

From Where We Stand . . . Farming - Year 2040 Style

"Now it seems this farmer had a dream one night," said the old man, "and there he was living in the year 2040 A.D., and darned if there wasn't the strangest things going on."

"What was it like, grandpa?" asked the smallest of the two listeners. "What was the farms like?"

"Sonny," he said, "There just warn't none to speak of. You see, the suburbs had moved so far out the farm land was all buildings. They was a few farms on top of some of the buildings", he added.

"Grandpa", said the little girl dubiously. "How could the cows live on the buildings? How could they?"

"Cows" said grandpa. "Who said anything 'bout cows? Why they'd all been butchered some years before and all the milk — yessir every last drop come from them manufacturing places — you know them plants that saved the farmer way back."

"Grandpa." "Yessir, little doll, they had machinery that could do just about anything — why it tuk all the gov'ment butter and all the gov'ment cheese and powdered milk — all the surplus that'd been hangin' round for years — and they shoved this stuff into the machines and what'dya think cum out?"

"Milk," said little doll. "But what about when they used it all up? What about that?"

"It would take so many years they figured they'd have somethin' else by then," said grandpa.

"Grandpa," said little doll, again.

"Anyhow," continued grandpa, "On the surface it looked like all the problems is licked — no surplus — no drought, cause there warn't nothing to dry up, no disease, cause there warn't no cows, and best of all the farmer still got his milk check from the gov'ment — cause this old stuff had come from his cows."

Grandpa paused and scratched his head. "But it warn't so at all," he said. "Not for a momment."

"What was wrong, gramps?" asked the little boy.

"In the fust place — where could city people go on the week-end? They was all city folk, now, 'cept a few. And some of them on the buildings would forget they was up there and go plowing right off the buildin'. Then, they was a lot of politicians that didn't know what to talk about, 'cause they warn't no farm problem and the gov'ment jobs were gettin' less and less. Even the sec-

retary of agriculture was lookin' for a job."

Grandpa looked slyly at his two listeners and folded a wad of tobacco into his mouth.

"Wust of all," he said, "Was the eatin'. All the wheat surplus and such had been made into pills, and that's all anybody et. The wimmen folk had no cookin' to do so they set around all day watchin' cineramavision, that was the latest household entainment, and they got fat and lazy and it wade them pretty ornery. On Sunday they'd just roll a few extra large pills out an' go back to the livin' room."

"I don't like it. I don't like it at all," said little doll. "I don't want to get fat and lazy."

"I don't like pills," said the boy.

"I'm glad it was just a dream, grandpa," said little doll. "That couldn't really happen, could it grandpa?"

"Well, now, little one," said grandpa, "I guess mebe it might not happen just like that. But on the other hand — the way things is going and all — everythin' is sure progressin' awful fast."

"Grandpa!", said little doll.
By EDWARD C. O'BRIEN
In Metropolitan Milk Producers' News

HEADACHY HENS TAKE HEART

A university of Arizona release says: "Some chickens live a troubled life. Give them aspirin to ease the pressures and they'll lay more eggs." It's pointed out that this is one conclusion one might reach from research results of Arizona poultry scientists B. L. Reid and B. J. Hulett. They found that adding acetyl salicylic acid (common aspirin) to a poultry ration resulted in hens laying nearly 6 percent more eggs; they don't know why at this time.

PAYS TO ADVERTISE

If the challenge is one of promotion — and it is — then the issue seems to be plainly drawn. Just two of milk's soda pop competitors this year will spend more than \$60 million to tell the story of their products. All competing beverages, lumped together, probably would show a total advertising budget of many times that \$60 million figure.

By comparison, the principal spokesman for the American dairy industry, will be spending little more than \$7 million to tell the story of milk. The point here is obvious.

L. H. BULL
Penna. Secretary of Agriculture

4-H Tobacco

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of Mr and Mrs John J Edwards, Ephrata R1. It was the first purple rosette for Edwards in three years of competition

Harold Leaman, 2554 Creek Hill Road Lancaster, took the honors in project scoring with 975 points out of a possible 100

Judges in the 26 exhibit show were Ben Mann tobacco broker and Richard Charles and Paris Gruber of Bayuk Cigars Inc

All exhibits in the county show will be entered in the Pennsylvania State Farm Show at Harrisburg next week

County tobacco show results were as follows

Wrapper

Northeast — 1 E Randall Edwards, Ephrata R1 (champion) 2 Richard Leaman, 2554 Creek Hill Rd, 3 Harold Leaman, 2554 Creek Hill Rd, 4 Eric Stoner, 1051 Eden Rd

Northwest — 1 Mark Nestleroth, Manheim R3 2 Willis Hackman Jr, Elizabethtown

R1, 3 James Spahn, Lititz tieroth (champion); 2. Richard Long, Lititz ard Buckwalter, Lititz R3; 3 R3; 5 Robert Miller, Lititz Annette Long, 4 Robert Miller, 5 Donald Forrey, Mount Joy R1.

Southwest — 1. Richard Thomas, Millersville R1, 2. David Myer, Millersville R1, 3 Philip Stehman, Conestoga R2

Southeast — 1. Kenneth Hess, Strasburg R1 (reserve champion)

Filler

Northeast — 1 E Randall Edwards, 2 Richard Leaman 3 Harold Leaman, 4. Eric Stoner

Northwest — 1. Mark Nestleroth (champion); 2. Richard Thomas, 965, 3 Mark Nestleroth, 960, 4 Kenneth Hess, 955, 5 Willis Hackman Jr, 950.

Project

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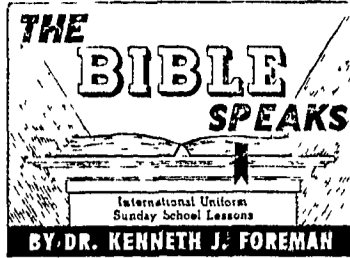
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Jesus' Own Mother Lesson for January 5, 1964

Background Scriptures: Matthew 12 46-50, 13:53-58, Luke 2 19, 39-52; John 2:1-12, 19:25-27, Acts 1 14.
Devotional Reading: Luke 1 46-55.

JESUS is the hero of the New Testament. Other characters meet us in its pages, but no writer in the New Testament takes an interest in anyone else except as they have some connection with the life of Jesus himself. So Mary, his own mother, appears in the Bible not as Queen of Heaven or the Co-Redemptrix of the world, but as the simple, good young woman who was the wife of a village carpenter and the mother of



Dr. Foreman Jesus of Nazareth. We should like to know more about her than we do. She was probably quite young, and also probably not given what we would call a higher education. Yet we know that she was the woman to whom God entrusted Jesus. The church through most of its history has believed that Joseph was not the real father of Jesus; but the church has never thought of denying that Mary was his real mother.

Mary pondering

Mary was a remembering woman. She thought long about the meaning of things—that is what "pondered" means. She took time for events to make their impression on her mind. We know she was a woman of poetic mind. Most of the words attributed to her are in poems, presumably made up, perhaps on the spur of the minute. She was familiar with that great poetry collection and hymn book of her people which we know as the Book of Psalms. She was a woman who loved those Psalms and memorized them and wove them into the fabric of her own mind and memory. She remembered the singing angels, and the angel who first visited her, and the coming of the Magi. She remembers her son as a small boy, and that notable trip to

Jerusalem when he was 12 years old. She was not a woman to go talking all the time with her neighbors. She did not wear her heart on her sleeve. She was not one to live only on the surface of things. She was no doubt a busy and often weary woman. But still she had time to furnish an inner chamber of the heart, a secret world where the wonders of life were cherished and re-lived.

Mary commanding

Jesus as a boy was not given special privileges except no doubt those of any oldest son. One special privilege he did not have: he was not allowed to disobey. We read that he "was subject" to his parents, that is, they directed him, gave him commands. Perhaps the burden of this fell on Mary, for Joseph drops out of the picture and is not heard from in the story after that visit to Jerusalem. Mary was what the poet describes, "A perfect woman, nobly planned, To warn, to comfort and command."

In the story John tells of the wedding at Cana, we hear Mary commanding the servants to do whatever her son directed. This was a turning-point in her life, perhaps. At any rate, somewhere along the road Mary knew the moment which comes to every mother, no matter how loving and good, when she has to let go her control, when her child looks at her with level eyes, the child no longer a boy, a youth, but a man.

Mary praying

The last picture we have of Mary in the New Testament story, is in a prayer meeting. It was in an "upper room," perhaps the very room in which Jesus, six weeks before, had held the Last Supper on the night in which he was betrayed. If you can imagine what that must have meant to Mary's imaginative mind, you may well suppose that Mary was praying as never before. Yet no person ever comes suddenly to a deep prayer life. We may well be sure that Mary had been a woman of prayer through the years. This is important; but even more important is the effect on the growing child Jesus. If he was a real person, and Mary a real mother, we can be sure he learned about prayer first where most of us learn it, at our mother's knees. The man Jesus knew more of life, its joys, riddles and agonies, than the child Jesus. But the faith he breathed in by his mother's side would last till his dying hour.

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Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



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To Order Certified Seed

Many farmers will be ordering their seed supply during the winter months. Certified seed usually costs more than ordinary seed, but it's worth the difference and in most cases will end up to be the cheapest. Certified seed has the backing of purity, expected performance and freedom from weeds. With other seeds we have no guarantee of any of these things and could be buying trouble and poor yields. Be sure you know what you are planting.

To Handle Livestock Carefully

Returns from feeding cattle or hogs are at such a low figure that every possible management practice should be used to reduce losses and bruises. In hogs more than half the bruises occur on the hams and in cattle the loins get injured most of the time. Both of these areas are in the regions of the highest priced cuts. Livestock should be handled quietly, trucked gently, with a minimum of injury to any part of the body.

To Kill Rodents

Snow cover has been with us now for several weeks. Rats and mice have been chased from the fields because of the lack of food, farm buildings will be their winter home if farmers permit the intrusion. The first step is to clean up and eliminate all possible nesting or harboring places; then use poison bait stations to kill the rodents. These rats, and mice do millions of dollars of damage each year on our farms and good farm management will make this saving.

Protect Lawns

If we have much snow this winter, we can expect snow mold in lawns or fine turf where the disease has been a problem, warns A. H. Bauer, extension plant pathologist, at The Pennsylvania State University. Damage from snow mold is reduced or prevented by not piling snow on the lawn and by treating areas with chemicals. Where snow mold has been a problem and much snow falls, see your county agent for further information on snow mold control.