

FROM WHERE WE STAND - Congratulations! Win, Lose or Draw

Farm Show has come and gone for the 46th time. Lancaster County farmers and homemakers have returned to the Garden Spot with their usually fine array of ribbons and trophies, and we are all proud once again to be a part of such a fine agricultural society.

We would like to add our congratulations to the winners. We know they have received the plaudits of many, and they justly deserve the honors accorded them.

But what of those who returned home with only experience and heartaches for their pains in preparing and exhibiting their treasures.

We would like to say a word of encouragement to those who "also ran". Particularly are we thinking of the 4-H and FFA exhibitors who did not win.

Perhaps it is cold comfort, but then perhaps it is better than no comfort at

all, to realize that it would be a pretty slim show if only the winners exhibited. If only those exhibitors who knew for certain they did not stand a chance of finishing out of the money, were to take their products to the show, the judging rings and exhibit halls would be empty.

Perhaps it is a little bit corny, but there is an old saying, "The big apples wouldn't be at the top of the basket if it weren't for a lot of little ones holding them up."

Sometimes the little apples end up making the best pie because being at the bottom of the heap that way gives them time to ripen and mellow before their time for greatness finally comes.

Therefore, we say, It is great to win, but it is no disgrace to lose if you did your best.

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

Prepare Food For Survival

Reliable figures indicate over 40 per cent of our food comes off the farm each day. Therefore many foods are delivered to stores two and three times a week.

In the event of a natural disaster or nuclear attack Civil Defense authorities can declare a moratorium of at least five days on all wholesale food supplies.

Explosions, snow storms, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and blizzards yearly show us how some part of the country has to rely upon emergency food supplies to survive.

While rural areas are often better equipped to survive in times of emergency than are the urban centers, there is a growing interdependence of all segments of the society.

Farm families depend more and more on the grocery store for their food products. More and more farmers are becoming dependent on transportation to supply fresh foods when they are needed.

This is a situation to be expected in this day of specialization, and we have no desire to discredit the system. However, we do think more farmers ought to give some thought to provid-

ing emergency food supplies for their families.

Emergency food does not have to be an expensive or exotic collection, but some thought should be given to providing maximum quality for a minimum of storage space and adequate nutritive value balanced among water packed, liquid and solid foods.

If it became necessary for you to spend two weeks in a fallout shelter, what would you eat—survival rations, your normal food?"

These questions are in the first paragraph of a leaflet called "Eating To Survive. Without resorting to scare tactics, its writers, J. F. Bauerman and H. E. Neigh of the extension staff at The Penna. State University, outline some of the steps a family can take to prepare for an emergency, natural or man-made.

The last paragraph explains their reason for writing the article. It says, "In case of emergency the food in your home will have to do; perhaps for as long as two weeks or more. Now's the time to do some serious planning."

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

RURAL RHYTHMS

Five Day Cow

I long for a cow of modern make
That milks five days for leisure sake,
That sleeps on Saturday, snores on Sunday,
And starts afresh again on Monday.

I wish for a herd that knows the way
To wash each other day by day,
That never bothers to excite us
With chills or fever or mastitis.

I sigh for a new and better breed
That takes less grooming and less feed,
That has the reason, wit and wisdom
To use the seat and flushing system.

I pray each week end long and clear,
Less work to do from year to year,
And cows that reach production peak
All in a five-day working week.

I look for officials by the mob
To guide the farmers at their job
And show these stupid breeders how
To propagate a five-day cow.

—Anonymous

GET EWES READY

A little attention to the ewe flock now may prevent costly diseases and parasite losses this winter says Dr. Samuel B. Guss, Penn State extension veterinarian. He suggests worming the flock, examining winter feeding & watering facilities, spraying to eliminate losses from external parasites, cleaning lambing pens, checking housing and bedding, and setting aside a month's supply of the best hay to feed ewes in the period just before lambing.

If all the water from all the fresh water lakes of the world should be emptied into the ocean, it would raise its level about two inches.

● Dr. Larson

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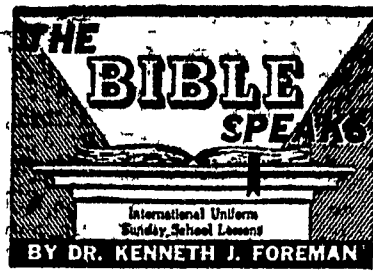
Last March was named chair man of the Division of Plant Sciences and Industry in the College of Agriculture.

Since 1958 he has served as consultant to the office of Experiment Station, U. S. Department of Agriculture. From July to December, 1960 while on leave from Penn. State, he served as scientific aide to the Mexican agriculture program of the Rockefeller Foundation. He spent most of the time in Mexico collecting specimens of criollo tomatoes for use in plant breeding research.

Dr. Larson, 45, is married to the former Margaret A. Johnson, of Minneapolis, Minn., and they have two daughters, Gayle Margaret, a junior at Penn State; Beverly Jean, a junior in the State College High School, and a son, Russell Troy, a student in seventh grade.

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One God

Lesson for January 14, 1962

IT is easier to believe in many gods than in one. If you don't think that is true, take a look through the religions of primitive peoples. No human beings any



where, no matter how primitive, are without some kind of religion; but the human race did not arrive early at the truth that there is only one true God. But they did arrive. In Islam, and in Christianity, men have stood for their faith that God is One, and beside him there is no other. Nothing the Christian church believes about the Trinity abolishes this basic truth, that there is one God only. Father, Son and Spirit are not three Gods. The Holy Trinity is not a celestial committee. Christians believe that there are different ways by which we meet God, different ways of His revealing himself; but the High God, the Creator of all, and Christ our Savior, the "Word made flesh," and the Spirit of God in our hearts, are all the same God.

One God of time and space

Theologians seeking ways of expressing the majesty of God sometimes use the expression, the God of time and space. That expresses a tremendously important truth about God, a two-sided truth. One is that no matter how far backward or forward you may go in time, God is always God. He does not become God, or cease to be God, or become (so to speak) a part-time or retired God. Sometimes human beings' thoughts of God are dim; but He is ever the eternal flame. The other side of the truth is that wherever you go in space, you are always in the domain of the one, the only God, who is always the same. This not only means that God is sovereign over this earth and whatever creatures live here; to the remotest star He is still the same, the

only God. The idea that we could take a spaceship and sail beyond the reach of God is just as absurd as it always was.

One God of the world and you

Think about the world around you—steel and asphalt, grass and trees, stars, germs and atoms. Does it seem hard to believe that the God who made these things made you? That the God who is concerned for the mighty suns and vast whirlpools of stars millions of light-years away,—that He can be interested also in you? Even some Christians have felt as if there must be a difference between the God of nature and the God of grace, the God of nature and the God Jesus revealed to us. But there is no difference. Neither the God of grace nor the God of nature is greater than the other; for they are one and the same God. The same divine Mind that devised this universe also devised you. It serves his purposes,—the stormy wind fulfills God's will, as the Hebrew psalmist wrote. God made the earth and seas for a reason, He made the stars for a reason, He made you for a reason. What all His reasons are is His own secret. That a comet's return may be predicted, is a pointer to God. That in the midst of grief there comes a healing peace, is a pointer to God. That a man feels in his heart of hearts, I ought, is a pointer to God. Not to three Gods but to the same, the only God.

From birth to death

As we live and grow, our ideas about God may greatly change. Perhaps at first we think of Him as a kind of family God, we think of Him as the God of our church. He may be in early days a God we think about only when we say "Now I lay me . . ." at bed-time; then later—for some great souls this is true—God looms so large that He is our constant companion, and the thought of Him is back of every thought. But He does not grow, it is we who grow. The road of mankind is strewn with the bodies of dead gods, someone has said. Not at all; the true God never perishes. The dead bodies are ideas, notions, images in the mind; they are not gods. Now each man's personal road of life ought to pass on beyond the graves of the idols He has made in His mind. The God who would not let us get hurt, the God who let us do as we please, the God bent on revenge, the God of our nation against the world—these Gods do not exist except in people's minds. The one true God is the one revealed by his Son, who from the Beginning was with God, and was God.

Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



MAX SMITH

TO BUY CERTIFIED SEEDS—One of the best ways of actually getting what you really want is to plant certified seed. In order to have some assurance of good germination, free from weeds, and the best yield ability of certain varieties, it is strongly recommended that the best seeds be used. In most cases with the buying of seeds, you get in proportion to what you pay.

TO CUT DOWN ON FEED WASTE — In many cases of livestock feeding where the self feeders are used, there is too much waste of valuable feed. In some research studies with hog feeding it was found that many feeding operations lost from 3 to 7 percent of the feed. This is not the way to make a net return on any feeding operation. Feed is expensive and one of the objectives should be to get a good feed conversion into meat or milk. Local feeders are urged to inspect their feed operations in order to reduce the waste of feed.

TO PREVENT WOOL BLINDNESS—Experienced shepherds will trim the wool from around the eyes of their sheep at this time of the year. This is quite often necessary in some breeds such as Shropshires or Southdowns where there is a lot of wool about the head. In other breeds such as Cheviots and Suffolks this will not be necessary. If the wool has grown tight around the eye opening, it is very difficult for the sheep to see where to go and to see feed and water. Some attention in these cases will produce more profit from the flock.

TO PREVENT SNOW MOLD IN LAWNS—Snow mold is a fungus that thrives under conditions found under snow cover. Mold appears in gray or dirty white patches a few inches to a foot or more in diameter after the snow melts. This condition may be prevented by spraying with chemicals containing calomel, corrosive sublimate, or thiram-mercury compounds; the rate is 3 ounces in 3 to 5 gallons of water per 1000 square feet of lawn between snow covers. During 1960-61 and now so far this 1961-62 winter there has been snow cover a large percentage of the time and some trouble may exist.

LETTERS To The Editor

Reader Likes Bible Column

Editor, Lancaster Farming
Dear Sir:

I want to commend you for including, "The Bible Speaks" in your paper. Possibly too often folks forget to be thankful for articles and publications such as this. Hoping you continue to print Dr. Foreman's message on the Sunday School Lessons. This is what we need — "At least that's how it looks from where we stand".

Sincerely,
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