

FROM WHERE WE STAND - Don't Break Rule Number Six

Some time ago our friend Pete was lamenting over the fact that some of his labors were going unnoticed and consequently unrewarded. He was waxing properly indignant, he thought, about the unjust treatment he was receiving at the hands of an unkind populace, when a mutual friend happened in and stopped to listen for a few minutes.

"Woah, Pete", he drawled, "You are on the verge of violating rule number six."

"What is rule number six?" snapped Pete.

"Never take yourself too seriously," again drawled Friend.

"Well, then what are the other rules?" stammered Pete.

"There are no other rules," was the laconic reply.

All this by way of saying that sometimes it is a good idea to step back a few paces and view ourselves from where others stand, if possible.

Two weeks ago this column carried a rather fanciful, tongue-in-cheek piece about the romance of cow milking. We have had so many comments on the thing that we feel compelled to draw some message from the situation.

This column was begun with the express purpose of giving, each week, some profound advice to the farmers of the area on how to solve the problems facing Agriculture in America. Well, perhaps the instruction to, "begin by squeezing with the index finger, then the third finger, finishing with the little finger" did not help anyone solve any of the problems of this complex world, but some of your comments indicated that it might have

brought a chuckle to an otherwise plain day.

Sometimes we need to forget the problems and give ourselves to a chuckle - wholeheartedly. The Pennsylvania Dutch expression, "We grow too soon oldt and too late schmart" puts it one way. The answer of the old southern Negro, when asked how he had lived so many years and still enjoyed life, puts it another. He said, "When I works, I works hard. When I sets, I sets loose, and when I lays down, I goes to sleep."

I'm sure the old man would have been at a loss for an answer if you had asked him if he had ever had to take sleeping pills. He never even heard of them.

Relax once in a while. Your work will still be there waiting when you get back to it. And remember, be careful that you don't violate rule number six.

The Scottish poet Robert Burns once wrote, "If God would but the giftie gie us To see ourselves as others see us." That would probably be pretty nasty shock to some of us, but to those who could laugh at the poor specimen which exists there in the place where they previously saw perfection, life would be a wonderful thing.

Give yourself a break from the routine, serious business of making a living. Treat yourself to a few moments of relaxation every day. Be careful not to break rule number six. Put something off until tomorrow - You have made enough mistakes for today.

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



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THIS WEEK

—In Washington

With Clinton Davidson

Uncertain Trumpet

At a time when hopes are the highest in ten years for world peace, perhaps the most controversial issue before Congress is the building of a strong national defense

Just where do we stand on national defense? Is Russian missile superiority making the United States a second-rate nation militarily? Is there real danger that World War III may come soon, and that we might lose it?

Those are questions this Congress is debating and will continue to debate until it adjourns, probably about July 1. The debate unquestionably has political implications, but sincere differences do exist.

President Eisenhower sincerely believes that we and our allies have sufficient military strength to discourage the communist nations from attacking us, and that full military equality is not immediately imperative.

People of this country, as in the other Free

World nations, have great faith in the President of the United States, both as a man of wide military experience and as a man dedicated to building a peaceful world

He recognizes both our lag in missiles and our hopes that peace can be secured at a series of Summit Conferences, the first to be held next May, as "calculated risks" Both as a military man and as a statesman dedicated to peace, he is accustomed to taking those risks.

It is nevertheless disturbing that men of comparable military experience and stature, firmly believe that we cannot afford to, as they express it, "gamble with our existence as a nation"

General Maxwell D Taylor, who retired less than a year ago as Chief of Staff, is one of those who has expressed grave concern over our lag in military preparedness. He has little faith in Russia's expressions of peaceful desires

A Biblical Warning
"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself for the battle?"— First Corinthians, 14th chapter, 8th verse

From that Gen Taylor takes the title for a new book that thoughtful Americans will want to read. He calls it "The Uncertain Trumpet" It should be kept in mind, however, that this is a military man writing, and that his experience in diplomacy is limited

He presents only the military man's side of the argument Nevertheless it should not be ignored There is cause for concern and we are sure that President Eisenhower shares at least some of that concern.

Gen. Taylor writes that

"the nation will face a serious crisis beginning about 1961. For a period of years thereafter, the balance of military strength will tip dangerously in favor of the Communist bloc unless we take action now."

Sen. Stuart Symington, former Secretary of the Air Force, fully shares the fears of Gen. Taylor. Sen Symington is a member of the Senate Armed Service Committee and possible Democratic nominee for the presidency.

Whether we go all-out now to overtake Russia in missiles, or wait and see if the Summit Conference can make a start toward disarmament and peaceful co-existence may well be the most important decision America makes in 1960.

All we can do is hope and pray that the decision, whatever it is, is the one that will preserve our nation and our world as a society of free men.

The currently indicated domestic placement of pullet chicks for broiler hatchery supply flocks by leading primary breeders of broiler replacement stock totaled 1,605,000 chicks during Dec. 1959, down 20 per cent from placements of 2,004,000 in Dec 1958. Total domestic placements in 1959 are reported at 26,936,000, 14 per cent less than in 1958.

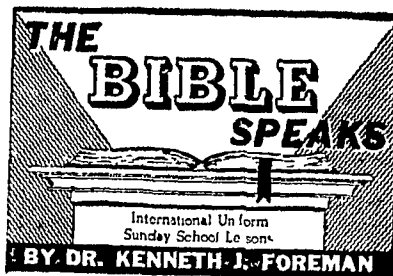
Rural Rhythms

By C.D.H.

A SILVER DAPPLED PONY

A silver dappled pony with white mane and tail! I saw him advertised in the paper—FOR SALE A silver dappled pony would fill all my dreams And be a good pal in all of my schemes.

I can see us now going up a long hill When the sun's going down and everything's still. When I am rich, I'll buy, without fail, A silver dappled pony with white mane and tail.



Bible Material: Acts 18:1-22, 1 Corinthians 1:26 through 2:6.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 57.

Sticking To It

Lesson for February 7, 1960

PEOPLE get the strangest ideas about what it was like, nineteen centuries ago. When a thing has been a success for that length of time, people forget that it ever trembled on the brink of failure. Names that have been honored for nineteen centuries, we think must

have been held in high honor from the start. When the most we know about a place long ago is the names of some very good people who lived there, we suppose everybody was cut from the same cloth.

The plain fact is, Christianity had to fight for a toe-hold in the world in which it was born. It was not an irreligious world, the place was swarming with religions. It was not a world that felt "hungry for the gospel." It was not a world where the "higher values" were much sought after. In short, it was a pretty discouraging place to start.

Corinth, Cross-Roads Capital

This was specially true at Corinth. Paul started the Christian church going in that city. He has been known so long as an apostle that it is easy to over-rate his reputation at the time of his peak years. If you had got one citizen of Corinth, any citizen at all, by the corner of his toga and told him the Paul the Apostle, yes sir a real apostle, think of that, was coming to the city and intending to start a Christian church, the Corinthian citizen would have said something like—

"Apostle—what's that? Paul—who's he? Never heard of one or the other. Oh, a religionist is he? We've more than enough of that kind here. I hope he's not from the east? He is? From Jerusalem?—Oh—a Jew . . . Well, outside of



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being a superstitious lot, people are rioters by nature. My words, there'll be no rioting synagogue before that man here long. You can have him

That wouldn't exaggerate the scornful reception Paul expect in Corinth—and he He wrote some years after that he came to Corinth in a mess (probably ill health), much fear and trembling—ern slang, he was all shook

Paul the Dauntless

Nevertheless Paul was minded to start a Christian going in that big booming city of Corinth. Not only there all the difficulties of a dent on a large commerce but Paul himself had good for not feeling at his best just come from Athens, he was blunt about it) he had flop. Indeed he had been chased of more cities than he had invited back to He had not anywhere long, he had to be the chance to be heard. We do any better at Corinth. Corinthians would bet on it.

As a matter of fact, in the riot that did occur, just might have expected, in being ignored, slandered, threatened, ridiculed, he was it . . . and won. When he left behind him a church which for all its faith enough Christians to keep church on its way all their

In Spite of Everything

What kept Paul sticking It was partly his own temperament, partly having who believed in him. But the reason was that he was doing God's work, who get discouraged about church ought to read about again. In spite of ill health, and bitter opposition, in threats of riots, in spite of great difficulty he found members from the "better" in spite of the coarse material of a city like Corinth, the of the church and its members, Paul did what he the Lord wanted him to do, with it till the job was done.

God surely wants his church to succeed, today as at any time in the past. But it is likely to succeed, in city or in country, ever it is, only if the people are responsible for it. Shame, did, had something of the presence of God

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Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



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TO TEST THAT SOIL—Don't wait until planting time to find out what your soil needs for maximum crop production, takes time to test and make reports don't be delayed later this spring Get the testing done early and avoid the usual season. You can't find a better way to invest, than to soil test

TO TEST FARM-GROWN SEEDS — seeds offered for sale in Pennsylvania must be labeled as to variety, purity, germination, and noxious weed count. It

is unlawful to sell, or offer for sale, any seed which contains any of the prohibited weeds such as bindweed, Canada thistle, or quackgrass. Grass or legume seeds to be sold require a test at the Bureau of Plant Industry at Harrisburg. Local growers are urged to cooperate with these regulations.

TO THICKEN CORN POPULATION—Many local growers can increase corn yields by planting closer on the field. Naturally, the proper spacing will vary from farm to farm and even from field to field; however a good guide to follow is to check the weight of ear from the previous crop. Individual ear weights of one-half to three-quarters pounds is desirable. Heavier ears reflect that the stalks could have been thicker. Many top corn growers are getting from 18,000 to 20,000 stalks per acre.

TO ESTABLISH CONTOUR STRIPS—The spring of this year is one of the best times to lay out slopes on the contour. In this manner every other strip may be seeded with a row crop with close-growing crops in between. Contour strips should increase crop yields by conserving both moisture and soil fertility.

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