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Every Farm's A Laboratory

For Rural Economics — Problems In Taxation, Land Utilization, Consumer Preference All Come Into It.

Farmers have always been concerned with the economic aspects of their business, stated Dr. J. F. Booth, Associate Director of Marketing, Agricultural Economics, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in a recent address to the Saskatchewan and Alberta Dairy Associations. Everything that relates to price and income is referred to under the general heading of "economics."

Study Representative Farms

Whereas a scientist in other fields has his laboratory or experimental plot for research and experimentation, the agricultural economist must work with data obtained from farms, business concerns, and other establishments. In dealing with production problems, the farm is the economist's laboratory. His results are based upon the study of representative farms in selected areas of production. Many studies undertaken by the Economics Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture include hundreds of farms. In marketing research, those actually handling form products, privately owned and co-operative associations alike, are requested to provide information concerning their business activities. Problems in farm taxation, rural credit, land utilization, and settlement, and consumer preference are all approached on the same basis.

Royal Barber

After the forthcoming visit of the King and Queen to Canada, Paul E. Tasse, Ottawa barber, will be entitled to flaunt the royal coat of arms on his business shingle—"By appointment to His Majesty the King." Tonsorial artist Tasse has been apointed to accompany the royal party across Canada and to keep His Majesty's locks and whiskers in trim. He is shown in the Chateau Laurier administering to a client, where one of his star customers is Premier Mackenzie King.

Ontario Crops Wintered Well

Wheat And Clover Generally In Good Shape — Maple Syrup Run Short

Ontario crops generally wintered well, agricultural representatives throughout the province reported to the Department of Agriculture last week. Conditions in most maple-syrup centres pointed to short runs.

Lack of demand for hay in Cochrane district has many settlers there considering livestock raising more seriously than usual. Some are said planning to keep more sheep, others more cattle. Firmness of hog prices has been gratifying to farmers, particularly in Eastern Ontario.

Day time thaws followed by freezing at night have damaged fall wheat in the Niagara district but good weather from now on will keep rust fairly low. Halton and Wentworth counties reported wheat and clover in good shape.

Apple Packers Busy

Apple packing houses in Grey county reported brisk sales at advancing prices. The Georgian Bay crop is largely sold and stocks will be liquidated much earlier than customary if demand continues. Several fruit growers in Welland County have started spraying operations.

Muskoka and Parry Sound farmers were reported better situated in regard to seed supplies than for some years. The seed showed high vitality, but some grain did not fill satisfactorily due to rust. Seed cleaning plants in Northern Ontario were running to capacity.

Well-Known Bird Dogs Will Compete In Field Trials

Some of the dogs entered for the spring trials at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Sunday, April 16, are shown lined up here. With the dogs are a number of well known owners and handlers: Ed. McCoy, Hamilton; G. G. Vincent, Pt. Nelson; Fred Jeffries, London; Wallace Brown and Gordon Harkness, Toronto.

Sunday School Lesson

LESSON III

PAUL ESTABLISHES CHURCHES

Printed Text, Acts 14:1-7, 19-23
Golden Text — **"As a wise master-builder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon." 1 Cor. 3:10**

The Lesson In Its Setting

Time — We cannot ascertain definitely how long Paul remained in each of these cities, but we are probably justified in placing the time for these events in A.D. 48 and 49.

Place — Principally in the cities of Iconium, Lystra and Derbe, in Asia Minor, and Antioch in Syria.

1. And it came to pass in Iconium that they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, And so spake, The conversion of a very great multitude of Jews and Greeks at this time was due to the manner in which the apostle had spoken. That a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed.

Difficulties in Iconium

2. But the Jews that were disobedient stirred up the souls of the Gentiles, and made them evil affected against the brethren. One would have thought Luke would say, "the Jews who did not believe." What he means by the word "disobedient" is that they disobeyed God in not receiving his message.

3. Long time therefore they tarried there. The reason for the long tarrying was not the success of the work, but its difficulties. Speaking boldly in the Lord. Who bare witness unto the word of his grace. These men went into new cities with no new message, but with the same message, adapting their method of presentation, but never changing the truth. Granting the sign because it signified, or indi- their hands. A miracle was a wonder because it caused wonderment on the part of the people; it was a sign because it signified, or indicated that God's power was resting upon these men.

4. But the multitude of the city was divided; and part held with the Jews, and part with the Apostles.

5. And when there was made an onset both of the Gentiles and of the Jews with their rulers, to treat them shamefully and to stone them. Stoning was the Jewish mode of punishment for blasphemy and such these Jews would represent the teaching of the apostles to be.

6. They became aware of it, and fled into the cities of Lyconia, Lystra, and Derbe, and the region round about: 7. and there they had preached the gospel. But simply to state the facts and leave the principle to shine through them; and here it shines clearly through them for he made the limit of Roman territory the limit of his work, and turned back when he came to Lystra.

Why do we read that the apostles fled from Iconium? Would it not have been far more courageous to have stayed there and suffered death? Sometimes it is needful to fling away your life for Jesus; but if it can be preserved without shirking duty, it is better to flee than die. A voluntary martyr is a suicide.

Paul Stoned

19. But there came Jews thither from Antioch and Iconium; and having persuadeded the multitudes they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

20. But as the disciples stood all round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Barnabas to Derbe.

21. — And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium, and to Antioch. The apostles went back over the ground which they had traveled before, that they might provide for the spread of the seed of the word which they had imperiled themselves so greatly to sow. They went back to the storm and the stones. That is what missionaries have been doing from the beginning. They are doing it today in China.

22. Confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. Paul said to these men as he went back, 'Do not look at the seen things in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, continue in the faith.' This is the great word that ever needs to be uttered for the establishment of Christian life. He exhorted them to patience in tribulation, because that was the way of victory.

Elders In Every Church

23. And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed. The disciples were gathered together into a church or community having a common life, ruled by laws, governed by disciples. The rulers in these little communities were called elders and bishops. At the head of each Christian community there was a college of elders who were responsible for the teaching and the discipline of the community. These elders were solemnly set apart for the office by prayer, fasting, laying on of hands, and then followed the commendation to the Lord, the special service of prayer and exhortation which accompanied every peculiarly solemn act in the apostolic church."

26. And thence they sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. From these cities Paul and Barnabas worked their way down to the coast, and then from Attalia took ship to Seleucia, on the Syrian coast, whence they went on, to Antioch, from which they had departed at the beginning of this great missionary journey.

27. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles.

Say Polar Bears Are Left-Handed

And Superstitious, Too, According To Member of Arctic Expedition

Polar bears are left-handed and superstitious, if the views of David Haig-Thomas and his Eskimo guides are correct.

Haig-Thomas, Cambridge rowing Blue and member of the 1937-38 Ellesmere Island expedition, said his observations of polar bears showed they always used their left paws in preference to their right.

Won't Break Seal's Skull

His Eskimo friends, he said, told him polar bears would never break a seal's skull if it could be avoided. Their hesitation to break a skull, in Eskimo opinion, was a sign they agreed with the Eskimo belief that if a hunter breaks an animal's skull his spirit will be released and will not permit him to hunt successfully thereafter.

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"BEWARE OF PITY"

By Stefan Zweig

This, the first long novel by the famous author of "Marie Antoinette," is a psychological study, profoundly moving, of a beautiful crippled Austrian girl who falls in love with a young cavalry officer. The young man's pity causes him to form a close friendship with the girl which culminates in a crisis of great intensity.

Tragedy of the starkest kind brings this dramatic story to a close. The two young people become engaged but a misunderstanding drives the sensitive and impetuous girl to commit suicide, and there is an end both of pity and of love.

The lesson of Mr. Zweig's tale is that there are two kinds of pity—the selfless kind that heals and the selfish kind that wounds.

"Beware of Pity" by Stefan Zweig . . . Toronto: Macmillan Company of Canada, Ltd. . . . $2.50.

King and Queen Arrive at Opera House

Looking every inch the monarchs they are, the King and Queen were pictured when they arrived at the Covent Garden Opera House where a gala performance was put on in honor of visiting President and Mme. Lebrun of France.

Brantford Triplets Receive Novel Birthday Gifts

Norma, Betty and Margaret Mars, triplets of Brantford, Ont., received autographed, hand-wrought rolling pins when they celebrated their 12th birthday recently. Judging by the stance of each of the girls they seem to know that a rolling pin can be used for something else besides rolling pastry.

Canned roses at moderate prices may soon be on the market in winter.

The blooms, preserved by a secret process known only to its discoverer, a well-known British rose grower, are as dewy and as fresh when taken from their tins in December as they were when plucked in June, but they have no odor.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

WHEN George Washington, Robert Morris and General Ross called at the home of Betsy Ross, they showed her a sketch of a flag and asked her if she would make it for them. They had selected a six-pointed star because they thought it was easier to make. Betsy won them over to a five-pointed star when she showed them how to make this type with one clip of the scissors.

NEXT: How far can a grasshopper jump?

National Insignia

HORIZONTAL

1 Coat of arms of ——, pictured here.
5 River in this country.
11 Disorganized retreat.
12 Abundance.
13 To harden.
14 To deem.
16 Southeast.
17 Tiny vegetable.
19 And.
21 X.
22 Tone B.
23 People.
28 Act of twisting.
30 Rubber tree.
31 Recedes.
33 Poem.
34 Notice of a proposed marriage.
36 Stepped.
37 Heavenly body.
38 Duet.
40 Thing.
41 Blue grass.
42 Exists.
44 Market.
46 Ache.
48 Morindin dye.
49 Policeman.
51 Curved like a sickle.
53 Sloths.
54 Queer.
56 Gap in a hedge.
57 Finish.
58 This country's President.
59 Mountains in this country.

VERTICAL

1 Pair.
2 Aurora.
3 Regrets.
4 Speaks.
5 Since.
6 Map makers.
7 Strangers.
8 Girdle.
9 Native metal.
10 Northeast.
15 This country is a ——
18 Its mountains are rich in ——.
20 Tissue.
21 Touched with the toes.
22 Ice cream drink.
24 To rupture.
25 Either.
26 Fiber knots.
27 Frightened.
28 Transgression.
29 A particle.
32 Frozen water.
35 Total.
37 Male child.
39 Simpleton.
41 Pastry.
43 Ulcer.
45 Branches.
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52 Billiard rod.
53 Conjunction.
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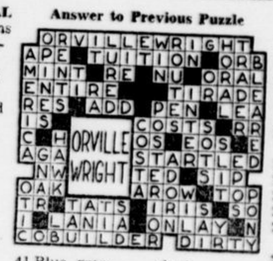
Answer to Previous Puzzle



REG'LAR FELLERS—Many Happy Returns

By GENE BYRNES

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