

From Where We Stand . . . Nothing As Constant As Change

There is nothing so constant as change

And there is nothing any more constant than the truth of that old saying

But nowhere is that change more in evidence than in farming.

There are many in agriculture today who long for the days when change was less swift and abrupt. There are those who would turn back the clock because they see the past through the misty eyes of nostalgia which strain out all the harsh realities and let through to the senses only the blind pleasantries of untroubled youth. There are those who would freeze time in its tracks and keep the status quo because of the leisure and relative freedom from stress of the present moment.

But change is part of our lives — part of our very existence. Pretending that things have not changed or hoping that they will not change does not alter the fact that things have changed and that things will continue to change.

Now you know, and we wouldn't try to tell you different, not all change is good. Certainly, we know there were many things about the easy going days of the not-too-distant past that appeal to our senses of pleasure and well being

But all too often those wishing to cancel out all change are surrendering to the temptation to retreat to the mother-arms of self pity over missed opportunity and frustration with their own lack of accomplishment

We do not mean to advocate change for the sake of change, but we do not believe we should shut our eyes to the obvious. If there is a better way of doing a job, and that will bring us the things we desire, we have to be ready to give up the old way, even if it means sacrificing something else we have long cherished

There are those who will argue that change is against the will of the Almighty Being

This reminds us of the old lady who was asked what she would like for her 100th birthday. She said she didn't want anything in particular but when one of her children suggested that perhaps she would like to go for her first plane ride, she replied, "No, I'll just sit here and watch television like God intended for me to do"

Just so will there be opposition to every new or improved idea which is proposed in farming. Most of the new ideas will have to be discarded after general use proves them impractical or obsolete, but that is just part of the change which goes on and on

A recent publication from the Pennsylvania State University concludes with these words, "Change is part of our existence, it won't go away. Closing our eyes and refusing to adjust to it only stores up painful and ultimate re-creating. Awareness of it, and acceptance of the need to plan for it, permits guiding in the direction we want. Rewards are wider choices for richer, more satisfying lives"

We couldn't have said it better ourselves.

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



N.F.O. Holding Action

The National Farmers Organization has been called everything from a "Union of malcontents" to a "Communist inspired mob" by persons interested in seeing the farmers of this nation continue to struggle with professional bargainers in the world's marketplaces.

There are groups who have little to gain and much to lose if farmers and ranchers present a united front to the handlers and distributors of farm produce. Many of these groups will use all the power of their huge financial and organizational forces to make the farmer look like the villain of the piece.

In any dispute, it is a rare case when either of the disputants is lilly-white, and we are not completely convinced that the holding action by the NFO is 100 per cent perfect, but at least the farmers of the midwest have shown that the farmer does not have to be driven like sheep through the world's market places.

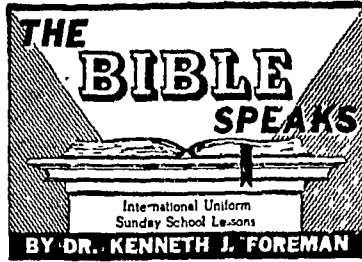
We believe the farmer has as much right to set the price of his produce as the automobile manufacturer has to tell his dealers what the wholesale price of automobiles will be.

But the farmer can never have this privilege unless there is a united effort. The individual farmer can not make his small voice heard above the clamor of the pressure groups which handle and process his goods

What the NFO is doing may not be the total answer, but we believe it is an effort to do what needs to be done. It is an attempt to do what can never be done if farmers try to outwit professional buyers on the buyers' home grounds and with the buyers' set of rules

Every time it has been tried that way, the farmer got less of the consumer's dollar for his produce.

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



Bible Material Malachi Devotional Reading Psalm 119 1-10

The Best for God Lesson for September 23, 1962

EVERY priest and every minister you see is what he is because he chose to be so. He follows what Roman Catholics call "Vocation" and Protestants a "Call," — that is, he believed it was God's will that he should be a priest or a minister as the case might be, and so he of his own free will followed the Spirit's guidance.

In the old Hebrew days it was different. No man had to decide anything about a call to the ministry, that is to say the priesthood. A man was either born into a family of priests or not. If not, there was no way by which he could become one. On the other hand, if he was born the son of a priest, there was no getting out of it unless he was seriously crippled. The effect of this, naturally, was that many men were priests who had no liking for their work and perhaps very little capacity for it. They would get through their work at the temple as quickly and easily as they could. They were much more interested in the pay than in the service.

God Wants the Best

This was the situation which the prophet Malachi faced. Religion was at a low ebb in Jerusalem and thereabouts. People offered to God the least they could get by. With the priests' bad example before them, the everyday worshippers grew quite indifferent to the whole business or religion. God got the tag ends, tag-ends of sacrifices (lambs that were sick anyhow, for example), tag-ends of money, and probably small tag-ends of time. Anything would do for God, it was thought. Malachi tried to break through this piggish negligence. We do not know how successful he was, but we do know that he tried to do. He tried to help God's people recover the conviction that God is real, all-good

and almighty. He is every man's best friend. The Israelites were not only treating God shabbily, they were actually robbing him. If a man wants his friend to have the best, what must we think — what must God think — of men who not only treat God and his laws and his service with contempt, and actually give God the worst instead of the best?

God Gets the Worst

This is not a parable from olden times. It's something we can observe in almost any church. Who gets the best of the church member's money? Not God, not always. The family car, the mortgage payments, clothes and parties to "keep up with the Joneses," one hundred and one things get the best of the family income, and they offer God, through his church, part of what's left after they have provided for everything else.

God gets the worst of time, too. Is time set apart for Bible reading an important part of the day? Is the time spent in Bible reading and prayer combined, as much as is spent in listening to the weather reports on the radio? Is the time set apart for personal religion a time when one is most wide-awake, or most sleepy? As for Sundays, the story is the same. The flimsiest excuses serve to excuse absences from church.

Test of Reality

Here's some one complaining that religion does not seem real. God doesn't seem real. No wonder! The test of the reality of a man's faith is not the nice words he sings about in church. The test is in what he puts into it. This situation of boredom and lack of interest can't be cured first of all by putting more time and money into the church. That comes later, not first. The best of your talents; the best of your time, the best of your mind and heart for prayer and opening your mind to God's word, if you are willing to give that much, you will find your religion growing real.

There is one more thing that must be said, especially to fathers and mothers, teachers and friends of young people. The boys and girls you love are your most precious possession — you may say. But rightly speaking they are not your possession at all. God lent them to you. Many a boy or girl who has wanted to enter God's service in the church, has been talked or bullied out of it by older people. Don't rob God of his greatly needed helpers!

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Dr. Foreman

Ike Wins

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old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gion Peach Bottom showed his Angus Bance, to reserve championship in the breed and in the show.

Thursday was a big day for Robert who also showed the champion pen of two market hogs. In his first year of showing, last year his steer finished way down the line out of the ribbons.

A new feature of the show this year was a Future Farmer class of eight Angus steers. The class was won by William Wilson, Quarryville R2. The IFA steers were sold at auction Friday afternoon.

Following is the list of placings:

- HEREFORD
1 Fred Linton, Jr. 2 Larry Hart Quarryville R2, 3 Kay Weaver, Quarryville R2, 4.

- Larry Landis Quarryville R1; 5, Donald Swinehart Quarryville R1, 6, Kenneth Weaver, Quarryville R2, 7, Martin Greenleaf Jr., Oxford R1; 8, Kathy Weaver, Quarryville R2

ANGUS

- 1, Rose Marie Linton (Grand Champion) 2, Robert Groff (Reserve Champion), 3, William Frev, Quarryville R2, 4, Jay Ranck, Quarryville R2, 5 Judy Ranck, Quarryville R2, 6, Preston Lefever, Quarryville R3

FFA ANGUS

- 1 William Wilson, 2, John Frev Quarryville R2, 3, Loren Bucher, Quarryville R2, 4, Larry Hart, Quarryville R2, 5 Larry Tout New Providence R1 6, James Esben-shade, Quarryville R2, 7, Jay Ranck Quarryville R2, 8, Edwin Harnish, Christiana R1

SHORTHORN

- 1 Robert Walton, Peach Bottom



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material has not been spent and may affect seed germination of the small grains.

To Realize The Danger of Silo Gas

This problem may appear on many drought-stricken farms where crops are put into the silo. All livestock producers are urged to become acquainted with the properties of this deadly gas, warn all members of their families, and be on the alert for it's present at all times. This GAS IS DANGEROUS

To Vaccinate Swine Against Cholera

There is considerable traffic

To Apply Lime This Fall

Small grains, that are to be seeded to alfalfa or clover next spring or next summer (not plowed) should receive any needed lime application. If the lime is worked into the soil this fall the acidity can be corrected by next spring or summer, this is much better than applying the lime on top of the small grain or on top of the new legume seeding.

To Plow For Small Grains

Corn ground on which atrazine was sprayed for weed control should be plowed, rather than disced, for the seeding of any small grain this fall. With the dry season it is quite likely that some of the spray

in swine in southeastern Pennsylvania; much of the state's hog population is in the eastern counties. Many growers are running a great risk by keeping un-vaccinated herds of hogs. Modern vaccines and serums are safe and effective against hog cholera. Hogs sick with cholera cannot be treated or cured. All growers are urged to protect their investment and their business by vaccinating all animals.