

FROM WHERE WE STAND -

"Might As Well Feed It To The Hogs"

Dad looked at the milk check and said, "Might as well feed it to the pigs."

That was way back before the days of marketing cooperatives and federal orders and a lot of other regulations designed to keep the bottom from dropping out of the dairy business.

But there are still a lot of us around who can remember when there was so much milk that there was a serious talk of pouring half the production each day down the drain.

For several months now, every report of fluid milk production has carried the words "seasonal rise", "slight increase", "production well maintained to slightly higher", or some other phrase meaning the same thing.

Along with these reports have come reports a steady decrease in the average price as a smaller and smaller percentage of total production goes all the way to consumer as fluid milk.

Add to all these signs the obvious fact that the peak production months in the east are almost upon us, and the lesson should be plain enough for all to see.

To beat the squeeze of falling prices too many dairymen will add more cattle. The additions will be a temporary relief to the individual dairyman, but the total problem will be aggravated.

At a banquet recently, a farmer at our table said, "We are in competition with each other. The big farmer who wants to get bigger is making the competition so strong he will push some of the smaller farmers out of business."

Much of what he said is true. Farmers are in competition with each other, but the smaller farmer who is efficient has many advantages over his larger competitor in this day of high labor costs.

We do not believe the only answer to lowered selling prices is a greater volume of sales. It reminds us of the story of the merchant who said he was losing money on every item he sold and the only way he could stay in business was to increase his volume.

There are rough days ahead for the dairymen, and there will be those who will make the situation worse for all through their fight for self preservation. With falling beef prices, the urge to cull the dairy herd will be hampered still more, but a cull cow is a cull cow in times of good prices or bad.

Whole milk is an excellent hog feed, but it is mighty expensive. We hope farmers do not again have to say, "Might as well feed it to the pigs."

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

Washing or Wishing

We pride ourselves on being a forward-looking people. We see a time in which life will be happier, healthier, richer and more productive. We hope that the world in which our children will live out their lives will be a better one than ours.

As John Galsworthy has said, "If you do not think about the future you can not have one."

We are told in a report from an association of electric companies that electrical living is still only in its infancy. The report predicts such things as an appliance which will program a whole week's menus, remove foods from a freezer compartment at the proper time, cook the food and serve it to the family, all at the direction of an electrical computer. Of course the food will be served on disposable dishes which will go out with the garbage.

After a whole list of such marvels the report concludes, "Fantastic? Yes, but these things are only a few of the wonders that will become commonplace in the era of electric living that lies ahead."

At the same time it is the part of wisdom to look back—if only to recall some of the obstacles our forebears had to overcome to give us the kind

of life we now enjoy.

The lady of the house might like to paste the following beside the automatic washer-drier. It is supposedly part of the advice a mountaineer gave her newly-married daughter. Perhaps, amid the chuckle you get from it, you might remember this was serious business not so many years ago—and be grateful in 1961

"BUILD A FIRE in the back yard to het kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke wont blow in eyes if wind is peart. Shave one hole cake lie sope in bilin water.

"Sort things, make three piles, 1 pile white, 1 pile cullord, 1 pile britches and rags. Stir flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water. Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub cullord, but dont bile; just rench and starch. Take white things out of kettle with broom handle then rench, blew and starch.

"Spread tee towels on grass, hang old rags on fense, scrub porch with sopy water. Pour rench water in flower bed. Turn tubs upside down.

"Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with side combs. Brew cup of tea, set and rest and rock a spell and count your blessings".

proposed—and Congress may pass—legislation to increase minimum wages and apply the minimum to millions of additional workers. This would contribute to higher costs and another increase in prices. In short, inflation.

Inflation was definitely encouraged by the Roosevelt Administration, and the two administrations that followed have not stopped it, I said. "Congress has not and to Page 5"

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THIS WEEK

—In Washington

With Clinton Davidson

Cost Of Living

The greatest economic danger to America is that we may mistake inflation for prosperity. We have rising prosperity only when the dollar we have will buy more rather than less.

For twenty years we had more and more dollars that would buy less and less. A dollar will buy less than 50 percent as much today as it did in 1941. It will buy less next year than it does now.

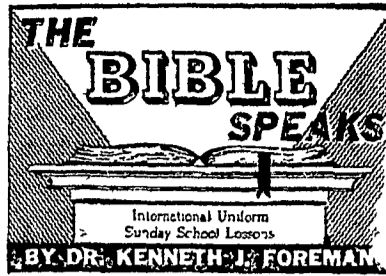
I predict that the cost of living will continue to increase, that the purchasing power of the dollar will continue to decline, and that we will have more inflation.

A little over two years ago in addressing the Bankers Club of Cincinnati, Ohio, I said "I can predict positively and without equivocation that there will be more inflation ten years from now than there is today, and also more twenty years from now than today."

Can Inflation be Stopped? At the time I gave this address the index of consumer prices, as prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor, was 123.8%. In December, 1960, the index had increased to 125.5%. The President, the Administration and the Congress have not been able to prevent this continued increase.

It is impossible, I told the Bankers Club, to elect and retain an Administration that will not take inflationary steps, and if the Administration refused to take inflationary steps Congress would enact laws including inflationary provisions.

This Administration has



Bible Material: John 14 through 16.
Devotional Reading: John 16 7-15.

Home of the Spirit

Lesson for March 12, 1961

"YOU know him," said Jesus to His friends, speaking of the Holy Spirit. Could he say as much to the average Christian today? On the contrary, the ordinary Christian nowadays finds the Holy Spirit a hard problem. His notions about the Spirit are very hazy. His immediate reaction to Jesus' words, "You know him," would be a denial and a question: "No, I don't know him. How can I know him?"



Dr. Foreman

One reason why we are confused and uncertain about the Holy Spirit may be that we start thinking at the wrong point. We wonder what "Spirit" means, and what "Holy" means. Since they are two X's in our minds, of course the Holy Spirit means nothing definite either. A better place to start is not with some definition, but to look at what Jesus had to say about this. We must remember that this "You know him" was spoken before Pentecost. There had been no "descent of the Spirit" on the first Christians.

As a matter of history, many persons have claimed to possess, or to be possessed by, the Holy Spirit; but not all these persons have been acknowledged by the Church. In I John 4:1 (an epistle written by the author of the 4th Gospel) Christians are told not to believe every spirit but to test them to see whether they are truly "of God." The test spoken of in the Epistle is suggested already in the Gospel: Is the alleged "Spirit" in harmony with Christ? Does the Spirit "confess" Jesus, is the Spirit "in the name" of Jesus? There have been in American history several self-styled prophets or Bearers of the Spirit, but the church has not accepted them just

on their own say-so; (though it's a feeble false prophet that can't get somebody to believe him!) the church has rejected nearly all these prophets so-called largely because their lives were not Christlike and many of their teachings contradicted or distorted the teachings of Christ.

"Spirit of Truth"

Another sign by which we know the Holy Spirit is the sign of truth. God does not speak lies. "I am so full of the Spirit that I can't sin any more," a man told the writer of these lines a few years ago. Well, that man, claiming to be full of the Spirit, first coveted and then ran away with another man's wife. He convinced her, poor soul, that he was filled with the Holy Spirit, anything he wanted to do would be free from sin. A Christian of better sense would have a right to suspect a man who claimed it is right to break the Ten Commandments and to do what God condemned as sin. So when people who claim to be "spiritual" give Bible interpretations that contradict and destroy what the Bible actually teaches; when they ignore prophecies that do not come true when they claim to have the Holy Spirit; when they claim to be in the true place in God's kingdom which rightly belongs only to Christ, then we have every reason to know that whatever they may claim to be filled with, nonsense, madness, wickedness, they are not filled with the Spirit of Truth.

Conditions

The Christian church has been early in its existence to teach that the Holy Spirit is not a thing, but God. In other words, the Holy Spirit is God. At the time of the Trinity meets us already in these simple yet profound sentences from Jesus' supper with his friends. If it is too hard to understand, there are three simple truths. One: If you could understand all about the Trinity, you would know all about God—and only God can do that. Two: You will never be anything but God than you are to the Holy Spirit, no nearer than you are to Christ. Three: If Father, Son and Holy Spirit are to be "in the same honor" with you, there are three conditions. First is love and obedience (a test of the first condition since God is Lord of all) but he comes to meet us only where the door of obedience is open to him.

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Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



TO CULL LOW PRODUCERS — Early spring is a good time to inspect the milking herd and cull out the low producers. At this time of the year milk is plentiful and the price is usually the lowest. Low producers not only contribute to the surplus plus but may be reducing the net profit from the herd. A close inspection of production records will tell whether or not they are paying their own way.

TO CHECK RODENT-DAMAGED SHRUBS — During the past winter constant snow cover may have caused some tree and shrub damage on many properties from both mice and rabbits. Without any exposed vegetation these animals were forced to eat the bark from trees and shrubs. If the entire limb or tree trunk, has been girdled by chewing off of the bark, then it will be difficult to keep the tree alive; in most cases the cambium layer has been destroyed and therefore, the lifeline from the roots to the limbs has been destroyed. However, in cases of less damage or just partly chewed we suggest that the owner paint the damaged area with several coats of orange shellac at weekly intervals. This should protect the tree and hasten healing.

TO CREEP FEED LAMBS AND PIGS—In the case of small pigs the heavier at weaning time the quicker they will be ready to market; with lambs for the Easter market the better the gains now the more weight there will be to sell at a season when the prices are quite favorable. Small feed troughs for the pigs and feed racks for the lambs where the older animals cannot reach, that contain special rations at all time; for these young animals should pay dividends.

TO CARE FOR GDOWING HEIFERS — Dairymen should realize the importance of getting rapid growth and good size to the heifers in order to have a better herd of replacement cattle. In the spring of the year these heifers are often neglected and allowed to slow down in growth. Under ten months of age the calves should get special grain along with quality hay in ample amounts, some silage may be fed. After they approach the yearling stage, free access to quality hay with silage fed daily and limited grain will keep them in good condition. Every effort should be made to develop big, growthy heifers with a lot of body capacity.