

Across the

Editor's Desk

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1953 with two suitcases and three decades of enthusiasm from helping people help themselves.

And for another decade he gave southern Asians the best he had, in mind and heart, teaching them (and sometimes himself) much about soils and fertilizer and flies and roosters and love.

It is the story of a great teacher convincing peasants and

professors alike that seeing is the best believing . . . that rigid standards should never stifle imagination . . . that the lowliest man can have a good idea and work his heart out for it when recognized . . . that no project should exclude women and children because the home is fundamental . . . that local leaders are the best promoters . . . that good teaching knows no

classes or races and a good Extension man gets his hands dirty proudly so . . . that one thing well done is worth a dozen half done . . . that self-reliance beats government dole every time . . . that no villager is ever inferior and no university leader ever superior in the end.

It is the story of a man willing to befriend the people he helps—to celebrate their holidays, to play games with their children, to dance around student fires, to take their dousings in colored water, and to "baptize" them with his own water and fun.

A man breaking into song beside a miraculous fertilizer plot, soon joined by a young specialist harmonizing the people's national anthem in their own language as peasants stand deathly still to listen.

A man called a fool by a village mother-in-law returning later to say, "I have changed my mind . . . I did not understand . . . the field is beautiful!" And it was.

A man using less than \$3,200 for his fertilizer and seed in one land where survey-happy committees had dumped \$38 million into a valley that became a graveyard for huge tractors, plows, combines, and other machines—because the people were not FIRST taught efficient water use and fertilizer application.

A man declining a VIP dinner at the governor's mansion to get in a last visit with remote students using NPK pots and skits to act out the value of demonstration.

There is a mighty wholesomeness about this book.

PFA Committees Named

John R. Pitzer, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association (PFA), has announced committees at the PFA 21st annual meeting November 7 to 10 Camp Hill.

Among local persons serving on the committees are: Mr. and

Mrs. James Garber, Mount Joy, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Coble, Hershey, host committee; William R. Myer, Myerstown, chairman of the nominating committee.

Members of the policy development committee include: Arthur D. Hershey, Cochranville; William Guhl, Oxford, and David Brandt, Annville

This is what good men are, what they do and how they live and share and leave the earth richer than they found it.

This is what unselfishness means, a willingness to carry their know-how into foreign valleys flooded with millions of people speaking hundreds of dialects . . . to reach remote villages by worn-out jeep and bike and sometimes by foot . . . to teach with a bag of fertilizer and a bucket of seed . . . to pat a peasant shoulder for trying to show others it will work . . . and never to lose heart or hope.

This is human nature's finest hour This is what man must not lose, if he is to survive

I don't know how many George and Lucretia Shumans are being born on the earth this morning to raise future sons to become "just" simple teachers of men

But I hope to God enough to keep saving man from himself This book can be purchased for \$5.50 (includes mailing and tax) Write: Drum Beats Of Change, 1601 Ridge Road, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

Agronomy Workshop Set, Nov. 16

The 1971 Agronomy Dealer workshop will be held at Fleetwood Grange, Berks County, Tuesday, November 16.

The meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 a.m.

The morning program will emphasize agricultural services and stress that service is the key to repeat business. The discussion will include use of soil testing, forage analysis, plant tissue analysis, plant disease clinic, linear programming, and records programs.

The afternoon program from 1:30 till 4 p.m. will stress chemicals for agriculture. Entomologists, pathologists and agronomists will discuss the use of insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and plant nutrients in producing high yields of top quality crops.

4-H Capon Exhibit Set

A 4-H dressed capon exhibit will be held from 10 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 9 at the Elks Club, 219 N. Duke St., Lancaster.

Exhibitors will be guests of the Lancaster Kiwanis Club for the noon meal. Awards and trophies will be awarded during the meal. Birds will be sold to Kiwanis Club members.

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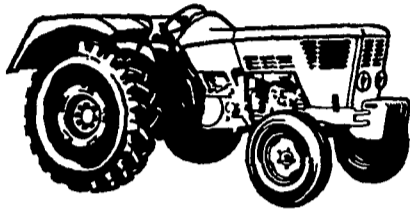
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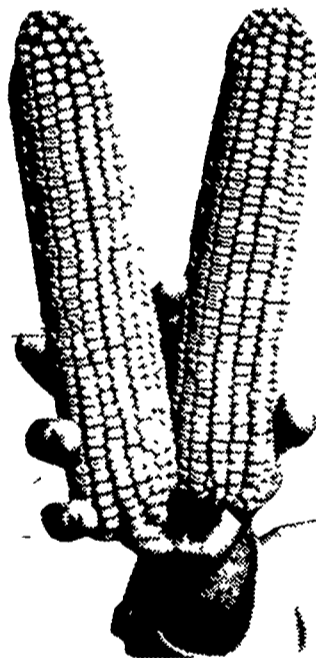
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