

## FROM WHERE WE STAND - Fire Safety For All Farmers

The season of fires will be with us soon again.

The Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters released figures recently showing that trash and debris burning has been the leading cause of forest fires during the past three years. Over 18 per cent of the forest fires in the state from 1958 through 1960 were caused by farmers burning brush, housewives burning trash and paper, or rural residents and cottage owners burning leaves.

The report from the state agency lists several rules for fire safety.

The rules are so obviously simple, it seems every person would just naturally follow them whenever trash or debris is to be burned, but since there are still forest fires and the major cause continues to be careless burning of debris, perhaps the list would bear repeating.

Much of the loss of timber values, watershed cover, game and fish killed and the expense to the taxpayer involved in fighting these fires could be avoided if the citizens of Pennsylvania living in or visiting areas in or adjacent to woodlands would follow the following suggestions:

Never burn trash, leaves or debris in unprotected spots from which fire can spread to grass, brush or forest areas.

Do not leave any fire unwatched until it is completely out.

Burn during early morning or evening hours when air moisture is high and temperatures are low.

Do not burn during dry, windy weather.

When burning paper and household trash, use a covered burner a safe distance from any ground material that will carry fire. Keep the burner around the burner free of grass and leaves.

Since the state can and does collect the cost of fighting fires from those responsible for causing them, carelessness can be expensive to the person responsible and costly to those whose property the fire damages or destroys, the report said.

Even though Lancaster County can not be considered an area of large tracts of woodlands, we do have many brush and grass fires each year. With this in mind, it behooves every citizen to think about the rules listed.

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

## Agriculture - Our Greatest Industry

With the latest Russian space achievement, attention again is called to the one industry in which the United States cannot be challenged—Agriculture.

For some time, the world has realized there is close competition between the Soviet Union and the United States in space efforts. But, the big industrial gap between the two nations comes in the giant Agricultural Industry.

As Pennsylvania prepares for its observance of Industry Day, May 1, it is well to consider the importance of Agricultural Industry.

"We often hear the Russian leaders boasting of their accomplishments in space science, satellites, missiles, atomic energy, etc.," said George G. Connor, general manager and executive vice president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association.

"We do not hear of them bragging about their agricultural accomplishments. They can't, because their agricultural industry is so far behind ours.

"As much as 50 percent of Russian

manpower is tied to farming on the farm," said Connor, "our nation is far ahead of the Soviet Union in this respect since only nine percent of our workers are on farms. Yet, we produce surpluses."

On a percentage basis, compared with other nations, the United States has few farms, but farming, through Agricultural Industry, employs more people than the steel, automobile, public utilities and transportation industries combined.

In Pennsylvania, the number of farms has been reduced to 100,000 but the Agricultural Industry of the Commonwealth employs four of every ten workers. Most of these are in storing, transportation, processing and merchandising agricultural products, and in providing the supplies farmers use in producing these products.

Pennsylvania's Agricultural Industry represents a payroll of \$2 billion annually.

As the Commonwealth pauses May 1 to salute industry, it should remember the importance of one of its most basic industries—Agriculture.

can serve us well in the changing world we face. Solving The Problem

Here are some suggestions on things that can be done to help solve our problems in education without Federal Aid.

Parents, private citizens, community leaders, and business men can take more interest in supporting local bond issues and increasing local tax revenues in support of school construction and better salaries for teachers.

Much more voluntary support needs to be given by individuals, corporations and foundations. The Council for Financial Aid to Education has done an outstanding job of stimulating concern for voluntary support to education. This type of activity could be multiplied. Surely we can step up this voluntary support.

The greatest obstacle to sufficient State financing of education is the large amounts of money taken out

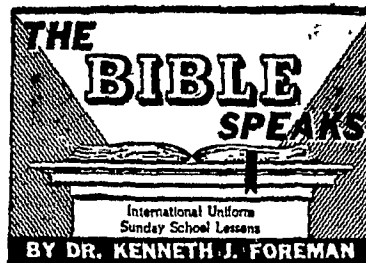
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## Rural Rhythms

BEAUTY SECRET

By: Carol Dean Huber

"To be fair and lovely," Grandma used to say, "Wash your face in dew On the first of May At the break of dawn, Do it very early, And morning light will show Every freckle gone."



Bible Material: Job 42.  
Devotional Reading: Psalm 34:18.

## Wisdom Divine

Lesson for April 30, 1961

OF ALL the strange features of the book of Job, one of the most puzzling to all students of the book is its ending. Let us pick out just one of the difficulties and try to get some light on it. It is in what God says about Job and his friends. The friends are condemned, Job is praised. On the face of it, this does not seem to make sense. For God says to the friends, "You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." What makes that sound very odd is that throughout the drama the friends had never once criticized God, but on the contrary defended him. Job on the other hand complains about God over and over again. He complains because he was born, in the first place. He feels he has been unfairly treated, and he wants God to explain himself. He complains that God will not come out and talk to him like a man. How can it be that Job "speaks of God what is right" while his friends do not?



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### The Unanswered Question

To solve this difficulty, some students of this book declare that what God means about "speaking right" does not refer to the whole debate between Job and his friends, but only to Job's abject repentance (42:1-6). Job admits he was wrong to pry into the secrets of God, while his friends say not a word in the humility of worship. This may be part of the solution; but there may be another part of it which needs looking into.

For one thing, the great question of the book remains unanswered to the very last. Why do the righteous suffer? was the question, and in particular, Why does this good man Job suffer?

An important part, therefore, the "wisdom that comes from God," consists in admitting to some questions, while not beyond God, are beyond us. Wisdom not being able to answer all questions. Wisdom is knowing the difference between questions which can, and questions which cannot be answered so we can understand them.

### God Does Not Need Our Advice

Further, Job learns that wisdom does not consist in our getting smart that we are equipped to offer God advice. Job had more than once, in debate with his friends, rather hinted that he could (if he were as mighty as God) range and run this universe better, at some points, than God ranges and runs it. But in Chapter 40 God says to him: "Shall a finder contend with the mighty?" and Job replies, "I am of small account. . . I lay my hand upon my mouth. . . And at the end he says "I despise myself, and repent. . ." Nobody has or ever will have more wisdom to be on an Advisory Committee for the Universe. God does not need idea-men, he has thought of all the good ideas there can be. When we pray, we are encouraged to make known our requests, but when a request becomes a command, we put ourselves into a position of advising God—complete fools!

### Accepting God

"My eye sees Thee," Job says. This is the wisdom that comes from contact with the Almighty. Not, "My mind understands Thee." Wisdom that comes from God does not consist in charts and diagrams of God's mind so that we can explain all he does. It may be even think ahead of him. Wisdom that is divine, wisdom that bears the stamp of God, is given when we accept God as God. This means that we accept the fact that he is God. He is not responsible to us; he does not have to tell us why he does this or that. We are responsible to him, not to us. Accepting God is not merely acknowledging his will to be preme. It is falling in with his will, knowing that it is the will of supreme power and righteousness. If Job had been a Christian, he would have learned more of this. For a Christian accepts God as the "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." And so he accepts God as Love. There is no higher wisdom.

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## Now Is The Time . . .

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TO MANAGE DAIRY HERD CAREFULLY—When the milking herd is turned to pasture for the first time in the spring considerable care should be used in order to prevent "off-flavored" milk. Two practices are very important — first, remove the cows from the pasture at least four hours before the next milking period, and secondly, keep the barn well ventilated at all times. Failure to do these things may result in the rejection of the herd's milk supply.

TO CULL LOW PRODUCING COWS—Now would be a good time to study the individual production of each cow in the milking herd; at this time of the year when large amounts of milk are being produced and prices are at their lowest point, culling would be beneficial.

TO PROTECT PLANTS FROM CUTWORMS AND WIREWORMS—Home gardeners as well as larger crop and table producers are urged to control these soil insects before damage occurs. If only a few plants are involved in the garden, cutworm damage may be prevented by wrapping the stem of the plant with paper such as heavy wrapping paper or old magazine paper; the paper should be about four inches wide with 2 inches placed underground and the balance remaining above ground. For the large fields the entire areas may be sprayed in advance of planting to kill either the cutworms or the wireworms.

TO KEEP YOUR DAIRY CALVES OFF PASTURE—The practice of turning young dairy calves (under 10 months of age) out to pasture is not recommended. The result usually is stunted animals; this is because the pasture is high in moisture and the body capacity of the young calf is not large enough to consume sufficient high moisture grass to provide the needed nutrients. Dairy men are urged to feed their young stock good hay and silage in liberal amounts with grain being fed according to flesh and growth. However, an outside exercise lot, or small pasture in addition to the daily feedings of grain and hay, will keep them better on their feet and legs. Heifers that are 10 months of age or older should develop properly on good pasture and have access to salt at all times.



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## THIS WEEK

—In Washington

With Clinton Davidson

### Education Without Federal Aid

What will education be profited if it gains billions of dollars in Federal Aid and loses its own freedom?

Basically, Federal Aid always means Federal Control. As Justice Jackson stated in a Supreme Court decision: "It is hardly lack of due process for the government to regulate that which it subsidizes."

There are twelve direct

controls under the National Defense Education Act of 1958, which affect the curriculum and the emphasis of the schools it assists. More over, the granting of large amounts of money or the threat of withholding if influences the thinking of even the most resolute and independent educational administrators.

Federal aid is also objectionable, because it will reduce local and private responsibility. There is a kind of "Parkinson's Law" that "interest diminishes as responsibility is removed." The closer the education of our youth can be kept to the local level, the longer we will preserve our freedom.

Federal Aid not only undermines interest in solving the problems at the local level but tends to break down our historic separation of public and privately supported education. We need our dual system of tax-supported and voluntarily-supported schools and colleges. They help to maintain a healthy competitive balance between each other which

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