

FROM WHERE WE STAND -

Fair Season And Concomitant Confusion

A sign in our office proclaims to all who enter, "Anyone who remains calm in the midst of a'l this confusion simply does not understand the situation."

As we travel around the county these days, the words on the poster seem fitting somehow.

Everywhere we turn there is feverish activity. Mom is picking out the best looking jars of preserves and carefully putting them aside. Dad is giving the cows a few extra strokes with the curry comb and brush. Brother is scouring the cornfields and granaries for the best grain samples and Sister is taking special care of the dress and apron she just finished making as part of her club activity.

Anyone who can remain calm in the midst of all that activity simply does not understand that this is Fair Season.

Fair Season, the time of year for the young and the young in heart. A time for relaxing from the daily grind of usual chores by throwing the whole being into the feverish activity of unusual chores. A time to step back from the job of producing the food and fibre for the whole nation and look at the results—a time to compare with neighbors in fierce but friendly competition the results of the year's work—a time for farm young people to socialize with other farm young people—and a time for farm aldsters to talk about the good old days and think about harvest seasons of the past—all these and many more are the essence of Fair Season.

Although not American in origin, the farm fair has become a part of Americana just as surely as has baseball or apple pie or corn on the cob.

Each year as Fair Season rolls around we can't help feeling proud of the fine schedule of local shows in the county. Even though several of the local exhibitions have folded their tents permanently in the past few years, we feel the ones remaining are of excellent quality and deserve the support of all rural residents in the county.

In answer to the persons who say a farm show can not exist without carnival attractions to draw the crowds, we would like to point out that there are three shows in the county without any midway at all. All three of these shows

appear to be growing and getting better each year. This is not to say the fair boards are not sometimes hard put to finance the shows, but it is a good indication that a farm show can be just that without becoming a carnival, if there are dedicated members of the fair boards who wish to keep the shows wholesome, family affairs.

We believe Lancaster Countians should be proud of the fine farm shows in the county. We believe Lancaster County farmers should support these good shows with exhibits, committee time and attendance at the fairs. We believe farm families should encourage their younger members to participate in the farm shows. There are so many attractions to draw young people away from the interests of the farm and farming that we should take every opportunity to make rural living attractive to young people.

Participation in farm fairs and other community activities can be one of the strongest factors in the decision of young people to stay on the farm.

If there is confusion on the farms for the next few weeks, try to remember it is Fair Season and try to remain calm even though you do understand the situation. It will be worth your while.

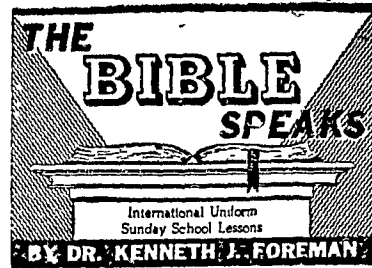
At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

We may have found the reason for the cigarette company's inquiry of the smokers, "Are you smoking more now but enjoying it less?"

The US Department of Agriculture this week warned growers against using rubber bands in priming or tying burley tobacco. Farmers were using the bands under the leaves on hands of the aromatic weed.

It seems that buyers of burley tobacco have complained of farmers failure to remove the rubber bands and the manufacturers must do a lot of hand picking and screening to separate the rubber from the tobacco. It is quite possible that the screening process misses once in a while.

We sometimes wondered about the smell of all that smoke in a crowded banquet hall. Maybe we have part of the answer.



Bible Material: 3 John
Devotional Reading: 1 John 3 13-24.

Laymen Needed

Lesson for September 24, 1961

"LAYMAN" does not mean "clod" as some people think. A layman in anything—farming, medicine, law, the church—is simply a non-specialist. A layman in law may take a great interest in law, indeed it may become his hobby; but if he never went to law school and never even tried to pass a bar examination, he's a layman. So with the church. A Layman is a Christian without the specialized training that the minister (pastor, preacher or priest) has had. Most Protestants believe that a minister's training does not make a different kind of man out of him (except as all education changes any student). His studies, which the church requires of him before he can be called a minister in full standing, simply equip him for the special kinds of work he has to do. The layman has not taken these studies, and does not preach, and is no pastor.



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What is a good layman? There is nothing mysterious about it. In the church, a good layman is simply a Christian who lives his religion—and has, to be sure, a faith he can live by. The third letter of Saint John, in the New Testament, was written to a good layman named Gaus. All we know about him is in this one-page letter. John speaks first of all of the truth of Gaus' life. No doubt his

"The truth of your life"

For all that, if ever there is a church where the laymen all become "dead wood," where all the work is left to the pastor, that church dies and doesn't take long at it either. Laymen are even more necessary to the church than ministers are. Laymen can be a church without a minister; but a minister without laymen can't possibly be a church.

There's no special difficulty about being a good layman. Much of it is cultivating the simple arts of friendship. The boys and girls in the church, including an older friend's guidance (not dictation), are parents pretty hard on who could use a little encouragement from others who are grieving hearts, in sympathy in need of an arm to lift them and set them on the highroad again. If you look around you and see who needs a friend, send a name and address. You may be in Paradise. But if you are on this planet, you live with people who need friends. Get friends too. Some people put others down; what is needed is people who are friendly. Give a name, and for the sake, Friend of us all.

ideas were good and his were true; but for John Gaus it was the truth of his life that impressed people most.

"Any service to the brethren"

Many people think of work as anything done in church walls, on church property. Now where Gaus lived, there was no church building (the Testament was completed). Christians began to build churches and no organization in the modern sense of that word yet. Gaus was a loyal member of the church. "Any service" is called "brotherhood" (the "brethren") is other things to do. Gaus' specialty seems to have been hospitality. In a time when hotels did not exist, men like Gaus helped the church by taking their homes traveling preachers and bishops and missionaries.

A supporting player on the stage or the athletic field, a supporting regiment in a battle, is very important. So it is in the church. The far-flung work of the church, which is wider than members realize, would be nothing overnight without it. The 20th century Gaus may find any wandering missionary at the bus station to take to dinner; but the more leaves in the church, the more plates goes a long long way. Intelligent laymen will know, and will find out, his "benevolence dollar" and why.

"The friends"

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County Future Farmers Plan Safe Corn Picker Campaign

"Operating a Corn Picker correctly to operate efficiently is no Job for a Careless Person," say the members of the Lancaster County Future Farmers of America. It requires skill and experience in being alert and careful. A picker must be in good repair and adjusted.

The Future Farmers ask that you take just a moment of your time to heed the message of safety they are offering to assure you the "Good Harvest Season." The FFA Chapter mem-

bers are participating in a nation wide program to prevent accidents to farm people resulting from careless operation of corn pickers.

Efficient and smooth operating corn pickers are not as inclined to clog, a condition which may be the beginning of a serious accident if safety precautions are not heeded. Read the instruction manual carefully. Operate the picker according to the recommended speed for the power takeoff, gathering chains and snapping rolls. Repair and adjust your equipment before beginning to pick corn. Check to be sure all shields are securely in place. Take it easy on the first few rounds to get the feel of picking corn again. Keep the engine area clean of trash to avoid fire.

Always stop the picker rolls before attempting to remove stalks that lodge in the snapping or husking rolls. Never hurry. When (Turn to page 6)

Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



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TO ISOLATE SHIPPED CATTLE—Traffic in cattle movements will increase in the coming months, thus that newly-shipped cattle may bring fever to the farm where other cattle may be infected. It is strongly advised to separate the shipped cattle from those that are acclimated. In some cases shipped cattle may be permitted to drink from same trough as cattle on feed, or dairy cattle; this is very dangerous and should not be practiced.

TO PRACTICE SAFETY WITH CORN PICKERS—A mechanical corn picker has replaced the farm bull as one of the most dangerous critters on the farm. As corn picking time approaches, all operators should take note of the need for extreme care in working with this machine. Too many fingers, hands, and arms are mangled because the picker was not stopped for cleaning or repair. Are you going to be the next victim of this mistake?

TO CHECK DAIRY BARN VENTILATION—The milk herd will soon be housed for the fall and winter. Dairy farmers who have ventilation problems are urged to consider installation of an electric fan exhaust system. Full details and assistance are available.

TO BEWARE OF A KILLING FROST—Recent weather conditions remind us that cooler weather and killing frosts are not far away. On most forage crops the frost will make them toxic to livestock but will increase the danger of bloating. However, with sudan grass and the sorghum growth of forage sorghums a frost will increase the amount of prussic acid and may be poisonous to any type of stock. If these crops are frosted, they should not be used as fresh forage (either pasture or green chop). If ever, they may be made into silage and after three weeks of fermenting per. od, will be safe for feeding.

TO KILL POTATOT VINES—Potatoes should not be cut until the vines have been dead 10 days to two weeks. Research work has shown that chemical vine killers are preferred over mechanical beating. Sodium arsenite and di-nitro chemicals are recommended; follow manufacturer's directions for amounts to use. Chemical killing helps control late blight tuber rot; dead vines do not carry blight from the vines to the tubers.

MARKS THE SPOT
where ACCIDENTS begin

THINK!

BE CAREFUL TODAY - BE HERE TOMORROW

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