

## FROM WHERE WE STAND -

# Do Something Good, Then Tell The World

One of the reasons a hen is such a successful bird is that whenever she does something important, she is not afraid to cackle. At least that is one of the reasons for her success. First she has to be able to do something important.

The American farmer is also a successful "bird" because he has been doing something important for years by keeping an ever expanding population better and better fed and clothed. But sometimes we as farmers forget to cackle and the world thinks we are doing nothing but sitting on the nest and raking in the profits.

This year during the week of November 20 to 26 Pennsylvania will celebrate Farm-City week with the theme "Partners In Progress" Coming as it does just before Thanksgiving when urban dwellers are food conscious this week affords the farmer an excellent opportunity to do a little "cackling". Sitting on the nest and squawking won't serve any useful purpose as any farm boy can tell you, but if we have produced something good, let's tell the world about it.

City residents are generally handicapped by lack of information about farming and food prices, a situation that has created the circulation of many myths concerning agriculture. The purpose of Farm-City week is to bring farm and city people together to create better understanding between farmers and their city cousins, all of them consumers of ag-

ricultural products.

It has been estimated that if a farmer gave away all his wheat at no cost to be baked into bread the consumer would still pay 17½ cents for a 20 cent loaf of bread. One milk bottler has made the statement that if he were to take creek water and put it thru the processes required for milk, the water would cost over 16 cents delivered to the city doorstep.

It is the duty of each of us to try to help clear up some of the misunderstandings between rural and urban populations. To do this it is necessary for us to try to understand some of the problems of the city dwellers too. Food prices are high and getting higher. The cost of processing and packaging food goes up another notch every time the total economy spirals, and the worker in a salaried job is caught with a fixed income and no way to raise it or pare costs without cutting out essentials.

We know that the farmer is receiving a smaller share of the consumer's food dollar each year. In 1947 he got 51 cents out of the dollar. Last year it had shrunk to only 40 cents and this year it will be less than 39 cents out of each dollar spent on food. We know this, but it does not gain us anything to sit and squawk about it. We had better start cackling about the good things we have done, and there are a lot of them.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

## Good Show - Poor Showing

Two things were very outstanding at the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg this week.

The first one was the fine quality of the livestock on display at the show. Some of the best breeding beef cattle stock in the eastern half of the United States was in competition. The swine show was one of the best you will ever see, and the sheep exhibition was the largest indoor show east of the Mississipp-

pi. The Livestock exhibits were excellent.

The second outstanding thing was lack of spectators at the show. At the swine show on Wednesday afternoon you could have counted on the fingers of one hand the spectators in attendance, excluding newsmen and officials. The showing in the large arena was very little better.

We think this show deserves more support than the farmers of the commonwealth are giving it.

spend hundreds of millions of dollars on research to promote growth and attract new industries. Many small towns lack the resources to make comparable studies.

"A commission can analyze the small towns, and it can come up with recommendations which will enable them to reappraise their advantages and opportunities in the directions of best implementing means to create new enterprise, attract more people and capital, and move forward into eras of happier living and more prosperous economic activity," the Senator said.

The commission would among other things, "examine the possibilities" of recommending policies to the Federal Government whereby it could assist small towns economically through a wider dispersal of government procurement operations and in the location of Federal facilities.

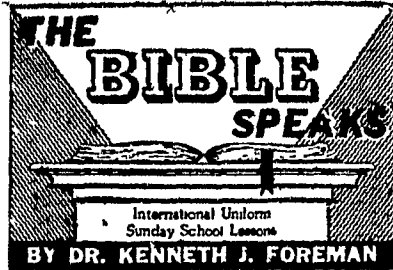
Equally important is the fact that small towns of America have contributed greatly toward preservation of the home influences on the youth of the nation, and as a bulwark against the excesses and extremes which have weakened and ultimately destroyed many nations in the past.

### IMPROVE GARDEN SOIL

Compost, or organic matter mixed in your soil will produce a more desirable texture for the roots of growing plants, says James Dutt, Penn State extension vegetable specialist. The compost pile can be built now.

### SEAL FARM POND

Bentonite, a type of clay found in Wyoming, will successfully seal farm ponds against leaking, according to Henry Wooding, Penn State extension agricultural engineer.



Bible Material: Acts 6 through 7.  
Devotional Reading: I Peter 1.3-9.

## Unto Death

Lesson for November 15, 1959

IT HAS OFTEN been dangerous to be a Christian. This should not be a surprise to any one who knows the story of Jesus. He himself said that if a man wanted to be his follower he would have to take up a cross every day. Christians nowadays often wear crosses as jewelry, but what Jesus meant was no trinket. Indeed, in his time nobody would have dreamed of making an ornament in the shape of a cross. (Did you ever see a necklace or watch-chain with a tiny electric chair attached?) A cross always meant one thing: a horrible death. Not a death by accident, not a suicide, but a death by court order of mob violence, a form of death inflicted only on the worst criminals, enemies of society. You will have to be considered a criminal, Jesus said in effect, you will have to be prepared literally to be executed as a criminal, if you are going to follow in my footsteps.



Dr. Foreman

### People Don't Die for Opinions

Most Christians throughout the centuries have not been called on to be actually killed for their faith. Jesus did not mean that only those who die a martyr's death can be considered Christians. Still, in almost every age of Christianity, there have been martyrs. First, in the long list is a man named Stephen, whose story is told in Acts. A brilliant scholar, a convincing debater, he proved to be so good at showing how right Christian faith is, that his enemies decided the only way to stop him was to arrest him. Perhaps they did not mean to kill him; but kill him they did, in what is surely one of the strangest lynchings in history. For the men who stoned Stephen to death were not a mob acting without knowledge of the court. They

were members of the court. Now, some one might say, Stephen was stubborn, couldn't he agree with the majority? (In that court he was the majority of One.) Why couldn't he at least keep his opinions to himself? If Christianity were a matter of opinions, of course Stephen would have kept his to himself. But people don't die for opinions. They die for convictions. And a conviction does not go down to the most depths of a man's soul unless he is willing to die for it.

Christianity is not a matter of opinions that can be changed. It is a matter of convictions which change their whole lives, so that their lives are expressions of their convictions. They will lose life rather than surrender.

### Martyrs In Our Time

The roll of those who have died for their Christian faith is long. It is not finished, and grows much longer in our time. The writer of these lines has been shipped in a "refugee" boat to Korea, a martyr's land. Every member of it is a north Korean, who left his land to come to south Korea, a land to him and not too long either—to begin life in poverty but in Christian freedom. Not only that, but almost every member of that congregation has lost some relative, murdered by communist orders.

Centuries ago the church distinguished between "white" martyrs. The first were those who were sealed their testimony in blood. The second kind were not, but, being always ready to suffer for their faith in other ways, perhaps long continued. As to martyrs of both kinds, the foreign missionaries, the "eternal workers" as they are called, live as white martyrs, far from home, away from most families, exposed daily to persecution, surrounded by a world depressing that many minds have given way under strain, overworked and too reinforced, they nevertheless rejoice. Every one has known the young missionaries who were murdered by those Amalians. Their widows are on their unfinished work; their wives have not been killed, who shall say they are not martyrs?

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## THIS WEEK —In Washington With Clinton Davidson



Davidson

### Small Town Growth

The rapid shift of industry and population to urban centers has created problems which Congress will be asked to consider when it returns next January.

One of the bills introduced just before Congress adjourned deals indirectly with this by proposing the creation of a Hoover-type Presidential Commission to consider the effect of this on small towns.

Its purpose is to find ways to strengthen and increase opportunities in small towns, to cope with problems created by nearby urban industrialization and to assist small towns to grow and prosper as a vital part of our American private enterprise system.

Sen. Karl Mundt, author of the bill to create an 18-man national commission on small town problems, emphasizes that "small towns are here to stay and they are here to grow" as an important part of our nation.

### Small Town Advantages

"Only in America," Sen. Mundt said, "is there an institution such as our typical small town where one finds in a compact area many of the advantages and few of the disadvantages of life in any city in the world."

"Our American small town brings together the advantages of modern living and the privileges of residing in a community with people who estimate the character of a man by what he is rather than by what he has," Sen. Mundt said.

The bill would direct the president to appoint an 18-man commission to include 12 members of Congress, six outstanding private citizens, and two from among mayors of small towns. The study would include towns of less than 10,000 population.

"Approval of this measure" the Senator said, "would result in the first nationwide, down-to-earth study of what makes our small towns tick and would provide us with the information needed to insure the growth and stability of such communities."

### More Research Needed

Big cities with a concentration of industry and wealth

## Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



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**TO CONTROL CHICKWEED**—The sprouting of chickweed during November and early December has given the best control. Mature plants are difficult to kill and will shed their seeds during the winter months. With stands of mixed grass and legumes DiNitro sprays are recommended when outside temperatures are above 60 degrees. Chloro IPC will give good results on straight stands of alfalfa when the temperature is below 55 degrees. The important practice is to spray when the plants are young.

**TO ALLOW YOUNG STOCK EXERCISE**—Yearling dairy heifers should not be confined in stanchions or box-stalls for best growth and development. They will be more rugged if allowed outside daily exercise with liberal amounts of quality roughages. Many successful dairymen provide open sheds or pole-barns for their young stock during the winter months.

**TO CUT ASPARAGUS TOPS**—After the top of the asparagus plant is entirely dead, it should be cut and removed and worked into the soil. Be sure to allow the plant to die, however, before removing the top; much plant food goes down into the roots just before the plant dies. To remove the green plant top would take away strength from the roots.

**TO PROTECT WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING**—Winter will soon be here and the job of thawing out frozen pipes should not be necessary. Pipes should be buried about 3 inches under the ground or covered with the same amount of earth or straw manure. In buildings the pipes that are exposed may be wrapped with electric heating cable, however, we suggest that you contact your electric dealer or power company official to get full instructions. Heating cables may cause trouble if not installed properly.

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