

# From Where We Stand . . . A Tribute To 25 Years Of Service

Lancaster County farmers are justifiably proud of the reputation the county has gained as the Garden Spot of the world

Whether the excellent farming conditions in the county attracts excellent county agents, or whether excellent county agents produce excellent farming conditions might be argued

But be that as it may, the two appear to go hand in hand

Lancaster County has been fortunate enough to have had Floyd (Dutch) Bucher and Harry S. Sloat in the County Agent's Office for many years. Both are now retired.

Still very much on the job after 25 years of service to the farmers of the county is the present County Agent, M. M. (Max) Smith.

Max, who has been the farm agent in the county since 1949, has had no small part in helping the farmers of the county to perpetuate their reputation for agricultural excellence.

He has been ever ready to cooperate in bringing the latest in methods and materials to the attention of the rural residents of the county, and his many awards attest to the fact that his work has not gone unnoticed outside the county.

His selection as one of the recipients of the Distinguished Service Awards given by the National Association of Agricultural Agents in 1961 places him among the 'Best of the Best' in America.

Max could have moved on many times to high posts and executive positions in industry and government, but he chose to remain in Extension Service work.

After 25 years, the farmers of Lancaster County are mighty thankful he chose to stay, and they hope this 25th year celebration will be just a milestone along a long, pleasant road yet to be traveled together.

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

## The Search Ends

And while we are in the business of handing out bouquets, we think a spray, possibly including some celery for greens, should go to the vegetable breeders and commercial vegetable growers who helped produce a strain of celery to replace Houser.

For our money, these men deserve more than a bouquet. We believe there is celery — and celery.

If you have ever eaten a stalk of the "shipped in" kind and then pulled strings out of your teeth for the rest of the day, you know what we mean.

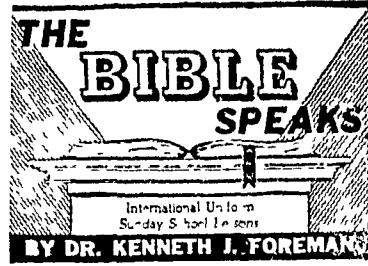
Lancaster County celery can not compete with celery anywhere except right here in Lancaster County. It can not compete, we say, because it is so tender, tasty and succulent that it will not take the rough treatment of shipping. This is precisely the reason for the strings in the "shipped" varieties.

But there are far too many eaters in this county who have never taken the opportunity to taste and compare the truly excellent-quality celery produced locally. There are far too many county residents who do not yet know what it is to eat real high-quality celery because it takes time, patience and care to grow that kind of crop, and the big stores buy from sources where huge volume and immediate supply can be furnished, even if quality has to suffer.

Perhaps you won't be able to tell the difference if you chop the celery up in chicken stuffing or cream of celery soup, but just you put a few stalks on the table raw, and if the eaters can't tell the difference, you just don't have celery eaters in your family.

Again we say, a bouquet is due the celery growers for their persistent search and eventual victory.

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



BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN  
Bible Material: Exodus 20:14, Daniel 1:1, Matthew 5:27-30, Mark 7:14-23  
Devotional Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

## The Clean Life

Lesson for February 25, 1962

WHAT is the most valuable feature of American life? It is not the supermarkets, the big double-lane highways, it isn't the cars or even the schools. Many even Christians, basis for divorce, it has been put quite bluntly. Any man who looks on a woman with lust in his heart, has already committed adultery with her. There are only three requirements for any act, good or bad: desire, capacity, opportunity. And an act of adultery could get along for a longer or shorter time in a mind first. A clean life is not one that lacks legally punishable acts. A clean life is one in which the law is not needed, it is a life that supplies its own discipline.



Dr. Foreman

The answer, of course, is the Christian home. Christian church and Christian home support each other, sometimes with an assist from the school, sometimes not. But the home is more indispensable to the church than the church to the home.

What then is the inner support and foundation of a Christian home? The obvious answer is, Christian marriage. Failure of a marriage means failure of a home.

### Attack on home

Today the home is under attack. Not directly, no one would get a moment's hearing if he advertised himself as opposed to good homes. But indirectly, in countless ways, marriages can be, and often are, poisoned in advance. It is well known that one marriage in four, the country over, ends in divorce, and that though divorced persons often re-marry (for the stark and simple reason that they already have cheated wife or husband) they are not likely to make much more of the second try than the first.

One of the deadliest ways to poison a marriage beforehand is to come to it no longer a virgin, and this holds true for man and woman alike. From the very beginning, the Christian church and the Jewish synagogue have held up one standard for marriage.

Continence before, and chastity (faithfulness each to each) during marriage. Whatever breaks down that standard does something to break down marriage itself. A "home" where husband and wife are both survivors of many affairs with other people a marriage that knows nothing of faithfulness, a marriage ready to break in two the minute a homesome man or a more alluring woman comes on the scene,—such a "home" is likely to have little or no regard for any children and may even resent them.

### Mind and body

The laws of any place fall behind the best ideals of the best people. Any good lawyer will admit as much. But even the law, clumsy and "external" as it must be, knows that adultery is wrong. But by the time adultery gets into the courts, or becomes a tragic even Christian, basis for divorce, it has been going on for a long time. Jesus not even the put it quite bluntly. Any man who looks on a woman with lust in his heart, has already committed adultery with her. There are only three requirements for any act, good or bad: desire, capacity, opportunity. And an act of adultery could get along for a longer or shorter time in a mind first. A clean life is not one that lacks legally punishable acts. A clean life is one in which the law is not needed, it is a life that supplies its own discipline.

### Our special problems

In America at this time and for a generation or more before now, the Christian ideal of continence before marriage, chastity during it, itself has been eroded by constant attack. Consider the books and magazines for sale at your nearby drugstores, consider the themes of popular moving pictures and novels, consider the moral standards of Hollywood and of their influence on our national life. Consider the way women and girls dress. To maintain a clean life in the midst of surrounding such as are common in America is extremely difficult, more so than for most previous centuries.

Yet there is one thing it will help us to keep in mind. That is, that at the time the Christian church began, standards of relations between men and women, in the Roman Empire, where the infant church was born, were just as low as they are in America today, if not lower. Yet the ideals of Christ outlived the empire. The future of America is not with those large areas of corruption; it is with the small groups that intend to remain clean.

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## Tobacco Quotas And Controls Rejected By 6 to 1 Margin

Lancaster County tobacco growers want no one else to make their hands and they proved it by a six to one margin Tuesday.

The growers baled up the situation and wrapped it for market when they went to the polls in the eighth consecutive referendum on marketing quotas and acreage allotments for cigar filler tobacco.

The largest turnout in the history of the referendum in the county was recorded by

the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. A total of 3,906 of an estimated 8,000 eligible voters cast ballots.

When the votes were in 563 were in favor of the government's proposed program of marketing quotas and acreage controls. Voting against the proposal were 3,320. There were 24 challenged ballots and one void ballot.

Though 11 per cent voted in favor of the proposal, which normally considerably less than 10 percent have voted for controls, this was still a far cry from the two thirds approval needed for passage. The 86 per cent in opposition to acreage controls was the smallest in county history.

Growers in 11 other Pennsylvania counties added 339 negative ballots and 28 affirmatives ones.

There had been some speculation prior to the voting, that reports of Kentucky and Tennessee farmers raising crop of filler tobacco (in addition to the burley under their quotas) might swing the traditional Lancaster Countians toward control programs. Kentucky and Tennessee farmers were not eligible to vote in Tuesday's referendum.

Heaviest voting in the county was in the New Holland area where growers rejected the program 751 to 29.

In the Ephrata area 97 per

cent of the votes cast were against controls. Also included in this area which polled the highest percentage against the program were West Earl and Upper Leacock townships.

The greatest percentage in favor at any polling place was controls was 32 per cent in Penn Watwick and Elizabeth townships.

Since controls were voted down there will not be another referendum called by the government for three years unless one fourth of the growers petition for one. If the referendum had yielded a vote in favor of controls the crops in 1962, 63 and 64 would have been under marketing quotas and acreage allotments.

In the county returns township by township ballots showed the following (for - against - challenged - void): Conoy West Donegal and Mount Joy 29-121-3-0; East Donegal and West Hemphield 68-167-4-0; Rapho 19-160-1-0; Penn Watwick and Elizabeth 85-180-0-0; East and West Coaling, Brecknock and Clay 16-255-0-0.

Ephrata West Earl and Upper Leacock 18-538-2-0; Salisbury and Leacock 28-278-6-0; East and West Lampeter and Lancaster 23-148-0-0; Manheim and East Hemphield 53-128-1-0; Manor Conestoga and Piqua 72-197-2-0; Eden Barr and Sidsbury 11-112-2-0.

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## Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH

To Topdress Winter Wheat



The yield of many fields of wheat will be increased by topdressing with 25 to 40 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre early in March. On sand gravel or shale-type soils this practice will give real good yield increases. On heavier more fertile soils it is not recommended because of the increased danger of lodging. On some soils the nitrogen will leach out quicker and needs replaced for good yield. On seeding made very late last fall or when it stands that look pale-green early in March, the topdressing is recommended. If the wheat is seeded down to clover or alfalfa, the rate should be only 25 to 30 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre. On non-seeded stands, the application may be 30 to 40 pounds per acre.

### To Be Careful With Home-Grown Seeds

Homegrown red clover seed is widely used throughout the county and the state, the variety Pennscott ranks high in this area and will give outstanding yields of quality forage. However, local growers are urged to be careful when buying local seed in that it does not contain weed seeds. All homegrown seeds should be cleaned and germination tested before using. This must be done at the State Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg is the seed to be offered for sale.

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### To Plan For Early Spring Oats Seeding

Growers planning to make a spring oats seeding should make every effort to get it into the ground the last 10 days of March or the first 10 days of April. These early spring seedings will out-yield the late April or May seedings. Clinton and Garin of Clinton 59 are recommended varieties.

### To Use Own Poultry Crates

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