

FROM WHERE WE STAND - We Count Our Many Blessings

The turkey is now mainly or entirely a skeleton. The relatives have gone home and left many pleasant memories. Blessings have been enumerated and thanks have been returned countless times across the land. Thanksgiving day has come and gone, but we like the good feeling that lingers after such a special day.

We like to keep on thinking about all the things we have to be thankful for.

We like to keep remembering the happenings that made the day worthwhile and the good things of the year leading up to the day.

We of LANCASTER FARMING count our blessings.

We are thankful for our faithful readers. Many of our readers are personal friends of the staff, and we feel a friendship with all the others through our contact each week. Without the support of our readers we would soon be out of business.

We are thankful for our advertisers. The companies and individuals whose advertisements appear on these pages each week bear a great deal of the expense connected with publishing the paper. We are appreciative of their "clean" advertising, the high standards they maintain and their desire to be of service to the farmers of this county.

We are thankful that we can be a part of the agriculture of the greatest agricultural county in the world. Lancaster county takes a back seat to no other unirrigated county in the United States. Lancaster county leads the parade of Pennsylvania counties in 12 separate agricultural commodities, and

is near the top of the list in several others.

We are thankful that we have the opportunity to speak to the thousands of farmers and their families who have made this the Garden Spot of the world. We are proud to be Lancaster County's "Own and Only" farm newspaper, but we know that the farm families of the county have made us that.

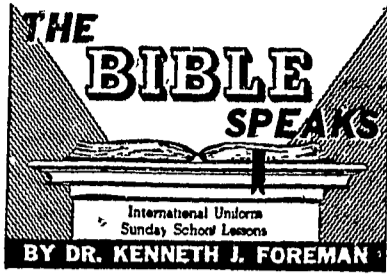
We are thankful that we live in a community where the citizens recognize the supreme being to whom we all owe our thanks and gratitude. We know that the farm families of Lancaster County lean heavily on the faith which caused the Pilgrim fathers to declare the first Thanksgiving day. We are thankful for the religious freedom which is practiced by the many different churches in the community.

We join with those of you who thank the Creator of the universe for a land so richly endowed with fertile lands and frugal, friendly, faithful farm families.

We look back over the past five years and are grateful that we can come to our fifth birthday with so many friends. We sincerely hope that we can celebrate our tenth, twenty-fifth, and many more birthdays with all our old friends and many new ones.

We look back with gratitude and we look ahead with hope and confidence in the future. We thank you for your support in the past and we pledge to do our best to merit your trust in the days and years to come.

With your support we can do it. At least that's how it looks from where we stand.



Bible Material: Psalm 46, Ephesians 6 10-20.
Devotional Reading: Philippians 4 4-13.

Strength In God

Lesson for November 27, 1960

WHAT IS needed in this world is not always better people. It's people who will stay as good as they are, just a while longer. You have your best moods, don't you? Or if you don't, some people around you surely have some good moments. Suppose those moods lasted longer? Suppose those moments became hours or days? The difference between one really good person and another who really isn't, may not always be that one is good, the other bad. They both may be good, only one of the two is able to stick with it, he has staying power, he doesn't fade; while the other one folds up in a hurry.



Dr. Foreman

Strength Against

When you read the 6th chapter of Ephesians you get the impression that life is a fight, even for the Christian. Yes, that is true, we must stay especially for the Christian. The non-Christian doesn't try to swim against the tide, he goes with the crowd. If a man sets out to be a Christian he soon enough discovers that it is no bed of roses. He discovers where strength is needed: for one thing, against the pull of temptation. Strength of body may help, but one's very physical strength may be a source of temptation. Strength of mind may help; but a strong mind again may itself be a temptation to doubt and pride. It is strength inside, strength of spirit, that counts most in the fight against temptation. Many an alcoholic, or others who find liquor, a real temptation, even if not rated "alcoholics," knows how this is! Just to say NO—how hard it is! Other people can help, but the fight is really on the inside of the one who is tempted. The battle-field may be out of sight, but the battle

is terribly real.

Strength For—

Just as a Christian needs inner strength to hold out longer against temptation of all kinds, so he needs strength within so as to keep his good intentions going. All of us have generous impulses. We are to do something for some one. We have a picture of ourselves helping some one out of trouble . . . and that's all it ever is, a picture. We hang the walls of our mind with these pictures of ourselves, a noble . . . but pure imagination. They are pictures of what we intended doing, what we maybe started to do but never finished.

Or perhaps we really do get going on these fine projects, but get too tired too soon. We are like the grain in Jesus' parable that fell on rocky soil. It came up all right, but a few days' sun and it was gone. The good start had no follow-up. There was life in the plant but it had no staying power. What we need is inner strength, the "what says, Hold on!"

How To Find Strength

One thing should be kept in mind at all times: inner, spiritual power is not like physical or mental power. Some people are born with better physiques than others. Some are born with high IQ's as the low-IQ people just never will catch up. Not everybody, in short, can be an athlete, not every one can be a "bram." But every one can have the inner strength about which we have been talking. Every one does not have it equally and some not at all, it is not because any are barred off by God's decree. It is because some do not fulfill the conditions.

The very first condition, and the continuing one, can be put in question: Do you want it? Here in other matters, God is more willing to give than we are to receive. We do not have to make ourselves ready or fit before God's spirit comes into our hearts. We do have to do one thing, quite serious: We must put ourselves at the Spirit's disposal. The Spirit of God will not come to the help of any one who uses, or tries to use, the Spirit for his own private ends. Only the Spirit of God within us is able to give us that inner strength which we so continually need. But the Holy Spirit is not to be bought, wheedled, harnessed or controlled. Only those who welcome the Spirit and yield to Him may have His

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Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



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TO UTILIZE SOFT CORN—In spite of the late fall some local corn producers have soft corn on hand. This high moisture corn must be fed soon or hand ed carefully; hogs have the ability to utilize this type of corn better than other farm animals. Even though some heating or molding may have taken place, hogs will make limited use of the grain. However, it is advised to feed the corn separately in self feeders rather than to mix it with other grains. Most hogs will consume only a certain amount of this second-rate grain with little danger of poisoning or digestive trouble. If this soft, high-moisture corn is to be ground and mixed with other grains, it should be ground daily and fed daily, spoilage will occur if stored.

TO SPRAY FOR WINTER CRESS — The yellow-flowering weed quite common in hay fields in the spring is winter cress rather than wild mustard; this weed may be controlled by spraying during late October and November with one pint per acre of MCP. Local forage producers are urged to control this fast-spreading weed.

TO CONTROL CHICKWEED—Alfalfa stands may be crowded out by fall and winter growth of chickweed; this is especially true with new August seedings. Spray recommendations include the use of the DiNitro sprays for mixed stands of alfalfa and grass when the temperatures are above 60 degrees. For straight alfalfa stands the use of Chloro IPC when temperatures are below 50 degrees is recommended. Both of these sprays should be applied during late November or the month of December.

TO PROVIDE SALT AND MINERALS—Cattle feeders are urged to provide their cattle with free access to both salt and minerals at all times during the feeding period. The practice of mixing these items into the grain ration as the only source is to be discouraged; both salt and minerals may be mixed into the grain ration but in addition, free choice should be provided. The salt should be provided separately from the mineral mixture. Both of these feed items should increase the appetite and the utilization of the feed ingredients.

THIS WEEK —In Washington With Clinton Davidson Thanksgiving



Davidson

There are many things about Thanksgiving that make it my favorite day of the year.

It is a day that brings us closer than any other to the Divine Providence which guides our daily lives. It is a time when we count our blessings, and find they outweigh our burdens.

There is none among us but can find good reason for giving thanks, not alone for the food that sustains us physically but also for the spiritual strength to face the future with renewed confidence.

It is good to take inventory at least once each year, and to bow our heads in gratitude and thanksgiving for both the material and spiritual blessings we enjoy in our daily lives.

Origin of Thanksgiving

We think of Thanksgiving as an American institution, originated less than 300 years ago by the Pilgrims. The setting aside of one day in each year for special

thanks is observed only in America.

But the Bible mentions thanksgiving many times. In it Paul says "Let your requests be made known with thanksgiving." That is thanks to God should be given at least as often as requests to God are made.

The Bible tells, too, of a day two thousand years ago when the Apostle Paul and Silas were arrested, flogged and thrown into prison, though they had done no wrong.

Their jailors were startled to hear them sing a song of praise and thankfulness to God. They were thankful for the strength His spiritual guidance gave them.

We have that strength in America and in most other parts of the world a hundred fold that which existed among only a few people when Paul and Silas were being persecuted for their Christian beliefs.

Our Cup of Plenty

We in America are fortunate that we live in a land of plenty and in a time of peace. We are grateful that another bountiful harvest provides us with all we can use, plus additional food which we can share with less fortunate people in many parts of the world.

Christ said that as "you do it unto the least of these you do it unto me." This year we have again produced enough food for our own use and, in addition, enough to feed more than 20 million others who need our help.

As a nation of free people we are thankful that today we can enjoy the democratic privileges of freedom, peace and prosperity. As we ask Him for His continued guid-

Letters To The Editor

Editor, Lancaster Farming, I was quite interested in your last week's paper about writing editorials and suggestions. I am not prepared to write an editorial but two thoughts have come to me since our recent election.

1. Since the election was so close and the public so undecided as to presidential leadership, perhaps we could have co-presidents. We have two young men, experienced in different fields, but both leaders, who have demonstrated since election that they can rise above their difference and still be friends. The office of president is becoming so complicated and demanding that one man cannot completely fill it anymore. So why not two presidents?

2. Mr. Kennedy made a proposal about a week before election that received only passing mention that might be the key to world peace. That was a proposal of a corps of young men with special training to go to the underdeveloped nations of the world and help to train and build and guide in raising the living standards. This would be an alternate to military service and make use of some of our surplus.

ance and benevolence, let us this Thanksgiving Day also give Him thanks for the many blessings we enjoy.

Rural Rhythms

WEATHER PROPHECY

By Carol Dean Huber

The wind is strong. I can hear the train, A certain sign that it will rain, So I never hang my wash to dry, Or open windows and this is why; Whenever I can hear the train Very soon it begins to rain.

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