

# From Where We Stand . . .

## Loveable Monster In The Kitchen

It was a great, warm, lovable monster that dominated the kitchen, and we built our lives around it.

It cooked our food, warmed our baths and shielded us as we bathed, it warmed our bodies and our hearts. And even though we were slaves to its insatiable appetite, we loved it.

Sometimes in the hottest part of summer, Mother thought it was an unbearable nuisance, but in the winter we all ran to it for protection and hovered around it as snug as a nest of brown, baby rabbits.

It reached nearly to the ceiling and had rich chocolate brown doors with light tan trim on the "warming closet", and after a bout with a can of "black-ing", the lids and top shone like newly-mined coal.

It was an ornate object in all respects, but best of all was the name. Emblazoned across the door in scrolls and curlicues was the wonderful word 'Kalamazoo' — enough to conjure up in farm boys, pictures of wonderful and wonderous far-away places that farm boys never dared dream of seeing.

But it wasn't all joy. The lovable tyrant made its harsh demands on us all

A chill still runs up the spine at the thought of jumping out of a warm bed on a zero morning, struggling into icy-cold clothes, and plunging down the stairs to kindle a fire in the cook stove.

But we never called it a cook stove. It was just "the stove" because during a good portion of the time, it was the only source of heat in the house

But it was a cook stove, too, in every sense of the word. If all the biscuits and cornbread, and pies and cakes that ever came out of that oven were heaped on one pile the aroma would titilate the nostrils of the seraphim. And if all the soup, and coffee and beans that ever simmered on that old stove were all placed in one huge pot, all the starry host of heaven couldn't ask for more

We griped, my brothers and I, at the daily chore of splitting stove-wood, but what a treat it was to rush in to the kitchen after chores were finished and kick off the boots. The welcome warmth of that old stove oven always comforted the coldest or wettest toes.

And what a delicious comfort to catch a quilt full of that warmth and carry it pell mell up the stairs, jump into a cold bed, and snuggle down among the covers without a worry in the world

And it is with these memories that we recall this piece of furniture that was more than a piece of furniture.

What will our children remember 25 years hence?

Pity the poor adults of the next generation who have only a cold, spotless, white, impersonal, efficient electric range. With what fond memories can they connect four malevolent eyes

which glare at you when the right button is punched, but only lie cold and dead when the current is turned off. With what pleasant associations can they connect an oven which is heated only long enough to thaw a frozen meat pie or brown a pan of ready-baked buns

We wouldn't go back to the days of our youth if we could, but, wasn't it pleasant, and isn't it pleasant, to be able to look with fondness on a piece of furniture that was more than a piece of furniture.

That old Kalamazoo was a part of our life, and we didn't just have it in the house; we lived with it, and loved it.

It is gone now — and rust has taken the once proud plates and doors, but in our memories, it stands there still — new and untarnished.

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



### Speaker Immunity

As we sit through a great many dead and boring speeches during the course of a year, we sometimes wonder why it is that although newspaper accounts sometimes pick the speeches apart and use only parts of the subject matter, most of the time nothing at all is said about the delivery of the speech

Very seldom, if ever, is a really critical appraisal of a speech contained in the newspaper account, but we got to wondering if perhaps this phase of reporting ought not be developed.

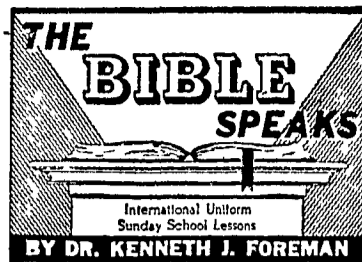
Musicians, actors and other performers have come to expect, if not always to relish, having their performances publicly dissected by critics. Up to now though, newspapers have been content to report faithfully what speakers say, leaving the way they said it pretty much between the lines.

Suppose though, for the sake of argument, that we did start assigning critics to public speeches, and suppose these critics, taking their very life in their hands, came right out and said the speaker hemmed and hawed and rambled on to the point of tedium. Suppose they said the speech was poorly organized, the speaker poorly informed and talked much too long, and that in addition he had the distracting habit of jingling coins in his pocket, and the noise covered up his voice which had all the glamor and verve of a dial tone.

Doubtless there would be several new cases of apoplexy and increase tremendously the stack of letters to the editor. But it might also scare a few speakers into taking a good searching look at themselves and at their over-long, boring speeches.

And the prospect of shorter speeches is one we contemplate with a great deal of relish.

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WHAT is more important than God? Even to ask the question is absurd. The Bible is so filled with truth about God that a lifetime of study could not draw from the Scripture all that is there to be found. Because there is such an "embarrassment of riches" we have to make some selection here. We mention only a few great Dr. Foreman truths about God, all found in the 17th chapter of Acts. The passage, Acts 17:22-29, is part of a sermon Paul preached to a pagan audience in the city of Athens. If you had a chance to speak to educated non-Christians about God, how would you start? What would you say first?

#### Creator and Lord

Paul begins by reminding the Athenians that they were not atheists. Their trouble was that they believed in too many gods. They were so anxious not to neglect any god that they had actually put up an altar to "An Unknown God." Whoever was responsible for that altar must have felt there was some other God out of sight. Paul brings the word that this "unknown god" is after all, the true one. He is "the God" — the only one. No part of this earth is outside his realm . . . only that is saying too little, in this space-minded age Paul might well have said that God made the Universe and everything in it. He is the God of every star and every planet, no matter how many light-years away. As Creator, he does more than make worlds without number. He peoples them with inhabitants without number. He makes life possible here on this earth. Wherever in this vast universe life exists — if it does — there it is God who is both Creator and

Preserver, and therefore Lord of heaven and earth, and of all their inhabitants

#### "We are His offspring"

Further, God as Creator is Father of all. Paul shows his knowledge (we did not say, shows off his knowledge) by quoting from a Greek poet Aratus, — or another one, Cleanthes, who said the same thing. "We are his offspring." In plain English, we are children of God. Children, that is, in the sense that we are his creatures, we owe our existence to Him. There are three "levels" (so to speak) of the fatherhood of God. First He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; this is unique, no other is in the class with Christ. Second, He is Father of believers, Father of those who love Him and desire to live as His children. Third, He is Father of all men, though most men do not know this nor care, but are self-made orphans.

#### God is Spirit

Jesus had said long before this, "God is Spirit." Paul does not use this word but he speaks of what God is not. He does not live in shrines made by hand; He is not served by human hands; He is not made and moved and changed like gold, silver, or stone, a representation by the art and imagination of man." If we are God's offspring, then a human being is more nearly like God than anything else in the universe; so true is this, that when God set out to make his special and supreme revelation of himself, he did this through the man Christ Jesus. So Paul gently but plainly condemns all idols.

#### "That they might seek after Him"

A little boy said: "I like God. He hides and we have to find Him." There is truth in that. God is not obvious, we can go through life denying that He exists; but He is there all the time. Rather, He is here, here wherever we may be. He is not far from each one of us (and remember, Paul was speaking to non-Christians) yet nevertheless the Bible often speaks of man's seeking God. The point here is that God made man and has taken care of him, for one main purpose, namely that men might seek God in hope. God is not a silent God, He is not aloof and remote, deaf to man's cries. God wants to be wanted. He wants his children-by-creation to become His children-by-grace. But God will not force his way into any heart. He would rather be sought freely and eagerly than to compel men to worship him.

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## Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH

#### To Improve Livestock Handling

Proper equipment in the handling of all types of livestock is essential in order to reduce bruises and other losses. Loading chutes are needed on many cattle feeding farms as well as small pens for segregating sick animals, the need for a cattle squeeze or catch gate appears often in treating animals. All of these pieces of equipment will reduce excitement and danger of injury. Plans are available

#### To Give New Corn Adequate Ventilation

New ear corn should be given plenty of ventilation at this time of the year, moisture content may be too high for many bays and storage places. The practice of piling the ear corn on the barn floor or other similar place without good cross ventilation through the corn will result in heating and moldy corn.

#### To Check Dairy Barn Ventilation

Most dairy barns are filled to capacity and need some type of mechanical ventilation. We urge dairymen to use the electric fan exhaust system with thermostat control, the fan will remove the hot, humid air and improve cow comfort and production. A special circular is available on proper dairy barn ventilation. Manual control is far from the best.

#### To Adjust Protein In Dairy Rations

Many dairymen may have to feed low quality hay and silage this fall and winter, in these cases it will be necessary to increase the protein content of the grain ration in order to maintain production and herd health. To eliminate the guess-work we suggest that producers have both their hay and silage put through our Forage Testing Service.



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#### EYE STOPPER

One ingenious housewife, tired of the drab exterior of her home, installed rough-sawn cedar tongue-and-groove boards on the front of the house, sprayed them white to contrast with the brown of the rest of the siding. The face lifting was an eye stopper.

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