

A Farmer Speaks

(ED NOTE — Following is the speech of Glenn Herr, auction manager of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange, which he delivered during that group's celebration of their fourth anniversary of activities in the county. While his remarks are directed at poultry producers and members of the poultry industry in Lancaster County, in regard to their marketing agency — it is our opinion that Mr. Herr's statements stand in regard to many other farmer organizations. His remarks are offered LANCASTER FARMING readers in the hope they will produce some serious thinking on your part.)

For if farmers do not organize to provide and protect their own free markets — who will?)

We have been receiving congratulations and praise from others which is greatly appreciated. We have been patting ourselves on the back, which I think is justifiable, to some limited extent. I am glad to have been a part of the success the Exchange has experienced to date. However, we dare not allow ourselves to be carried away with success — Remember the story of Nero and Rome. For we must remember that there are those of our associates who do not view the Exchange functions in the same light as we do.

There has been ever-present, since our beginning, some under-current opposition to our activities. But only recently this opposition has struck out in force with some "truths and some tales", that have influenced a few growers to abandon the sale as a means of disposing of their poultry. But whether they used the sale as the actual tool of selling or not. They did use it as a tool in determining the paying price.

I can't help but question how many of the growers who do not use the Exchange would "holer" if there was no local average price established by which to sell their poultry.

This business of operating the Poultry Exchange is not a job for only Clara, Claude, myself and a board of directors — we can't do a thing if we don't have poultry to sell and the support of the growers. By the same token, we can't do a thing without the support of our buyers.

It is you, the growers, who ultimately determine the degree of success or failure of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange.

If you are at all in sympathy or harmony with our auction selling idea, won't you take an active part in establishing the market. Won't more of you growers consider helping to MAKE the market, instead of just ACCEPTING it.

This is a big job making a success of an operation like this. All of us find the day too short, your directors are busy men, hence only so much time can be spent on auction activities, so those of you who believe in the auction — do a little missionary work whenever you get the chance — you will be doing yourself and others a big favor.

We have a good group of buyers participating here and if I were to ask any of them for the main criticism of our auction, the number one reply would be that we do not have enough birds listed, and I agree. Because of this situation, I am the last to censure them for trying to buy privately, because if a grower is going to sell privately, someone has to buy his birds. Therefore, each and every buyer should have the opportunity to try for his birds and then we have the same vicious rat race all over again.

These buyers are good men and all bonded. They have supported us in the past and will continue to do so. Their decision to support us in the future lies not so much with themselves as it does with we growers.

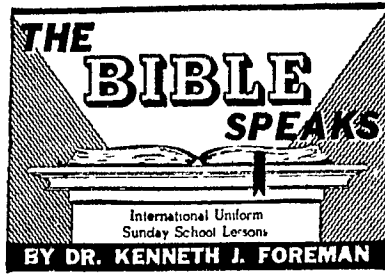
After all, the poultry is ours, we are the first in the line of production and marketing. It is our decision first.

Let's not have a "tobacco selling" condition in our poultry industry. Let's have open and free competition.

I sell broilers three times a year; how can I match wits as an independent with all these friends of mine who are at their trade six days a week — 52 weeks a year. It seems to be a much fairer match to let them match wits with each other.

In closing, let me say this: The money I spend as a listing fee, I consider as bringing the best returns of my whole broiler operation. It not only insures me of "Bonded-money-return" for my poultry — it assures me of the fairest and best price for my quality of poultry on the day I decide and not the day a buyer tries to tell me to sell. Think of what the Exchange and Clara's market reports through the press are doing for you. Think of what broiler promotion through the Exchange and the Association is doing for you. And now, think again, think of what you can do for yourself and for the industry.

Again let me thank those of you who have supported us in the past — stay with us for the future and I ask those of you who haven't been with us to reconsider. If you are on the fence — fall off our way, give our method a try. We will do everything in our power to make you a satisfied Exchange customer.



Bible Material: Amos 7 7-9, Isaiah 1 10-20, Micah 2.1-3, 6-8; Matthew 7 15-27, 28 31-46
Devotional Reading: Psalm 37:1-11.

Final Verdict

Lesson for September 28, 1958

ONE THING the Bible teaches quite plainly: God is the final court of appeal, his is the final verdict. This is true in two ways. First, only God's judgment is final, because all other judgments are partial, they are based on a comparatively ignorant point of view. We never see the inside of people, or not very clearly at best. We cannot even examine our own minds and hearts with any accuracy. We are ignorant, moreover, of many of the circumstances surrounding or leading up to the acts of other people. Only God knows man inside and out, only God knows the "intents of the heart", only God knows all the circumstances leading up to men's decisions.



Dr. Foreman

In another sense God's verdict is final, because it will be the last one. After all a man's friends and enemies have had their say, after history has enshrined him, blasted him or forgotten him, God will have the last word. Not man's opinion of himself, not other men's opinion of him, is finally decisive. Every man's destiny depends, in the long run, on what God thinks of him.

Justice comes first

The great prophets, and our Lord who was "more than a prophet," bring this home to everybody with a working conscience. Amos had his vision of God testing the walls men have built, with his own plumb line, ready to tear down every wall not meeting the test. Isaiah tells his church-going city that God has no use for any religious thing they do, because they have been content with injustice. The first thing to do is to "seek justice," Micah pronounces the doom of God on those who make themselves rich by

making others poor. Jesus in his great provision of the Last Judgment, divides men right and left on the basis of how they have treated their fellow-men, especially their fellow-men in distress. And then there is the Sermon on the Mount. People argue over this and try to by-pass it, in many ways. They debate over whether it is a practical ideal or not. The fact is, Jesus presents it as God's way of life for man. The Golden Rule, for example, Jesus' principle of justice in one short sentence (Matt 7:12), is not just a nice idea if you can do it. It is a rock in life's foundation. Build on my sayings, Jesus says, in effect, and your house will stand the storm. Pay no attention, or memorize them if you like—just listen and don't do, and the great storms will bring your house of life to careless ruin.

Justice is not optional

Every one agrees that it takes all kinds of Christians to make the Kingdom of God. A Christian can serve God and men in various ways. It is by no means necessary for all Christians to be ministers, or to enter politics, or to be professional men. A good Christian dishwasher—if that is the most he can do with the mind he has—is just as faithful a Christian as a good Christian governor of a state.

But there is one thing that is not optional, not an extra that a Christian can take on as a hobby if he likes, but an absolute essential: justice. We have seen in these past weeks that the Bible idea of justice is not confined to the courtroom (though it is there, of course). Treating people as you would wish to be treated, seeking the good of others as if it were your own: this is justice, in the home and everywhere. This is the ABC of living as a Christian.

Justice Comes Last

So it should not be surprising, though Jesus hinted more than once that a good many people will be surprised—it should not be surprising that at the last, when God sums up the case and his final verdict, he will judge (I Peter 1: 17) "each one impartially according to his deeds." And since it is very hard to perform any act whatever without affecting other people, this means that after all other judgments are in, God's last judgment of each of us will be based on that question: **How did you treat people?**

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THIS WEEK —In Washington With Clinton Davidson WASHINGTON RED INK

We Americans have become distressingly blasé about the rate at which the Federal government is spending our money and sinking deeper and deeper into debt.

A statement by the Bureau of the Budget that Federal spending this year will exceed income by more than a billion dollars a month caused no more than a mild ripple of public interest. Maurice H. Stans, Director of the Budget, tells us that Uncle Sam is spending at a peacetime record rate and that by the end of this fiscal year the public debt will reach a new all-time record of \$287 billion.

For each \$350 the average American—man, woman and child—pays in Federal taxes, either directly or indirectly, Washington will spend \$420.40 during the fiscal year that ends next June 30.

You Owe \$1.645.

Your share of the Federal debt by next June 30 will amount to a record total of \$1.645. That will be the per capita national debt and it will be an increase of \$70.45 from last June 30.

You may never pay off that debt but you can't escape paying your share of the interest on it amounting to \$42.50 a year. It

costs the Treasury Department \$7.3 billion a year to pay the interest on the debt.

Congress either appropriated or authorized \$79.2 billion to be spent this fiscal year by Federal agencies. That is \$12.2 billion more than estimated tax collections of \$67 billion.

The record peacetime deficit is in sharp contrast with the official estimate last January that the government would end this fiscal year with a "net surplus" of \$500 million in income over outgo.

Mr. Stans explains this "mistaken estimate" by pointing out that (1) Congress okayed spending of \$5.3 billion more than was budgeted and (2) tax collections now are expected to fall \$7.4 billion below the earlier estimate.

Where Your Money Goes

The biggest slice of your tax dollar as well as the increase in debt goes for items under the general heading of national defense. Defense spending will set a peacetime record of \$40.8 billion.

Interest on the national debt at \$7.3 billion is second largest and third and foreign aid is fourth. The largest increase over the January budget was an added \$1.6 billion for the Department of

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Agriculture

The Post Office Department, despite increased mail rates, expects to spend \$735 million more than it collects in stamp sales. That is due to the increase in wages voted postal employees by Congress. Mr. Stans explains —

Other increases over last year include \$225 million for Health Education and Welfare Department public assistance grants and research, \$199 million more for the Export-Import Bank, \$225 million for surplus sales of farm products, and \$92 million for the newly authorized Small Business Administration loan program.

We asked both the Republican and Democratic national headquarters for a list of what they consider the major political campaign issues. Neither mentioned Federal spending or the public debt.



Max Smith

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Now Is The Time . . .

By MAX SMITH

County Agricultural Agent

TO STOCK PONDS WITH BLUEGILLS — Farm Pond owners who have built new ponds or plan to re-stock their fish population this year might consider the remaining part of September as a good time to put in bluegill sunfish, if these fish are put into the ponds during late August or September, they will not have time to spawn this year and therefore, will not over-populate the pond the first year. Largemouth bass may be put into the pond at any time during the growing season and usually will not spawn until the second year after stocking.

TO BE ROUGH ON RODENTS — Colder weather is approaching which means that mice and rats will be seeking shelter in or about the farm buildings. This problem exists on most farms and the first step is to clean up the surroundings and have few, if any, places for them to harbor. Junk piles, boxes, feed bags, stone piles, stone walls without mortar are all places for them to hide and nest. Corn crops and grain bins should be constructed with tin or wire mesh to prevent the rodents from getting to the grain. Rat poisons may be used but clean surroundings and rat proof structures are more important.

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