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# From Where We Stand . . . Get The Government Out - Completely?

Just what do you mean when you say, "Get the government out of agriculture?"

During the past year we have heard this phrase from a few farmers and many others in related occupations, but we have come to the conclusion that not everyone means the same thing when they say, "Get the government out of agriculture."

Philip M. Glick, general counsel of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, in a speech last year said, "I used to repeat when I was young, that 'That government is best which governs least,' but notice: It would mean less government if the Congress were to reduce appropriations to the Soil Conservation Service, or abolish the Service altogether. It would mean less government if the states were to reduce their appropriations to the State Soil Conservation Committees, or abolish the committees altogether. It would mean still less government if the states were to abolish the Districts altogether! But it would mean not more freedom but less freedom for the American people, not more abundance and wealth but less — more danger rather than more safety."

Getting the government out of agriculture would mean elimination of the Extension Service along with the experiment stations which keep extension agents up to date with new developments. It would mean the abolition of the Market News Service It would be the death knell of the meat and milk inspection programs. And it would bring to an end a whole host of other programs about which very little is ever said, but without which this country could not continue to be the best fed and best clothed nation, in the world

We do not propose that the Federal Government go on adding rules and regulations - programs and policies ad-infinitum, but neither do we believe that we should, "Get the government out of agriculture."

All too often, those advocating such a program have a selfish motive in mind They mean, "Get the government out of agriculture AS LONG AS YOU DON'T TAKE AWAY ANY OF MY PET PROJECTS."

Perhaps many people who have uttered the cry did not consciously feel selfish. Perhaps they did not even stop to consider what the wholesale removal of all government programs would have meant to their own livelyhood We do not urge you to advocate more government control, but we do believe you should consider just what you mean Swiss and cream.

before you join the hue and cry to "Get the government out of Agriculture."

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.  $\star$ ★

# Fair Time

If Sis has a sort of a vacant look in her eye these days, and if you have to call Butch three times for supper before he will quit brushing his heifer, don't worry — it's fair season.

Every year about this time we can't help being thankful (even though it means long hours for a newspaperman) for the good, clean agricultural expositions in the county.

We have attended several county fairs around the state in past years that could not approach any of our local fairs.

While the number of local fairs has declined in the past few years, those that remain are primarily agriculture in nature.

Most of the fairs that have gone every man's life also pictures, by the wayside became more and more namely what Christians call the like carnivals until they had only enough agricultural exhibits to have an excuse for being, and when they lost dence, which is believed in every their agricultural nature, they lost their church in Christendom, is a name reason for continuance.

We commend the officials of the West Lampeter and Solanco Community Fairs and the Manheim Farm Show for refusing to bow to the pressure of the purposes do come to pass. The carnival operators.

Farmers appreciate having a place beyond our understanding; but where they can exhibit the products of God is in charge. That is the heart where they can exhibit the products of their toil, look over the new and im-proved machines, materials and methods that "taking care of His own." and chat with their neighbors about It is more than God's occasionally their business and their way of life with- reaching a hand into the machinout competition from a side show bark- ery of the world to give it a little er.

where we stand.

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Cheese consumption sets new records almost every year. In 1962, U.S. that with the idea that God is in per capita consumption hit an all-time control? One way of solving the high of 9.1 pounds. In addition, the .6 difficulty is to deny that there is of a pound increase in per capita con- any evil. This won't wash . . sumption from 1961 to 1962 represents the largest annual increase ever recorded in peace time.

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Americans like American cheese. This type of cheese accounts for about three-fourths of the total U.S. consumption of cheese Other than American cheese, the leading varieties are Italian,

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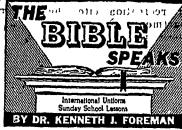
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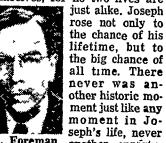
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## God in History Lesson for September 22, 1963

Bible Material: Genesis 37 through 50. Devotional Reading: Psalm 47.

THE story of Joseph is strik-ingly modern. It is up-dated in every century. It is true, the actual events of this strange history - this success story to end all success stories - never repeat themselves, for no two lives are



Dr. Foreman another opportunity like his. The thing that links Joseph with all of us is the way his life-history illustrates what "providence" of God Evil is real

for the belief that God is in constant touch with this world, and that He so controls and guides the affairs of not only this planet but of the universe so that His universe is vast and complicated shove. The thing that makes this At least that's how it looks from to believe in the transformed of the second determine to believe is that there is so much in the world which, so far as we can see, doesn't fit in with God at all. There is a lot of anti-God loose on earth. How can we square Evil of one kind or another, and specially sin, is too tall and terrible to be laughed off or ignored.

Talk about God being hard to be-

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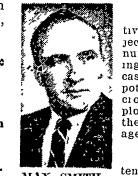
lieve in! It is less of a strain, by far, to believe in a God more powerful than evil, than to believe that evil is no more than a kind of illusion, something done with mirrors so to speak. An old couplet written for children says, 'The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings." That's not the doctrine of providence. This world is full of a number of things that make anybody with a heart most unhappy. We have to believe in God through our tears, not pretend there's nothing to cry about. Freedom is reai

Some people push the doctrine of Providence too hard. They are afraid that if God allows the tiniest bit of freedom to mankind, something is bound to go haywire sooner or later, and God will find things have gone out of control. They make the history of mankind look like a puppet-show with God working the strings. This isn't the doctrine or the truth about Providence; it's a kind of caricature of it, something first cousin to fatalism. The story of Joseph is an illustration of what we are driving at. Joseph's brothers knew what they were doing when they plotted against their brother. They didn't have to do what they did. They were not puppets, they were free men. This isn't saving they could have done good just as easily as they could have done wicked acts. It came a lot easier to do evil, but they didn't have to. Joseph never pretended they couldn't help it! And neither did they.

### God the weaver

God may be compared to a magter weaver who stands at the loom of time and weaves the fabric of history. Not all the threads in the loom are beautiful. There is the black thread of ignorance and the crooked thread of pain and the blood-red strand of sin. The pattern might be more beautiful if it were not for the tangled ugly threads of perverted human wills. But God does not throw anything away. He makes use of the evil, He keeps the freedom within bounds. Some will ask, How does God do this? If we knew, we would know as much as God knows,-and this is beyond us forever. But that God does this, every believing heart is assured, Here our own story blends with that of Joseph and all the saints. Who cannot tell his own story of how God's hand has been felt in his own life? What Christian has not been led to say, after some painful experience, God knew best?

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To Sow Cover Crops Soil that iemains without any vegetative cover during the winter months is subject to both water and wind erosion A. number of cover crops may be sowed dur-

BY MAX SMITH

## **Enrollment** Time For Beef Club

By: M. M. Smith The Baby Beef project continues to be one of the most popular club projects throughout Lancaster County, this re-51 ea

The baby beef project requires that a boy or girl en-October with the idea of feeding out a steer calf, the club ed through a Club Leaders in connection with the New Committee with the assistance Holland Farm Show of the Extension Agent

clude feeding experience, learn- Leader, or by contacting the day by Lancaster-Farming, Liting how to fit and show a beef Extension Office, 202 PO snimal, how to keep feed re- Bldg, Lancaster

Boys and guls should be ter, stay at sea longer, hit from 10 to 20 years of age, be harder, and reach out farther interested in feeding and car- than ever before.

ing ion a steer, and have a \*\*\* good place to keep the steer

The enrollment period includes the month of September and until October 10th Parents

are urged to discuss this 4-H Club Project with their childien and emoll them by the deadline date.

Two clubs are active in the flects the great interest of the county for the past several cattle feeding industry in this years The Red Rose Club, which covers the entire county, leed then steers for the Penna State Farm Show and toll during September of early the Penna Livestock Exposition The New Holland Club is confined to the eastern part member has choice of breeds of the county and feeds then and all the calves are purchas- steers to be showed and sold

Additional information may Objectives of the project in- be obtained from any 4-H Club 1955. Published every Satur-

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early October 01 Tollowing cash crops such as tobacco, vegetables, and potatoes In addition, these gieen manure crops will help maintain soil fertility when plowed down next spring Open ground over the winter months is not good land management.

#### To Seal Trench Silos

Many temporary silos need special attention in order to obtain a good air seal; the plastic cover is one of the most popular

materials in iecent years, however, the plastic must be held down tight at all places, the placing of a tew old tires or weights on the area is not enough We suggest that growers apply from 4 to 6 inches of sawdust, or chopped weeds or other green materials to weight it down at all points.

### To Beware Of Frosted Forage weeks, the danger is elimina-

Cooler weather has arrived ted. and livestock producers are re- To Practice "Managed Milking" minded of the danger of bloatto ferment for two to three'

ing and forage poisoning from follow a strict routine at each many of the green forage crops. milking; this will include ver and alfalfa livestock will in other warm water, usbloat quickly if allowed to eat down of milk, machine strip-on the plants. In the case of guarter The amount of the stripalong with others, and the abil-ty to take part in meetings and new detection methods, at Lititz Pa. under Act of Mar. Boys and Euls should be the "new" Navy can move fas- 8. 1879 consume the plant in the green move it just as quick as pos-state after killing frost, if before udder irritation begins. made into slage and allowed A. timed, routine; will help-do a good milking job.