

The Wonder of BOOKS

By Martha Epler

IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER

By Sam Levenson

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Excerpts from "In One Era and Out the Other" were recently published in "The Readers' Digest." However, we recommend reading this most enjoyable book in its entirety. Sam Levenson, the author, uses his wit, wisdom and humor to create a most entertaining, but thought-provoking book. Numerous passages throughout may prompt outright laughter; always throughout, however, we may be reminded of a more serious, underlying message.

In his book, Levenson recalls "the good old days," the years of his youth, the "yesteryear." There is a certain nostalgic yearning for the days when life was simpler and questions were more easily answered. By bits and snatches, we are taken into life in the past — life as it was in a Brooklyn neighborhood.

The author bewails the aggravations of modern-day living — the conveniences we enjoy that so often turn into headaches. The author writes of a toaster: "Our toaster works on either AC or DC, but not on bread. It has two settings — too soon and too late. I like my toast dark. IT likes it light. If I try to hold the toast down to get it darker, I can feel the toaster fighting back. If I take my hand off the lever, it will either hurl the toast angrily into the air or hold it down until it becomes a square of charcoal."

The author attributes much of his own "Levensonian" philosophy to that rock of a soul who brought him up — his very own Jewish "Mama." Mama apparently ruled her household with an iron hand, postulating her own brand of Jewish wisdom and moral insight. The reader's admiration for this indomitable spirit grows throughout the book. We fear that there are few with her sturdy determination left — those who demand, and receive, such high respect from their offspring.

We believe that this is a book to be read and appreciated, although viewed differently, by both the younger and older generations. All readers may gain fresh perspective upon life on the other side of the "generation gap"; for this reason, we feel the book is unique. Levenson gives credit to today's Youth, but suggest that there is a certain irony in their obsession with nonconformity.

Levenson is a people-centered man throughout the book, we find "Levensonian" philosophy implying that it is people who really count, not

things. He indicates the lesson that appreciation comes through deprivation. Perhaps, then, as we are deprived of material things, our emphasis necessarily shifts from these things to the people around us!

(As we consider this philosophy further: perhaps herein also lies the appeal of the popular "Waltons" television series. It appeals to the "people-mindedness" in us, not the artificial world of "plastic" things!)

The title "In One Era and Out the Other" implies a contrast, a dissimilarity, a disassociation; however, the book is timeless because it involves an unchanging factor — human nature!

Over The Back Fence

by Max Smith

The application of the dormant oil spray to many kinds of fruit and shade trees might be getting some attention; this late winter spray is excellent for the control of insects such as scale on fruit trees and various kinds of shrubs. The winter oil material should be used just before the tree opens the first buds. The time of the year will depend upon weather conditions; however, it is usually late March or early April. In addition to the dormant oil spray, the tree or shrub should again be sprayed during the summer with another insecticide such as Malathion or Diazinon. Heavy scale infection is quite common and more property owners should give

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Boro To Take Automatic Collection Action

Delinquent water and sewer bills due to Mount Joy Borough Authority are not to be tolerated and legal action is to be taken.

At its March meeting, held Tuesday evening, the fifth, the Authority authorized the borough manager to automatically begin collection proceedings through the office of the district magistrate.

Bills which are not paid at the end of two quarters are subject to the action.

In discussing the situation, Manager George Ulrich said that he did not have in hand a count of the number of accounts which are delinquent; he did say that there

are nearly a dozen customers who are "chronic cases."

The action last week opens the way for the Authority to take legal action to collect without a continuing problem of visitations, broken promises to pay and threats.

Delinquent accounts will be handled automatically through the magistrate's office and collection will thus cost the customer a total amount considerably larger than if had paid his bill on time. Collection costs will be added to the original amount of the water and sewer bill.

St. Mark's Seeks Housing For German Musical Group

A musical group of 53 persons from the Stuttgart, Germany area, comprised equally of men and women, and coming from a number of different churches, will be visiting in the Mount Joy area over the Palm Sunday

weekend.

They will be arriving here on Saturday evening, April 6, and leaving for Washington, D.C., on Monday morning, April 8.

Sponsoring the group will be St. Mark's United Methodist Church of Mount Joy. Church members will assume host and hostess responsibilities for most of the visitors. However, because of the unusually large size of the visiting group, the community is being asked to help provide the church in this situation and who wishes to participate in an exciting experience of goodwill should contact Rev. W. Richard Kohler at once.

The Wesley Choir, the name by which the German group goes, will present a Palm Sunday afternoon concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Mark's Church. The concert will include choir selections by Scarlatti, Reger, Mendelssohn, Schutz, Johann Christoph Bach, Telemann, Franck, & Pachelbel. There will be solos for trumpet, trombone, flute, recorder and oboe.

The public is invited to share in the housing of these foreign guests and to attend the Palm Sunday concert which is free of charge.



some attention to the dormant oil spray this spring.

It hardly seems possible but the spring seeding time is only a month away; early spring is the time to broadcast alfalfa or red clover seeds in winter grain if this method is to be used. Some growers will make the first application late in February and the other half of the seeds two weeks later. With the broadcast method of seeding legumes it is strongly suggested that the work be done during late February or early March. Late March or April broadcast seedings have less chance of success. Certified seed should be used if available; if not, then homegrown seeds should be tested for purity and germination in the state seed testing laboratory at Harrisburg. Don't be guilty of using poor seed or of broadcasting weed seeds in your new hay field.

This is the time of the year when we start thinking about planning for the crops and work to be done this spring and summer. No doubt many good farmers have been doing this planning for the past several months. We have often been told that good management is much better for success than any of the chemicals or antibiotics that we might depend upon to get us out of trouble.

Timely Tips for Women

By Doris W. Thomas

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PERSONALIZE CLOTHES WITH STITCHERY

Stitchery is an enjoyable and creative way to spend your leisure. Stitchery is an art form that tells a story and gives your clothing a deeply personal touch. Since you can use this art to remember your favorite moments and events, it's like a colorful real-life diary.

Embroidery can add a new look to garments for your wardrobe. Or it can help revitalize and update older clothes. Some areas which lend themselves to stitchery are yokes, collars, cuffs, bibs and borders on skirts, ties, belts, vests and neckline treatment.

Consider several areas when you begin your embroidery. The fabric, yarn, colors and textures should have some continuity. Select fabric with a fairly open plain weave such as wool challis, linen, homespun and lightweight wool. These fabrics are loose enough to let your yarn and needle go through without puncturing the fabric or creating puckers.

Use embroidery thread appropriate for the fabric. It should have the same fiber quality and take the same care as the finished garment.

Cotton embroidery floss is appropriate for cotton and polyester fabrics that will be machine or hand laundered.

When you use wool fabric, crewel yarn works up beautiful. You might like to use crewel yarn with all fabrics unless you are going to wash rather than dryclean the item. Crewel yarn comes in assorted colors and is fairly expensive. It has the right twist and weight to work with easily.

You'll need to use embroidery or crewel needles for stitchery. The eye of the needle has to be large enough for the yarn to go through but not so large that the eye punctures your fabric. For these reasons, crewel needles work best.

Use an embroidery hoop if you want to. It keeps the fabric taut so your embroidery stitches are formed with the proper amount of tension.

When not using a hoop, you should work on a flat surface such as a table top, being certain you aren't pulling the stitches.

Keep the fabric surface flat so the stitches appear to be raised from it--this eliminates puckers around the stitched area.

After you've completed the stitchery, give the area a slight press to help remove any puckers. Place the stitched area face down on a terry cloth towel. Press lightly with a steam iron or hold the iron above the fabric and let the steam penetrate. By using a towel, you help prevent the embroidery from being flattened out.

HOW TO STORE LEFTOVER EGG YOLKS AND WHITES

If you're storing leftover egg yolks, cover them with cold water and store in your refrigerator in a tightly closed container. Use within a day or two.

If you have leftover egg whites, also refrigerate them promptly in a tightly closed container and use within a day or two. But do not cover

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