

From Where We Stand . . .

Fifty Years Of Farm Show Progress

The first official, state "farm show" was held in 1917 at 10th and Market Sts., Harrisburg. It was called "The Pennsylvania Corn, Fruit, Vegetable, Dairy Products and Wool Show". How about that? Since only the products listed in that title could be exhibited, aren't you glad they didn't stay with that idea as swine, steers, honey, nuts, poultry, eggs, etc. were added? We are!

About 5000 farm and city folk attended that first show. Secretary of Agriculture Bull estimates an attendance of one-half million for this year's Golden Anniversary Farm Show. This seems like a reasonable estimate since at least that many people have visited every Farm Show since 1938, with the exception of the war years 1943-46 when meetings, but no exhibits were held.

The popular annual event finally outgrew its early facilities, and in 1931 the new Farm Show Building was sufficiently completed to house that year's show. Additions came slowly over the years until the complex reached its present size. We hope that further expansion and improvement, will be considered as indicated.

One needed improvement that was very strongly indicated at last year's show was more effective ventilation to ease the dust and odor problems, particularly in the large arena.

Of an estimated 15 million persons who have attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show since 1917, only three now living are known to have attended all 49

shows to date. These three gentlemen are now all retired, but still living in the Camp Hill area. They will be special guests at this 50th anniversary show.

Highlights of the show over the years have been compiled by the Department of Agriculture into a 64-page historical booklet which will be placed on sale next week by the Farm Show Commission. A condensed version appears in the colorful 40-page Farm Show program book which may be obtained from the county agent's office or at the Farm Show Bldg.

★ Farm Show Weather? ★

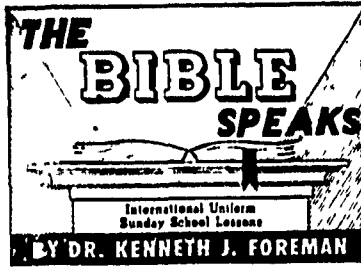
Farm Show weather over the years has attained such a fierce, and dependable, reputation that we now take it for granted. But at this writing the Farm Show opening is still a few days away; the sky is clear; the national weather map shows some snow over the Rocky Mountain areas, but there's no snow in sight for us for the next several days. Where is that rough, cold, white winter the predictors promised?

Looking back at last year's Farm Show Issue of L.F., we said pretty much the same thing. We suggested that the Farm Show carries its weather right along with it. It did.

Only one thing is certain in this respect. We're going to have weather; whether or not it's good weather we'll be looking forward to seeing a lot of old friends at the Farm Show, and, hopefully, meeting some new ones.

So see you at the Farm Show!

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You don't know it now, you have to live in faith for many years. Christian faith is like that; you find the evidence by acting on faith.

Grounds for belief

Not that Christians have no good reasons for their confidence. But these grounds are better seen by a Christian than an outsider. We look at the universe in all its beauty and grandeur, and feel as a famed astronomer did, that the universe is more like a great thought than like a great machine. Such power, such splendor, such order, can only be the product of an Intelligence and Power greater by far than the universe itself.

God's witnesses

There once lived an unbelieving man named Augustine. His mother was a Christian, but not his father and not he. His two great loves were beauty and intellectual power. He found neither in the church. But on his travels he came on a man — a bishop — whose sermons had the intellectual power and moral force Augustine had been looking for, and the worship service at his church had the beauty Augustine had always missed. To make a short story shorter, Augustine became a believer through the faith of Bishop Ambrose. It has usually been like that. Most Christians are such because of their contacts with other Christians. Every real Christian becomes a rock or reliance on whom others rest their faith. Not that true belief is rubber-stamp or second-hand! We come to personal faith through the belief of those we love and admire; but this is only the first stage in erecting faith that is personal and first-hand. The testimony of others becomes blended with the divine whisper within, that we are children of God. If you were God, what better reasons for belief in you could you give than those God in fact has given?

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Why We Believe

Lesson for January 9, 1966

Background Scripture: Psalm 19:1-4, John 1:1-9, Romans 1:19-20, 10:5-17, 1 Timothy 3:14-17
Devotional Reading: Psalm 19.

WHY DO PEOPLE believe anything? Man is a believing animal; indeed he lives by his beliefs. But this is no place and there is no room for investigating beliefs in general. Otherwise we should have to inquire



why men believe all sorts of things — that there is no life on the moon, that potatoes grow better if planted in the dark of the moon, that the moon affects the tides, and so on and so on. Our question is a shorter one: Why do Christians believe as we do? Are our reasons good or bad or do we believe without any reasonable reason at all? Is there solid ground under our feet or is the Land of Faith — so to speak — only a marsh?

Religious beliefs are not like the beliefs of science. The scientist takes the object he is examining into the laboratory and analyzes it. But no worshiper would think of taking God into the laboratory and examining him! You can dissect frogs and you can see the spectrum of sunlight, but it is impossible in the same way to dissect the joy of faith or to chart the spectrum of the Light of the World. Further, religion, especially the religion of Christians, is in a class of beliefs of a peculiar and non-scientific (though far from nonsensical!) sort, namely all beliefs that involve confidence, as Christian faith does. Scientific belief asks for proof first, then belief will follow, but with anything involving confidence, belief has to come first, then evidence or proof follows. For instance, when you learn to swim, you have to believe that the water will hold you up, fat and clumsy though you may be. You can wait forever for proof, the only proof you will ever get is to believe it is true and then act on your belief.

Go To Church Sunday



TOBACCO SHOW CHAMP Melvin S. Fisher, center, examining a fine filler tobacco leaf with judges Vincent Hurst, left, and Ben E. Mann, right. Fisher took championships in both wrapper and filler classes at the Lancaster County Tobacco Show Thursday. L. F. Photo

● Tobacco Show

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E. Mann, Lancaster tobacco broker and Vincent Hurst, retired manager of the Bavuk firm, Show results

OPEN CLASS

Wrapper

Long leaf — 1, Melvin L. Long, 2, R. W. Martin, 3, Melvin S. Fisher, 4, Ross B. Denlinger, 5, Mildred A. Nissley

Short leaf — 1, Melvin S. Fisher, champion, 2, Witmer J. Rohrer, 3, Eugene M. Rohrer, 4, Roy M. Rohrer, 5, R. W. Martin

Binder

Long leaf — 1, Robert B. Leed, champion, 2, Roy M. Rohrer, 3, J. C. Stehman, 4, Melvin L. Long, 5, Melvin S. Fisher.

Short leaf — 1, Witmer J. Rohrer, 2, Susan L. Rohrer, 3, Melvin S. Fisher, 4, Roy M. Rohrer, 5, J. A. Hostetter

Filler

Long leaf — 1, Melvin S. Fisher, champion, 2, J. A. Hostetter, 3, Eugene M. Rohrer, 4, Roy M. Rohrer, 5, Walter K. Cassel.

Short leaf — 1, Roy M. Rohrer, 2, Witmer J. Rohrer, 3, Ross B. Denlinger, 4, Melvin S. Fisher, 5, Eugene M. Rohrer.

FFA

Wrapper — 1, Clifford Bollinger, 2, Richard Thomas, 3, Donald Nissley, 4, Dennis Weaver, 5, Lintford D. Martin

Filler — 1, Richard Thomas, champion; 2, Harry Byers, 3, Larry R. Weaver, 4, Larry High, 5, Roy Bowman.



Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

To Attend Farm Show Meetings

There are many events at State Farm Show which opens at Harrisburg next Monday; many of them are interesting, entertaining, and satisfying. However, there is great educational value to be harvested if progressive farmers will make an effort to include them in their long and tiresome days. I refer to the many meetings of farm organizations and their educational programs. These should be very beneficial and we'd urge all farmers to be present in order to obtain the latest information.

To Be Prepared

Weather conditions have left out any snowfall up until this time; however, we are of the belief that Mother Nature usually comes up with the average for the winter at one time or the other. This means that we might expect some very heavy snowfalls in the remaining months of the winter. These might mean temporary isolation or the loss of power, preparing for such emergency might save considerable suffering and loss of property and materials. We urge some attention to this possibility before it happens.

To Prepare Brood Sows . . . corn or any moldy feeds should not be fed to breeding swine because of danger of disrupting the reproductive cycle. If some moldy corn is to be worked into the grain mixture for fattening hogs, then feed it free choice rather than mixing with good grains. The hogs will eat only so much of the low quality grain, and this will usually not upset their digestive system. Be sure to provide other grain and proteins with the poor quality feed.

To Use Caution with Moldy Corn . . . We don't recommend the feeding of moldy grain to any kind of livestock, but fattening hogs can utilize limited amounts of it with little ill effects. Moldy

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