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Romance of the Orchard

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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HAYWARD was celebrating its twentieth anniversary as a city and that progressive little place that had been designated in times past as a village or a town was glorying in its present place in politics and the map as the City of Hayward.

And by far the most interesting function of this, the twentieth birthday, was the great garden party being held in the orchard that twenty years before had been a barren field in the center of the town. Upon the day that Hayward was made a city, forty young people had each planted a fruit tree and in the old romantic

periences and with a very considerable fortune, found himself keenly interested in the garden party in the orchard. But deep in his steady heart was the hurt that, twenty years before, he had suffered from.

Helen had been only seventeen then and he was four years older. They had been sweethearts. He had helped her plant the young apple tree and it was his penknife that had carved her initial on the bark. They had planted their apple trees as close as the watchful gardener would permit and the only incident that had marred that perfect day had been the arrival upon the scene of Conrad Wood. He, too, had planted his tree close to Helen's and even now, after twenty years, Milton recalled the arrogant glance in Conrad's eyes which said plainly enough that Helen would be his or he'd know the reason why.

And Helen had been his. He had swept her off her feet with his wooing and had married her before the young trees in the orchard had taken root.

With her going, all that made life wonderful to Milton had gone, too. He left Hayward and during the intervening years had heard little of the home news.

The garden party was in full swing and he, among the others, was searching for his tree. He vaguely remembered that the three apple trees stood somewhat apart from the others and for these three he looked.

Then, standing beneath the branches of a glorious tree, he saw a woman whose eyes looked back at him from beneath the wide brim of her hat. The eyes were deeply blue and held much of the world's knowledge behind them—sad eyes, but gloriously lovely.

At sight of Milton Wentworth a flame leaped into those eyes and at the same moment Milton strode forward.

"It is you—Helen! The Helen of long ago—" His hand had clasped the one extended and they stood beneath the apple tree with that almost breathless silence that often claims two people who have loved each other—in the long ago.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC

By the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D.

December 2nd—What Is Our "Reasonable Service?" Romans 12:1, 2.

The twelfth chapter marks the watershed, the great divide of the Epistle to the Romans. In the first eleven chapters the Apostle Paul deals with a great doctrinal subject. But when he turns the corner at the twelfth chapter he becomes intensely practical. This is the order which he usually follows as is evidenced in a number of his other epistles. The word "therefore" marks the transition from the doctrinal to the practical. Whenever the Bible we meet

which was the language in which they were originally written. So much of the inner meaning of the Bible is missed by our depending solely upon the English translation. Many times we do not have the English word which expresses the precise meaning of the Greek word. The Greek makes such fine distinctions, observes such delicate shades of difference which do not always appear in the translation. "Your reasonable service!" The Revised version has it, "Your spiritual service." The original, however, is much richer and more suggestive. The word "reasonable" in the Greek is the same as our word "logical." And the word "service" means worship, rather than work, services rather than service. Literally translated the words "reasonable service" might mean a "logical liturgy." In fact the whole verse harks back to the sacrificial system among the Jews which was a part of their worship. The Jews brought their sacrifices to Jehovah. They offered up animals without blemish. They poured out the blood of these dumb beasts in order to satisfy Jehovah and win His favor. The idea of sacrifice was deeply ingrained in the religious life of these people. The idea passed over into the New Testament, and it is interesting to trace the language of the sacrificial system through the writings of St. Paul, and especially in the Epistle to the Hebrews. When, therefore, the Apostle writes to the Roman Christians, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice unto God, which is your reasonable service," he was drawing a contrast between the sacrifices to which the Jews were formerly accustomed and the sacrifices which they were now to offer in the new order upon which they had entered. The old sacrifices consisted of animals, birds and beasts, lambs and rams. They



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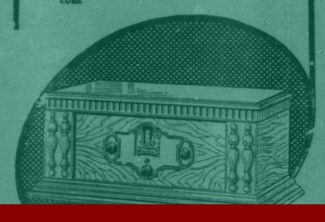
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J. W. Wuichet, extension specialist in animal husbandry at the Ohio State university, reports this in a new 48-page bulletin, "Pork Production in Ohio," recently off the press at Columbus, and available for distribution.

"A survey of Ohio packers has shown that almost 54 per cent of the hogs desired ranged in weight from 180 to 240 pounds, and more than 40

on each additional pound of gain.

"Complaint is sometimes made that the packers do not seem to buy many of the hogs from the territory adjacent to the packing house, but prefer to buy them elsewhere. The answer almost invariably is that the hogs being produced in that territory are not of the kind the packer can use to best advantage, and he is, therefore, forced to seek elsewhere for his supply.

"A little inquiry or study on the part of the producer to ascertain the demands of the local packer, and then meet them, will generally result in a more satisfactory sale and purchase of hogs locally. To make a long story short, produce what the market wants and there will be little trouble in finding a satisfactory market."

No Big Advantage in Warm Water for Hogs

The Missouri experiment station has conducted trials to determine the value of heating the drinking water for hogs which are on winter feed These experiments were with fall pigs fed during the winter. There were a large number of different combinations such as warm drinking water and warm feed, cold drinking water and warm feed, cold feed and cold water, cold water and cooked feed, cold feed and warm water, etc. These experiments did not show any advantage for warming either water or feed or for cooking feed. It is of course important that fattening hogs, or hogs of any kind, have all the water which they need to drink. Sometimes the warming of water might help in this respect, but if a reasonable amount of care is taken to see that the hogs have a chance to drink cold water (not ice) we believe that ordinarily it will not pay to go to the trouble to heat the water.

Soy Beans Fed Cattle Take Place of Oilmeal

Soy beans will take the place of oilmeal in the ration for steers in the feed lot. From two to three pounds