

## FROM WHERE WE STAND - What Could I Do? My Neighbor Sold

"I have enough trouble keeping up with producing the food. How can I be expected to help sell it?" a dairyman told us recently

"What could I do? I intended to hold my tobacco for a better price, but all my neighbors sold. I thought I had better sell or I might be left holding my crop when the price went lower." It almost seems this is a broken record about this time every year.

"Is it true that another big company is contracting laying hens in the county?" was the question of a poultryman at a meeting recently.

We sympathize with the farmer who has a crop and is at the mercy of a few bidders for the perishable products of his year's toil.

But just whose job is it to sell agricultural production? Just how much responsibility does the farmer have in helping to maintain markets for his crops? How much right has he to interfere in a function of the food industry remote from the actual production of the commodities of trade.

At a New Year's reception for members of the press in the office of Secretary of Agriculture, Freeman, the Secretary had this to say, "During this last year, national consumption of milk—which scientists have called nature's most perfect food—dropped two to three billion pounds below the consumption levels of 1960. No one knows why, although speculation is that the current vogue of diet consciousness is largely responsible.

"This is a situation which I view with alarm, and it is the main reason why I am serving milk and dairy products at this New Year's reception for members of the press . . .

"America . . . is the best fed nation in the world. Our people have the highest calorie diet of any country today. Our children are bigger, on the average, than children in other nations and each of us can expect to live longer than our parents.

"One of the contributing factors over the years to the health of the American people has been the high con-

sumption of milk and dairy products. "Since 1955, however, per capita total consumption.

"This past year, however, the Department (of Agriculture) estimates that total consumption will drop three consumption has been trending downward, but the increase in population has compensated for this in terms of billion pounds under 1960 levels — the first interruption of the steady upward trend which began in 1953."

Others are concerned about this lack of appetite for wholesome food-stuffs being exhibited by the American consumer.

A new challenge to food manufacturers, aimed at stimulating greater consumption of eggs will be unveiled at the Poultry and Egg National Board's 22nd annual meeting in Chicago March 19 to 21.

Prepared by the steering committee of the New Products Development Committee of PENB the publication will feature four new products and serve as a supplement to PENB's "Profit Making Opportunities in the 60's With Eggs" which contains data on eight new egg products and two meat products from the hen.

In addition, PENB has carried out an extensive advertising campaign in periodical Medical Journals which go to physicians and others in the field of nutrition.

It seems to us that there are three ways of dealing with the problem of marketing farm production. We can sit and moan that we have no time or ability to help market our products, or in other words, we can hope someone else will do something about it. We can point out the danger of not acting—recognize the danger without offering any solution. Or we can get some of our money and effort into a constructive campaign of advertising and education on the merits of good wholesome food.

We leave it to you to decide which course will bring the results—we are all seeking.

How does it look from where you stand?

## A Century Of Agricultural Leadership

Abraham Lincoln dipped his quill and affixed his signature to a bill in the year 1862.

The bill became a law stating, "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established at the seat of the government of the United States a Department of Agriculture, the general designs and duties of which shall be to acquire and to diffuse among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with agriculture in the most general and comprehensive sense of that word"

In August of last year, another

president put his signature to another proclamation which has importance to all of us in Lancaster County. The proclamation reads, "Now, therefore, I, John F. Kennedy, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the year 1962 as the United States Department of Agriculture Centennial year; and I request the Department of agriculture to plan and to participate in appropriate activities recognizing the anniversary to the end that the centennial may serve as an occasion to commemorate the contributions of agriculture to the health and welfare of every citizen, to the national well-being, and to the development of emerging nations."

### ● Soil Conservation (From page 1)

servation farmer in the county in 1956.

Funk is also first vice president of the state association of Soil Conservation District Directors

Directors also reelected Henry Hackman to the office of vice chairman, and Henry Givler to the office of secretary-treasurer

In other business, directors made tentative plans for the annual meeting to be held on March 6, an FFA soil judging contest in May, County plowing contest in July, and the soil conservation field day in August. Directors also plan to hold several watershed meetings with the aid of associate directors during the year

Nine new conservation agreements were approved at the meeting. Requests for conservation plans from six landowners to cover a total of 537 acres were from the following: Ellis K. Mentzer, New Holland R2, 90 acres in

Earl Twp, 77 acres in Earl Twp, 81 acres in Earl Twp, 60 acres in Earl Twp; Harvey E Sauders, New Holland R1, 71 acres in East Earl Twp; Aaron H. Martin, Denver R1, 43 acres in Brecknock Twp; Henry Lauver, Ephrata R2, 37 acres in Ephrata Twp; Frank J. Ludwig, New Holland R2, 24 acres in Earl Twp. The signing of these agreements brings the total since the district was formed to 2,023 cooperators

The goal of new cooperators for 1962 was set at 100.

### COLD BREAKERS

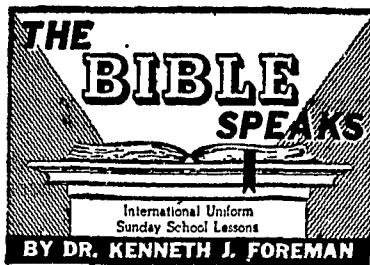
Two layers of fabric are warmer than one, reminds Bernice Tharp, Penn State extension clothing specialist. A tightly woven cotton cloth can serve as an excellent windbreaker. Lined with a nap or pile fabric, such a garment is warm, lightweight, and comfortable to wear. When the cotton fabric is treated for water repellency, it has the added advantage of repelling rain and snow

### ● McSparran

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be the election of directors to serve a three year term. Directors whose terms expire in 1962 are Mark Myer, president; Charles D. Warfel, secretary; Glenn H. Herr, auction manager; Jay R. Greider, Noah W. Kreider, Sr, and H Raymond Stoner.

### Lancaster Farming

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### God Is Spirit

Lesson for January 21, 1962

THE Greek language, in which the New Testament was at first written, has no way of expressing our English "indefinite article" a or an. Consequently the



two sentences "God is a Spirit" and "God is Spirit" would be exactly the same in Greek. So then, what did Jesus say to the Samaritan woman? Did He say "God is a Spirit" or "God is Spirit"? This is one of these places where Bible translation can't depend on the words only, for here two different translations would be equally correct, so far as the words go. One reason why practically all contemporary translations say "Spirit" in John 4:24 is that saying "God is a Spirit" might give the idea that God is just one among many spirits. God is Spirit fits better with all that the Bible tells us about God.

#### What Is God like?

The central meaning of "God is Spirit" is that God's nature is spirit. Water is liquid, earth, water, fire and air are physical; God is spirit. It is very hard to think clearly what this means, because we have never seen spirit by itself. We experience what it is to be spirit, ourselves; for man is partly body, partly spirit. Yet in ourselves spirit never is felt alone. It is extremely hard to be certain at any point in our experience what elements are "spirit" and what elements are physical, material. We know what spirit and matter are in close combination; we can observe matter without spirit every time we look at a rock or a raindrop. But spirit, pure and unmingled? Let us try to speak of a few of the meanings that Christian thinkers have seen in this tremendous saying, so simple and yet so profound.

**No likeness of anything**  
Moses did not try to tell the

Israelites that God is spirit. What he did say was something simpler. The people of God were forbidden to make any image or likeness of anything at all, in water, earth or air. The Israelites alone, among the people of the ancient East, had no status nor pictures of their God. God is not like any physical thing. Nothing that can be seen with the natural eye looks like God. Now this is very important. If God had some kind of body, if God were as dependent on his body as we are ours, then like all bodies, his would have to be at some definite location in space. You could point straight at God (let us say) at noon by the clock, but because of the way the earth spins, at midnight you would have to point in the opposite direction. Nothing that has a body can be in more places than one at one time. Everything that has a body, or is a body, has to move or be carried, from one place to another place. But God is everywhere all the time. All places are "here" to him. This could not be true unless God is spirit.

#### Judgment and consolation

This Christian belief (which we owe directly to our Master) that God is spirit, is not just a difficult doctrine. It is extremely practical, and that in two ways. For one thing, you cannot go anywhere and shut God off from following you. He does not need to follow you. He is always there. No door can be closed against him. This means that nothing escapes His eye. No recording angel is needed to keep your record. At the final judgment there is no need to summon witnesses, no wondering if they are telling the truth. God does not depend on eye-witnesses. His judgment is just because He is always at the scene of every crime . . . Crime? Yes, at the scene of every sin too. In a human court a man may "get by with murder." He may build up a reputation he does not deserve. But no man can surprise God; your reputation with Him is no better than you are.

The other very important practical bearing this truth has is that God is present in our darkest hours. We may be too ill to visit the bedside of a dying loved one. We may arrive too late for a funeral. But God is never too late, the high God, the only God there is.—He is always there. We are never alone, and we need never feel alone. We may know that no human sympathy quite penetrates to the inside of our hearts; but God knows us from the inside as well as from without.

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## Now Is The Time . . .

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### TO WASH DAIRY EQUIPMENT PROPERLY

Washing compounds work well in some water supplies but with others they may not be compatible. Usually when the product is mixed with water according to directions, there is no cloudiness or sediment and it is satisfactory for use. Dairy equipment should be rinsed, soaked in washing solution, brushed, rinsed again and stored dry; Keep water temperatures between 100 and 120 degrees F. Just before using, rinse with a sanitizing solution.

### TO BE ALERT FOR PIG PNEUMONIA—

The season for virus pig pneumonia is here and all swine producers are urged to be on the alert for the trouble. Symptoms include coughing, scours, sneezing, listlessness, and loss of flesh. Death losses may not be high but poor gains and low feed returns will result in heavy financial losses. In case of doubt, producers are urged to contact their local veterinarian.

### TO BE CAREFUL IN BUYING—

Many farm purchases will be made in the next few months. All farmers are urged to be extremely careful about buying from strangers or buying from misleading advertising. Bargain offers either from a traveling salesman or from an advertisement should be accepted cautiously and the name and honesty of the company investigated before the purchase is completed. Special offers from strangers that insist upon cash payment have often resulted in misrepresentation and a very expensive experience. All farmers are urged to deal with reputable concerns of known location and service, or have the product and company checked before completing any deals.

### TO CONTINUE CALFHOOD VACCINATION—

All dairy men are reminded of the importance of trying to build resistance against Bangs Disease in the young herd of dairy cows. The recommended method of getting this resistance in a herd is to vaccinate the heifer calves when four to eight months of age. This is a free service offered by the Bureau of Animal Industry through all veterinarians. All dairymen are urged to continue this important practice for improved herd health in the future.