPRAYS—Clover and alfalfa producers should not be guided by 1959 spray recommendations; they have been changed and Heptachlor epoxide is the recommended material for control of spittle bug and alfalfa weevil.

TO CONTROL LAWN WEEDS—Plenty of nitrogen on the lawn in order to get a solid turf is one of the best defenses against weeds in the lawn. One of the best times to make both of these applications is when sufficient growth appears set the mower to cut 2 inches rather than to cut the sod down to 1/2 inch. Fast-growing, heavy turf will make it difficult for weeds to survive; light applications of the herbicide 2,4-D will control broad-leaf weeds.

TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR TERMITES—At any time that termites swarm and usually are found inside of doors and windows where light attracts these insects are found, it means that they are in the wood structures of the buildings. The wood-eating termites are the ones that swarm and are found with the winged ant; by close inspection the termites are not jointed and all four wings are the same size. In the ant the body is in two sections (containing a pair of wings are longer than the rear wings). If swarms are noted, close inspection should follow over the nesting area in the soil; chemical treatments such as chlordane and other materials will kill the termites.

Rural Rhythms

By Carol Dean Huber

SPRING'S HERALDS

The small green shoots begin to show; Old winter now takes wing; Crocus, violets, daffodils Are heralds of spring.

The Robins now will come to see If worms are good this year, And hop across the winter ground For spring will soon be here.

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