From Where We Stand . . .
Agriculture And The Nation's Growth

Efficiency on the American farm has been increasing steadily for many years, but have you ever stopped to consider how this increase in efficiency has helped the other segments of the economy to grow?

Not only does America have more people, she has greater employment, higher production, more capital goods, and a wider variety of products, services and occupations.

Now we realize not all the credit for this growth can be attributed to the efficiency of the farmer, but a big boost to the economy has come from the release of manpower from America's farms. The people not needed on farms to produce the food and fiber to make this the best-fed and best-clothed nation in the world are at work producing the other goods and services which add to our rising standard of living

Dr. Russell Larson, director of the Cooperative Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State University said recently, "In the United States, about 9 out of every 100 in our labor force are farm workers. Contrast this with Russia where nearly half the labor force works in agriculture In Communist China, an estimated 7 or 8 of every 10 workers are in agriculture.

"Because our farmers produce more with less effort, our food costs us less This gives us more money to spend on other goods and services — creating new demands and expanded markets — helping the economy grow.

"In most countries of the world, people spend half or more of their income for food Those in India spend 60 per cent, the Japanese 42 per cent, and Italians 45 per cent. But we Americans spent only one-fifth of our take-home pay for food. So we have four-fifths left to use as we choose"

In addition to all this, farming is the largest single industry in the purchase of oil, steel, rubber, electricity and many other products.

Freeing manpower for other jobs, keeping food costs low and spending billions for industrial products and services are only a few examples of how efficient agriculture helps America grow.

It is the duty of every farmer to help bring this story to the attention of every consumer.

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

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A Pat On The Back

A pat on the back is due to a group of southern Lancaster County dairymen through their efforts, the Solanco School district will have an electric scoreboard for the school athletic field.

The school scoreboard is important, but more important is the fact that the board will bear a slogan encouraging the use of more milk

The school district could have had a scoreboard with the slogan of a national soft drink manufacturer emblazoned upon it, and while we have no quarrel with soft drink manufacturers, we believe the school board and the dairymen should be commended for encouraging young pople to drink nature's most nearly perfect food.

We believe the action of the southern Lancaster County dairymen should serve as an example to other agricultural organizations We believe there is room for much more advertising of agricultural commorities by the producers of those commodities.

It is the business of every farmer to help create a market for the products of his toil.

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

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THE ART OF GETTING ALONG

Sooner or later a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul — that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.

He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight.

He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others

He learns that most people are human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "good morning" even if it is raining

He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, that hard work, and not cleverness, is the secret of success — Poultry and Eggs Weekly.

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I'VE GOT YOU UNDER MY SKIN

Farmers are grinning now that researchers in Illinois have reported that music makes corn grow bigger

For years now, we have been familiar with the role of music elsewhere on the acres.

First, it was determined that music does wonders for old bossy down in the milk barn. Next, that mother hen liked rhythm while on egg duty.

There have been experiments with other members of the farmstead But this wasn't enough. So researchers turned to the plant world, launching strains of Bach, rock 'n' roll and ballads at field crops, flowers and so forth.

The Illinois reports indicate musically-orientated corn plants show a definite response, which leads us to ask: Why not experiment with different types of music, or lyrics?

We would suggest a schedule·

Marches during corn planting time, like "Semper Fidelis" or the Marine Corps battle hymn

Love songs during pollination, along the lines of "Liebestraum," "I've Got You Under My Skin," or "You and the Night and the Music"

Ballads during corn-picking time, say like "Harvest Moon"

Then as corn is being cribbed. "It's All Over Now." — Eastern Indiana Farmer

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material Genesis 12 1-9, Exodus 3 1-6, Hebrews 10 19 through 12 29

Devotional Reading: 2 Corinthians 4 7-15

Facets of Faith

Lesson for April 29, 1962

THE beauty of a jewel comes from the fact that it has many facets. The light is reflected from each of these facets, or surfaces, at a different angle. If a diamond were cut flat and square like a tiny window-pane it would not be nearly as beautiful as it is. Now faith is a jewel, and it likewise has many facets, or aspects, and all the more beautiful for this reason. Like all jewels, also, faith has many imitations.

Dr. Foreman

Accept no substitute

What are some of the imitation faiths being offered the public today? One variety of "paste" or imitation faith, is faith without an object,—not faith in anything or any one, just "plain faith" This may even be a circular faith, faith in faith. This is not worth a dime, it is the most perishable of all the imitations. Another substitute is credulity,—the habit of believing anything and everything, believing whatever any one asks you to believe. Of such faith suckers are made Another much-advertised substitute is faith that goes against facts, faith that believes the obviously and undeniably impossible. This is a very deceptive imitation, because true faith does go beyond what average cautious people call "possible." This imitation variety prides itself on absurdity; the more absurd the faith, the more credit the believer claims! If I believe that with God's help I can set aside more money than I ever have done, for His cause and service, that is real faith. But if I believe that after I have spent every cent of my weekly income I will have a ten-dollar bill left to offer God or to use myself, that is not true faith at all.

How faith keeps warm

True Christian faith, as has been said before, is faith about Christ, faith in Christ and faith with Christ. Now there are certain features or facets of this, to which the Bible passages marked for this week direct our eyes. One is that it is easier to have faith when others all around us are men and women of faith, than when one is all alone. A certain missionary was in solitary confinement in China, with no communication permitted between him and any other persons except the police Friends and relatives of his in America were praying for his release He also was praying for it There was true faith in his heart and in the hearts of his friends; but it was harder for him than for them, because they lived (comparatively) in a climate of faith, whereas he was in the midst of people who only derided his religion

Looking to Jesus

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says some strange and unexpected things. Once in the twelfth chapter he says ". . . looking to Jesus . . ." Now we should expect him to say, "looking to Jesus, the object of our faith;" but he does not. Instead, he says "looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." In other words Jesus is the one who begins our faith and the one who completes it. He is, in short, the model for all men and women of faith. This means that Christians should study the gospels over and over again, to learn the qualities, the seeds and the secrets of the faith which the Master held With him, faith had a new beginning; with him, faith found its perfection

Faiths discipline

Great poetry and trashy doggerel are both made of words; but the great poems are not mere jumbles of words and noises. They are patterned; that is, the poet cannot put down anything that occurs to him. Some words fit, others don't Some words ring like bells, others clatter like squeaky wheel-barrows. So it is with all art The artist must exercise control. It is only very cheap "art" that can be produced by throwing words, or paint, on paper or canvas at random. How much more this is true of the most difficult art, of life itself! The writer to the Hebrews reminds us that without discipline we never attain to a God-like life. God's commands may sometimes not agree with our own wishes; but to obey him is the way of discipline, the way marked out by faith, that leads to the life that is life indeed.

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Manage Dairy Herd Carefully

Pasture season is at hand when both the dairymen and the cows look forward to the green forage as a source of good feed However owners are urged to permit the milking herd to graze only after the milking hours and keep them off the forage for at least 4 hours before the next milking, also, do not permit the cows to lie down on the cold ground at this time of the year, chilling of the udder may result

To Beware Of Corn Stalk Rot

Last year many corn fields included large percentage of plants with stalk rot; this caused the stalk to break over or lean over and could not be reached by the mechanical picker In fields with this trouble last year growers are urged not to grow corn again this year, or to select corn that is stalk rot resistant Also, the treating of the seed with a fungicide prior to planting may reduce the trouble from this disease

To Delay Planting Temporary Forage Crops

Many livestock and dairy producers rely upon soybeans sudangrass, or forage sorghums for summer pasture, hay or silage crops All of these are warm weather crops and should not be seeded until mid-May (corn planting time) If seeded during periods of cold wet weather, they will not germinate and the seeds may rot rather than sprout In all cases the seeds and the fertilizer should not come in contact with each other

To Barn-Feed Young Dairy Heifers

Many dairymen make the mistake of turning young dairy heifers out to pasture in the spring and forgetting about them heifers under 10 months of age should continue to get all the good hay they can eat along with some silage and

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Lewis Ayres teacher of vocational agriculture showed slides of chapter activities and the farming programs of the boys He presented each chapter officer with a pin and shield of his office

Speaker of the evening was Jack Owen Editor of Lancaster Farming Owens subject was Farming in the Good NEW days

Members served refreshments to the parents

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