

**SPRING LAMBS**

I still can see my father going to the barn,  
His lantern shining on the snowy ground  
To feed his sheep. Long hours before the sun  
Brought feeble glow to February cold,  
He found their newborn lambs who muzzled there  
Against their mother's breasts for warmth and food.  
Sometimes he brought these babies into the house,  
And warmed them in a box behind the stove.  
My mother was solicitous and kind,  
For here were little lives that she might save;  
She brought a scrap of blanket and warm milk,  
But most, I think, she warmed them with her love.  
The lambs who start their lives in April sun  
Or try their legs in thawing days of March  
Are not so much a burden on my heart,  
For they know more of springtime's gentleness.  
But February lambs evoke a prayer  
Whenever icy snowbanks bite the air.  
—Amy Vance Weeks.

**Twenty Years Ago**

Taken from the Edition of the Canadian Champion, April 16th, 1925

Last Saturday, the High School Board received tenders for the proposed \$15,000 addition to school building and approved of one of them, but it could not award the contract without the approval of the Town Council which will meet next Tuesday evening, approval is expected.

News comes from Burlington that its baseball club has re-organized and expects to enter the Halton League, to be composed of Burlington, Milton, Bronte, Campbellville, Acton, Carlisle and Georgetown. Nothing has been heard here of the re-organization of the league and it is not at all sure that Milton can round up an Intermediate Team.

Mrs. C. Bescoy has sold the barbering business of her late husband, to an Orangeville man named Cox, who will take possession on May 1st. Mrs. Bescoy will leave Milton for Windsor to join her two daughters, who have been there for quite some time.

**BORN**

McLENNAN—In Milton on Sunday, April 12th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. James A. McLennan, a son.

**Crippled Girl May Walk Because Of A Soldier's Letter**

Appeal to Mrs. Roosevelt Results in Operation and Relief for Polio Victim

NEW YORK (CP)—Because a private in the uniform of the U.S. Army Air Corps wanted to do "something big" before he engaged in combat, a girl who has been in a wheel chair for 13 years will walk again.

In 1931, poliomyelitis pounced upon 11-year-old Alice Helwig in the little town of Glendow Landing. When hospital treatment had done all it could, she was sent home—a "wheel chair case."

Before he enlisted Private Raymond Lee used to live just up the street. He knew he would soon be sent overseas and might not come back. The thing uppermost in his mind was a great desire to do something to help get Alice on her feet again. Finally the idea came—why not write Mrs. Roosevelt? She would know if anyone did.

"I hate to bother you," he said in his letter addressed to the White House, "but before long I'll go overseas, I'd like to do my darndest to help this girl, so, if anything should happen to me, I'll know I did something big in my life,—that is big in the eyes of God. You see, this girl lives in my old home town and she is the loveliest, cheeriest and the nicest person anyone could meet.

"Don't think I'm asking for charity" he put down in his compact handwriting, "I don't make a whole lot when it comes to a thing like this, but I have a little money saved and I guess maybe I could borrow a little back home, I'll manage to get the money necessary somehow. But I do ask for advice—I know nothing of doctors, hospitals, specialists and such."

The letter was forwarded to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Nassau County Chapter in Hempstead, N.Y., was immediately contacted. Machinery was set in motion to do everything that could be done to help. There was no need to accept the soldier's offer to use his savings and his army stipend.

A complete physical examination of Alice Helwig, now 24, showed she was suffering from the acute contractions characteristic of the disease. Operations were performed on both hips and upon the contracted tendons of each leg. Her slender young body straightened. Her blue eyes were bright with hope. She could stand on her feet. She could walk a few steps. Walk . . .

Somewhere in Italy Private Lee received the good news.

Alice Helwig is not going to spend the rest of her life in a wheel chair. All because a 20-year-old boy on his way to combat in the greatest of all war wanted to help her—to do "something big in the eyes of God."

**The Sunday School Lesson**

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1942

**PIONEERS OF FAITH**

Golden Text.—By faith: Abraham, when he was called, obeyed, and he went out, not knowing whither he went. Heb. 11: 8.

Lesson Text.—Gen. 12: 1-2; Ac. 7: 4-7, 12-17.

Exposition.—I. Abram Answers God's Call. Gen. 12: 1-2.

In this selection of Scripture we see God selects a man to become the head of a new chosen race. Here we find Abram in Maran. When the first call came he was in Mesopotamia (Ac. 7: 2). Abram obeyed the call then promptly but not fully, he got out of his country but not into the country God showed him. He stopped at Haran. Abram has many followers to-day, they get out of Mesopotamia but not away in Canaan. They stop at Haran (Ac. 7: 4). The call was to leave (1) "thy country;" (2) "thy kindred;" (3) "thy father's house." A rather searching test that but it comes to many (Luke 14: 33; Matt. 10: 37). Every child of God has a call to separation (2 cor. 6: 17, 18). One reason why God called Abram out of kindred and country was because they were idolaters (Jos. 24: 2; Gen. 31: 19, 20). Furthermore God had great purposes about training a covenant people and the land of Canaan was just the land, adapted as no other spot on earth for that purpose.

It was a tremendous trial of Abram's faith to go out. God held up as a recompense His own wondrous promise. He did not even tell Abram where the land was (Heb. 11: 8), but led him one step at a time. Abram had only God's word of command and promise. That was enough for him. But it was an exceeding good land which God showed him and it is a good land God will show us if we just go out at His bidding. There were seven promises connected with the call to get out of his own land into the land Jehovah showed him. The first promise made a great tax upon faith to believe: "I will make of thee a great nation." Abram was 75 years old and childless (ch. 17: 6; 18: 18). It has been fulfilled to the letter and has had a still larger spiritual fulfillment (Rom. 4: 16). The promise, "I will make thy name great" has been marvelously fulfilled. Abraham's name is great among Jews and Mohammedans as well as Christians. It pays to believe and obey God. The promises were accompanied by a significant command, "be thou a blessing" (R. V.). A solemn obligation rests upon the one God blesses to be a blessing to others. Jehovah undertook to bless them that blessed Abram and to curse the one that cursed him (Matt. 25: 34, 40, 41, 45; Ex. 23: 22). God is dealing in the same way to-day with those who bless or curse Abram's descendants the Jews. It is remarkable how this is proven throughout history. No nation which persecutes Jews prospers while so doing.

**II. Making a Nation, ac. 7: 4-7.**

God's foreknowledge is clearly set forth in this passage. Imagine Abraham taking the great venture simply because he felt God was leading him. See him on the steppes of Charran. Tarry with him in imagination as his father died and he was left to his own devices. Then see him going on through foreign, hostile country following God's lead, until he comes to Canaan and rests on the plains of Manre. Here he is a lonely pilgrim childless and yet following the Spirit's lead and accepting the assured promise that his seed should possess all that land. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform" (Rom. 4: 20, 21).

God did perform His promise to Abram and his descendants came into glorious possession of the land (1 Ki. 10: 6-9). But God also foresaw the experience of Israel in Egypt (v. 6). This was the time when the family of Jacob moved down to Goshen under the protection of Joseph and Pharaoh (Gen. 47: 10-12). Out of that little group of seventy there developed a great people who in time become so numerous as to become a threat to the Egyptians themselves (Ex. 1: 7-11). In the days of their affliction, when it seemed their lot was hopeless, God raised up Moses at the last as He had raised up Joseph at the beginning (Gen. 45: 4-5; Ex. 3: 4-10).

A lesson to Gentile nations is to be learned from v. 7. We know the history of Egypt. From the lofty eminence of the world's supreme power Egypt fell to the state of a nation of slaves, constantly overrun by enemies and ruled by alien kings. This is the severe penalty nations face which pay no heed to the Word of God and His revealed purpose in His prophecies regarding His people, the descendants of Abraham. The Jew belongs in Palestine, and he will never be blessed or be a blessing to the world until he is restored as Israel in the land promised to his fathers (Rom. 11: 13-29).

**III. The Faith of a People, 12-17.**

The recapitulation of the experience of Jacob and Joseph reminds us of what is written in Heb. 11: 20-22. God has spoken His word to Abraham. In the faith that God had spoken Jacob and Joseph grew up. Thus was begun the long line of revelation

through which the Scriptures grew. It was fathers passing on to sons the holy principle that God has spoken (Heb. 1: 1; 4: 12, 13; 12: 25-29). This is our duty and privilege to-day—to hear and believe the Word of God in faith, yield it reverence and obedience and pass it on.

**BOATBUILDING HOBBY OF NAVY PRISONERS**

LONDON (Reuters)—The white ensign and "red duster" have flown on fleets of "ships" in three prisoner-of-war camps in Germany for five years. The models, which range from steamships and yachts to feluccas, dhows and daunches, sail daily in a pond 52 feet by 20 feet, the only link with the sea for 7,000 British sailors of the Royal and Merchant navies. Modelbuilding is the universal pastime of the men. A large and critical crowd collects for every "launching." Some naval prisoners have designed and built as many as a dozen fine sailing models, some of them worth as much as £100 (\$450) if put on sale in a west-end London shop. One enthusiast built a 10-foot dingy to row himself around the pool.

**GROWING COMMUNITY**

MONCTON (CP)—A war-born community has sprung up just outside this city. Named Lakeburn, the settlement spawned with the influx of airmen and war workers to Moncton, has become large enough to have a town council.

**MEN OF ARN HEM IN LONDON**



Paratroopers who took part in the memorable battle for Arnhem. In December 438 of these men marched to Buckingham Palace, London, to see 62 of their comrades decorated by the King, and the march was almost unnoticed. This picture shows the 438 on their way back to the barracks after the investiture.

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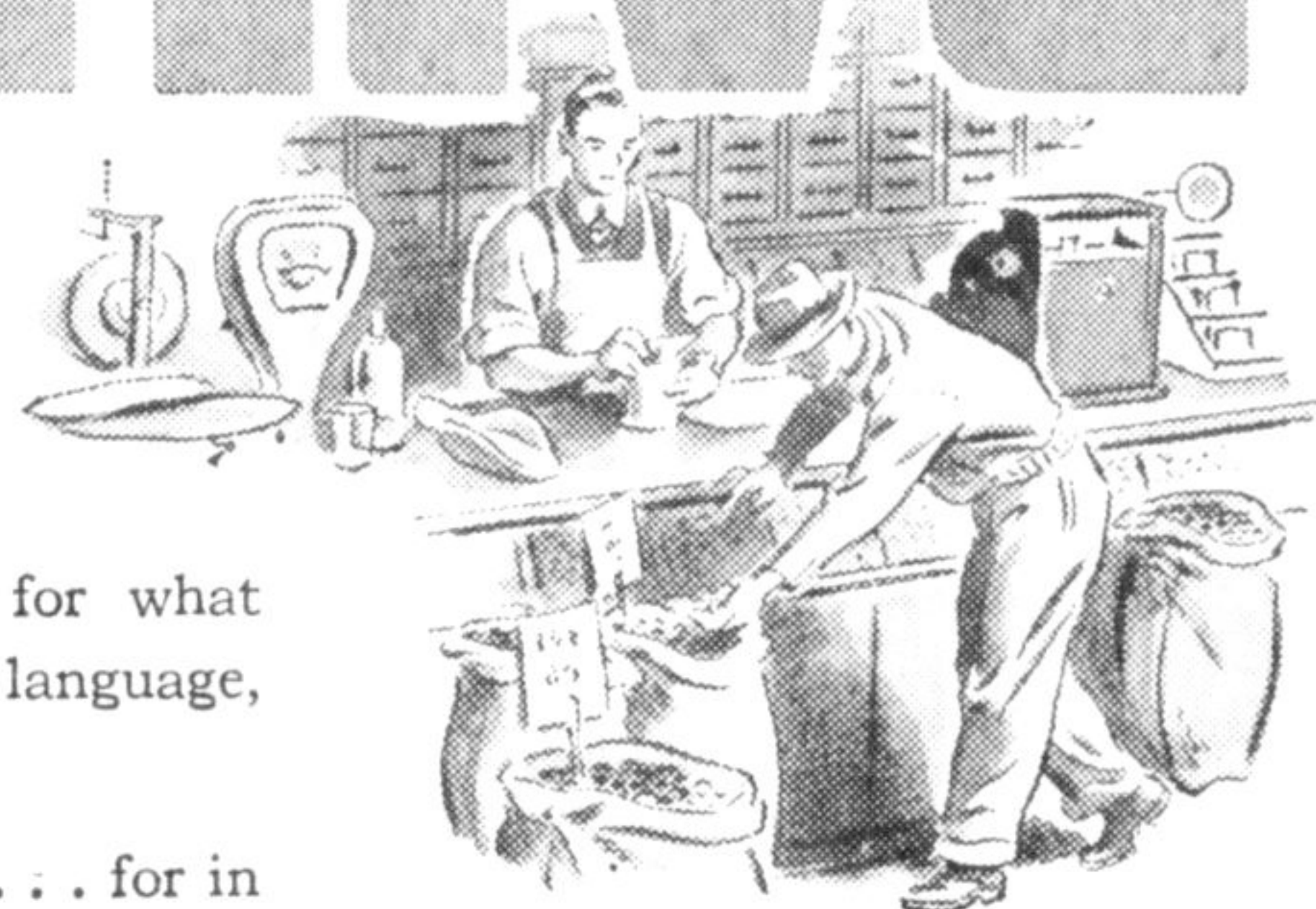
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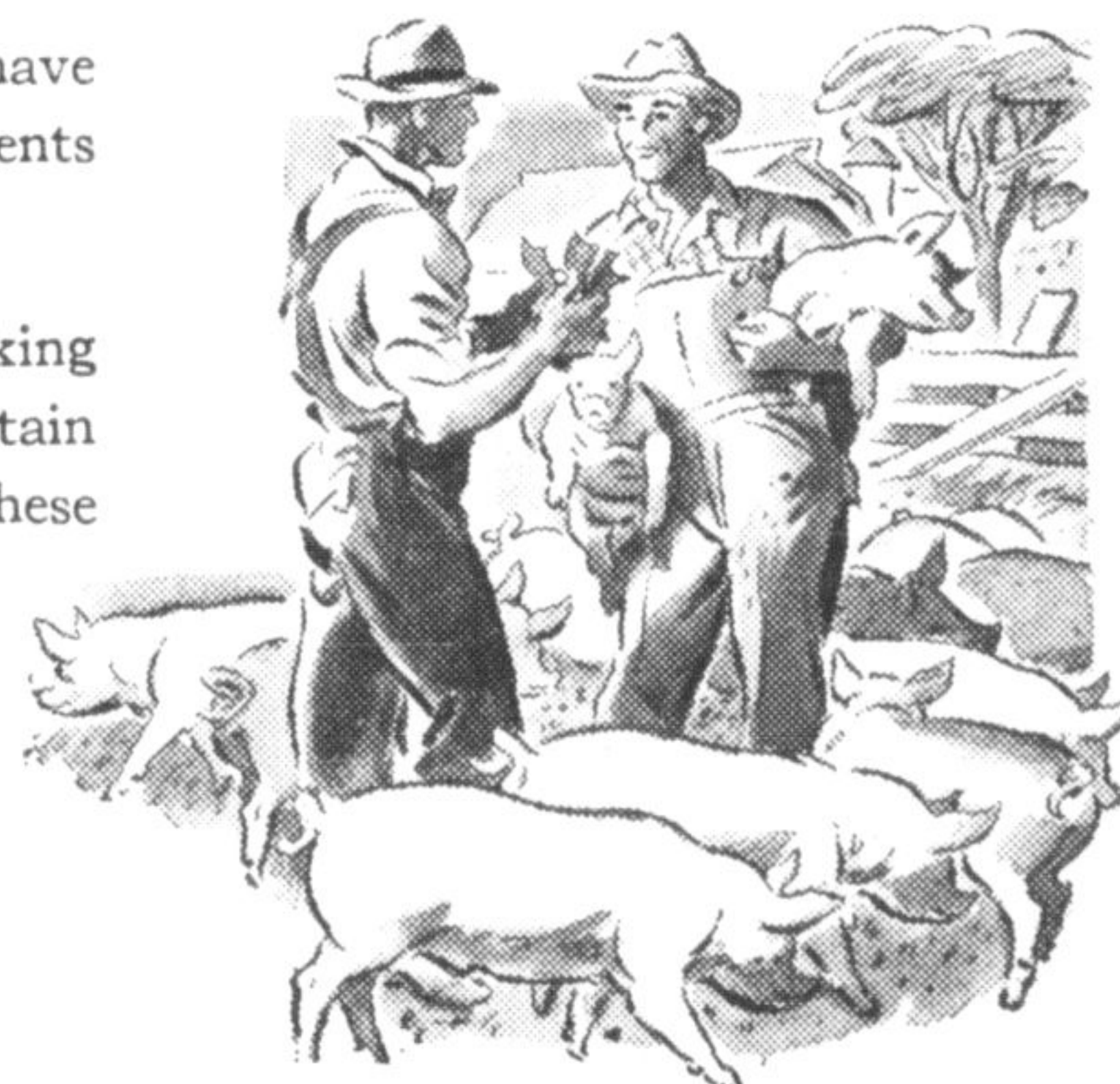
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