

Alaska, It May Surprise You, Supports A Vigorous Agriculture, Is Good Market

TEXANS got a terrible set-back this week Texas is no longer the largest state in the Union Alaska the 49th state, now claims this honor

Known for years as Seward's Icebox and as Seward's Folly, the new state was purchased from Russia in 1867 for the sum of 75 million dollars Since that time, many more dollars in gold have been extracted from Alaska than were paid for it

When Secretary Seward bought Alaska most people believed that he had bought a huge lump of ice almost incapable of supporting human life Some people still tend to think this way

In a sense, they are right The arctic circle does run through Alaska In the interior of the new state, extremely low temperatures have been recorded But Alaska very definitely is not an ice-bound never-never land

As far as the agriculture of the region is concerned it naturally differs from that found here The growing season is shorter, the average temperature is lower and the current available acreage of tillable land is limited

But on the other hand during the growing season the day length is many times longer than we find here The soil is rich and growing season temperatures are sometimes higher than in certain areas of the continental United States

The crops naturally, are specialized

to take advantage of these peculiarities of the area Grown are cabbages, short season corn, rye, barley, root crops and hay.

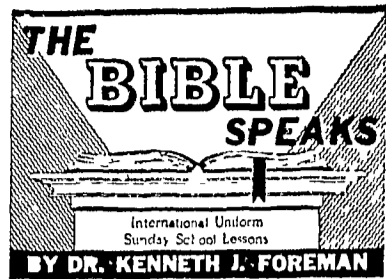
The dairy business is big and getting bigger The price of shipping milk while maintaining quality is prohibitive, thus allowing dairymen to make a profit with higher costs of production

Alaska today does not produce nearly all the food required by its population As a result, food prices are many times higher than in the continental states. Transportation costs are the main reason

Alaska supports an agricultural experiment station at Palmer where new varieties are being bred and tried out 4-H clubs are organized among the rural youth. These 4-Hers annually cause quite a commotion at the National 4-H Club Congress when they appear all decked out in their parkas and boots on Chicago's State Street.

It will be a few months yet before you have to buy a new flag The Alaskans have yet to give their approval to statehood under the conditions that Congress has set But that they would turn down statehood is about as unlikely as a tobacco buyer offering 50 cents a pound for your crop

And it might be, if some current Washington rumors are to be believed, that the new flag will have 50 stars Hawaiian statehood is not too far away and might be approved yet this year We hope so



Bible Material: Deuteronomy 6, 10-12 - 14:1, Psalm 145, Micah 6:6-8, Romans 5:6-11
Devotional Reading: Psalm 99:1-2, 6-8, 13-16

Justice and Mercy

Lesson for July 6, 1958

FOR the next three months, the 80 denominations using the "International Uniform Lessons" which these columns follow week by week, have chosen the general theme of Social Justice Since some of our readers, or friends of our readers, may have some questions in their minds about this, let us clear up one or two points right away.

It Won't Wash Out

One thing that preachers hear sometimes, when they preach on social justice or any part of it, is something like this: "Why don't you stick to the Gospel? Social justice is the affair of courts, of politics, it belongs anywhere but in church You stick to religion and leave social justice alone" Indeed, believe it or not, some ministers who have said a brave word for social justice in exceedingly unjust situations, have been called communists for their pains Such objectors just aren't familiar with their Bibles This week's Bible material is mostly from the Old Testament, the next week's is going to be from the New. In either Testament it is made quite clear that social justice is part of true religion.

Not An Invention of Cranks

Some people have an odd misunderstanding about social justice. They think it's a hobby of eggheads, an invention of cranks; at best a special interest, something to be taken or left as you like At worst (though it is hard to realize any one could be so stupid) it is supposed that social justice is a sort of copyright interest of communism,—a lie which communists themselves are only too happy to spread. The simple fact is this: Social justice means treating all

human beings with justice and with mercy Admitted, it is hard to strike a balance between mercy and justice, nevertheless that is the way every sane person wants to be treated, himself, and the principle of social justice means no more nor less than giving everybody, so far as we can, the same sort of treatment we want (and sometimes demand) for ourselves

What's Religious About It?

Social justice is everybody's affair, not a hobby for a few But if this is so, what can be specially religious about it? There are religions that take no interest in this, but we are speaking for the Christian religion, the faith of the Bible Two facts are a vital link joining social justice and religion One is the fact that the irreligious man is pretty cold to what other people need and rightly want If I can "get my cut," that's all I ask When blessings are passed out, I want to be near the head of the line That's the way the irreligious mind works Such proverbs as "Look out for Number One," "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost," express this selfishness The second fact linking religion and social justice is that in the Bible God himself is known as the God of justice and mercy, or "as our newer translation puts it, justice and "steadfast love" Human justice is rooted in the fact that we are created by, and responsible to, the God of justice, and human mercy is likewise rooted in the character of the God who made us in his image

Love Without Hypocrisy

"Let love be without hypocrisy," said St Paul to the Romans (Rom 12:9, A S V) The one commandment Jesus singled out as first, is, Love God with all your heart and mind not half of it! Now it is hard to love God and not love what he stands for It is impossible to love God and not love the kind of God he is A person who claims to love God, but who at the same time low-ates or brushes off social justice, raises doubts as to the sincerity of his professed love for God Can one truly love God and not wish to be like him? Perhaps the greatest single obstacle to Christianity, that is to believing that its claims are true, are the people who with their lips (let us say in hymns or otherwise) profess to love God, and yet in their daily lives show the love only for themselves

(Based on outlines copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service)



Dr. Foreman



BY JACK REICHARD 50 Years Ago

75 Years Ago

Away back in July 1883 a red headed swindler small in stature caused great concern in banking throughout the eastern section of the nation after fleecing officers of the National Bank at Oxford Pa and a prominent business man at Middletown Del in a bank draft racket

At Oxford the man introduced himself as C D Lane the advance agent of the "Great International Museum and Circus" had made contracts for hay beef for the animals and rented a lot on which the great show was to perform

Having completed the contracts a story to all concerned the agent ran short of ready cash but had drafts issued by the First National Bank of Red Bank N J drawn on the National Park Bank New York City

He induced officials of the Oxford National Bank to cash one of the drafts for \$90.00 In due time the draft found its way to the bank of redemption where it was ascertained that it was good for only \$9 instead of \$90 the swindler having added the cipher

At Middletown Del the man called himself Mumford where he engaged a lot made contract for beef hay wagons and board for 90 persons After completing the arrangements he induced one of the business men with whom he had made a contract to accompany him to the Citizens National Bank and identify him to the cashier in order to secure cash on a draft amounting to \$90.65

The swindler explained that he never carried much cash with him This is the way I get it as I go along he remarked and he probably told the truth However like the bank officers at Oxford the Middletown man was victimized out of \$81 A telegram from the bank that had issued the draft stated it was for only \$9.65 and had been raised to \$90.65

That same week in July 1883 four tramps who had been employed as harvesters near Green Field Ill were attacked and robbed of their entire earnings by several other members of their own tribe

Lancaster Farming

Lancaster County's Own Farm Weekly
Alfred C Alspach, Publisher, Robert E Best, Editor, Robert G Campbell, Advertising Director, Robert J. Wiggins Circulation Director
Established November 4, 1955
Published every Friday by OCTOPUS NEWSPAPERS, Quarryville, Pa. — Phone STEELING 6-2132 or Lancaster, Express 43047

Entered as Second-Class matter at the Post Office, Quarryville, Pa., under Act of March 3, 1879
Subscription Rates \$2 per year, three years \$5, Single copy Price 5 cents

an excellent feed

Back in July, 1908, Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the department of agriculture told a congressional investigating committee that at the rate of cutting that year, the spruce supply of New Hampshire would be exhausted in 25 years, in New York eight years, in Minnesota, nine year, in Maine, 28 years

25 Years Ago

Back in 1933 a national conference in the interest to uniform traffic laws regarding street and highway safety was held in Washington, D C Those sponsoring the conference believed that the wide diversity of traffic regulations then in effect tended to increase the number of highway accidents

At the conference considerable discussion of speed regulations was made after which it was voted to recommend a uniform limit of 20 miles per hour for both business and residential sections of cities, with 15 miles per hour set for street intersections and school zones

It was believed that these speed limits rigidly enforced would conduce to greater safety than the freakish ordinances which then existed in some places which prescribed a much less speed but which no one paid any attention to It was agreed, however that no arbitrary speed limit would ever insure safety as long as motor vehicle operators failed to use common sense

In Pennsylvania Edward P Curren Safety Director of the Keystone Automobile Club appealed to owners of property at highway intersections to trim trees and bushes in the interest of public safety pointing out that many accidents every summer at road crossings where the view is obstructed by bushes grown to abnormal size

Now Is The Time . . .

By MAX SMITH
County Agricultural Agent



Max Smith

TO FEED NEW GRAINS CAREFULLY — Newly harvested barley, oats, and wheat should go through a curing process in the bag or bin before feeding any large amounts to livestock then increase the amounts gradually until the animals are adjusted These new grains may cause bloating, scouring, and digestive troubles if fed too rapidly

TO GIVE SPECIAL CARE TO YOUNG STOCK — Many livestock producers turn their young herd or flock out to pasture and forget about them until fall If adequate pasture and water conditions are assured, this might work out satisfactorily, however in many cases pasture dry up water supplies get low, and the animals suffer If the animals are away from the buildings or on a separate farm, frequent visits with some feed salt or hay will pay dividends.

TO PROTECT ALL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FROM HEAT — Hot weather season is approaching and the production and efficiency of most animals is reduced when uncomfortable In steel pens all windows and doors should be opened and all animals on pasture should have plenty of good shade This is especially true of hogs that suffer most from hot weather Temporary shades in the pasture six to eight feet from the ground will add pounds of weight to the summer feeding program The wetting down of the shade area with water or crank case oil will add more comfort to the swine herd.

TO REPLANT GARDENS — One of the important items in the family garden is to provide fresh vegetables during the entire growing season this may be done only by replanting vegetables after the early crops have been harvested The working into the soil of a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-10 will stimulate growth of the second plantings

TO ORDER GRASS AND LEGUME SEEDS — Late summer and early fall seedings of alfalfa, clover and the grasses are gaining in popularity Some of the recommended varieties may be hard to locate late in the summer We suggest you place your order now and be sure of getting what you want Get your copy of the 1958 "Agronomy Guide" from our office for details