

From Where We Stand . . . How Farming Has Changed!

There is nothing like a high school class reunion to remind a guy that "time and tide . . . etc."

We attended our 20th year reunion recently and found that some of our classmates had aged so much they didn't even recognize us.

What a time for reminiscences! How the "do you remember the time" stories flew! What a bunch of children's pictures were compared!

But after it was all over, we couldn't help remembering how much farming has changed in the years since we studied vocational agriculture.

We can remember learning how to clean and repair harness, (well, we must admit that tractors were beginning to take over, but there were still a few horses around.) to splice a hay rope and how to assemble a milk separator.

We learned about a lot of experimental things, too, but some of us doubted if hybrid corn, and artificial breeding of dairy cattle would ever be very practical on the average farm.

We visited a farm where they milked nearly a hundred cows every day, and most of the boys in the class thought this was just too big for a family farm. We visited a poultry farm where 5,000 laying hens made such a large flock that we could hardly believe this was just a farmer. This man was actually thinking of making a room just to pack and store eggs.

We remember when the milking machine salesman tried to sell dad a milker. His answer was, "I'm raising my own."

We remember carrying feed to the chicken house while thinking about the rumor we had heard in school that day — some guy was trying to make a machine that would carry the feed right into the chicken house from the bin. Most of us were sure this would never be practical.

We remember that one boy actually tried making a brooder for young pigs, but most of us felt that the sow would tear the thing to pieces, or electrocute herself, or that the little pigs couldn't be trained to use it.

We heard quite a bit about a new crop that was supposed to make excellent hay, but we were pretty sure that alfalfa would never be as good as clover and timothy.

We visited an outstanding farm and saw one cow that actually made 100 pounds of milk a day for 100 straight days, and we saw her bull calf that had been sold for the fabulous sum of \$1,000 at four weeks.

We learned how to sharpen a corn knife and how to make a chain link at the forge. We heard that there was a process called electric welding, but it took an expert to do it, and the equipment was very expensive, and besides there wasn't much use for that kind of thing on the farm.

We visited one farm where the owner had actually put up a special

building just to house the tractor and equipment, but most of us thought this was an extravagance.

Then along came the war, and the pressure was on to produce as much as possible with as little labor as possible. Nearly every one of the wonderful and fanciful machines we had heard about were produced and refined. Nearly all the new practices we were learning about were adopted and refined. And in the years since, a host of things we never dreamed of have become commonplace in agriculture.

We can hardly wait to see what the next twenty years will bring. We can't now imagine what a wonderful place the farm will be twenty years hence.

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

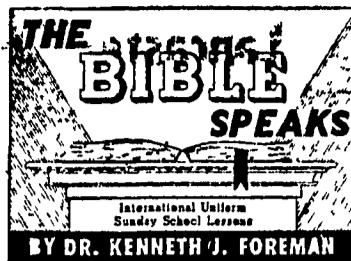
The End in Sight — Robert Ruark, United Features Syndicate columnist fears the end is in sight: "The Australians have invented powdered butter. The powdered butter thing really frightens. If we have powdered butter, we will shortly have dehydrated water, liquid bread, jellied scotch whiskey, cantaloupe crumbs, liquid ice and quick frozen fried eggs. Put a pinch of butter onto the unfrozen eggs, add a drop of liquid pepper from the handy tube, and cure the indigestion with a bicarbonate spray."

No Pesticides In Milk — Because traces of pesticides may sometimes be contained in feed, Dr. S. A. Peoples of the University of California wanted to find out what happened when a cow's daily diet included feed contaminated with traces of arsenic. No matter what form of arsenic was involved, it was found that the substance was excreted rapidly. Most notable, says Dr. Peoples, was that none of the arsenic found its way into the milk.

Philippinos Love Soap — Soap is what they use in the Philippines instead of detergents, and its production accounted for the imports in 1962 of 21 million pounds of U.S. tallow and grease.

Hep Cows — Dairymen in the Bay of Islands area of New Zealand complained recently that their cows did not produce as well on Sunday mornings because of the lack of music on the local radio station. On weekdays, the station begins playing records at 6 a.m. On Sundays, the music starts two hours later.

Soil Important to Everybody — The Beverly, Mass. Times observes: "As an American citizen you may not own a foot of your native soil, but three acres of crop land and seven acres of grazing are required to keep you supplied with food. It is this fact which is causing government and other agriculture experts — despite current crop surpluses — to view with concern the deterioration of the nation's crop and grass lands through erosion, over-cropping and other causes."



Faith To Share Lesson for December 15, 1963

Bible Material: Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 1 through 2
Devotional Reading: Romans 1:8-17.

ALL RELIGIONS are shared religions. That is, if in any religious group, large or small, the notion got around that the best thing you can do with your faith is to keep it a kind of happy secret between yourself and God, then that religion would vanish from among mankind in less than a hundred years. Religions persist from generation to generation because those who are religious share their faith with other people.



Dr. Foreman with other people. But religions differ in their answer to this question: With whom do you share your faith, or with whom are you expected to share it? Some share their faith with their children only. You cannot, for instance, become a convert to the religion of the Parsees, not even by marrying one. Only the children of Parsees can become Parsees. Other religions share their faith within definite geographical bounds, or racial limits. The Christian religion is one of the very few which its possessors are expected to share with all men high and low, all men of all colors and races and conditions in life, all human beings all over this globe.

You can't call this sharing
If you are a Christian, then, you have a faith to share . . . that is, if you have the faith. You can't share the money your grandfather had and spent. You can't share enthusiasm you haven't got, you can't share your grandmother's faith, hope or love. YOU can share what YOU have, not what somebody else has. You can pass on ideas without believing them yourself, though they won't be very convincing; but you can't pass on faith you don't have yourself.

But there are two ways in which people, who do have some genu-

ine personal religious faith, try to share it, without success. One wrong way is to try to force it on other people. In the Middle Ages the church used to conduct some strange evangelistic campaigns. They would get the police to round up a dozen or so Jews, the Jews would be tied together and taken to church and made to listen to "Christian" preaching for a number of Sundays, and then they would take those Jews out and dunk them in the fountain in the public square, by way of Christian baptism. Then they would chalk it up in their statistics—so many Jews converted this year. No, there were no converts by that route. Forcing religion is like forcing food; it's not sharing.

Sharing by talking
For all that, talking about our faith is one way to share it. Take the Apostle Paul for example. He preached, he taught, he visited from house to house, He wrote letters, more than a dozen of which have been preserved in the New Testament. He was one of the greatest talkers-for-Christ known to history. There is a difference between talking about our faith in such a bragging way as the Pharisees had, and talking about it in humble but radiant enthusiasm as Paul always did. A Pharisee might thank God he was not as other men; a converted Pharisee, such as Paul could say to a king: "I wish you were in my place—only without these chains."

Sharing by living
It's very doubtful whether any one ever became a sure-enough Christian without living for a while with a real Christian. Most of us are not converted by something we read, first of all, it's rather by what we have seen and heard. Christianity is a life, not a theory. Everything that is Christian, which is to say every Christian truth and grace, is in a person before it is in a book. Jesus Christ came before any books were written about him. Christianity is not something you can cut into slices and pass around like cake. Christianity is like enthusiasm which just has to be caught rather than taught. There is no such thing as Christianity that's not in people. And an unsharing, ingrowing, selfish life can never share a warm and joyful faith. It comes back to where we started; you can share only what you have.

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Protect Christmas Tree

Many homes will be decorated with a Christmas Tree in the near future. We hope that all rural people are planning to use a real evergreen tree rather than an artificial one. It is very important to keep the stump of the tree moist at all times while in the house. Use water, or moist sand, dirt, or sawdust. This will prevent the needles from drying out and falling off. A dried out tree is a definite fire hazard.

To Prepare Livestock For Farm Show

Livestock exhibitors at the 1964 State Farm Show should get a copy of the Premium List and observe the strict health regulations, many injections and test must be made to qualify the various entries. Your local veterinarian should be secured to perform these treatments.

To Check

Fire Insurance Coverage

The winter season is at hand and most barns include livestock and farm machinery that have been outside since spring. In case of fire we fear that many farmers are not fully covered. Prices and replacement costs have increased annually on most pieces of equipment and real estate. It might be good management to inspect your coverage at this time.

To Beware Of Ice

The walks and driveways around many home and farms will soon become coated with ice or snow, these traffic lanes are dangerous to humans as well as livestock and serious injury may result with falls. We suggest the use of salt, sand, or super-phosphate in order to make them more safe. Have a bucket or barrel of the material handy for quick application.

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heim Pike just off Rt 230 Bypass will be open for visitation from 1:30 to 4 p.m. and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

Miss Dorothy Neel, office manager, said this week, "We hope to have a representative of the county government and the state ASCS office and committee present for the ceremony. Everybody is welcome"

Some people complain because roses have thorns, others are happy because thorns have roses. It seems to be entirely a matter of attitude.

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