

# From Where We Stand . . . Something For Nothing Is No Good

Any time you get something for nothing, it can't be very good.

Many people subscribe to this philosophy, and most of the time we do too.

But unfortunately many Pennsylvanians this week missed out on a good show that would have cost them nothing but a drive to Harrisburg.

The demonstrations and polo games in the large arena at the annual Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition combined to make the finest show of its kind we have seen in many a day.

When we talked about our plans to go to one of the evening performances, a friend (remembering the crowds at the evening shows at Farm Show time) told us to be sure to get there early in order to get a seat. We needn't have hurried!

When we walked into the seating area at a quarter to seven, there were more people in the arena than there were in the seats. At times the performers almost outnumbered the spectators, but he it said to their credit, the performers put everything they had into the exhibitions.

We couldn't help wondering if more people would have been there if an entrance fee had been charged.

We realize that the exposition is billed as an educational event, and we believe this is a worthy goal, but we have often paid a five dollar bill to see a show not half as entertaining.

We believe the rules governing the Livestock Exposition ought to be reviewed with the thought of amending them to allow charging for the evening shows.

We believe that a nominal fee could be charged, so as not to exclude anyone who really wanted to see the show, and the revenue could be used to advertise the program. We believe that a charge, however small, might help overcome the idea some people have that if you get it for free, it can't be worth very much.

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

## Farm-City Week

It's a safe bet that few observances are given such active and widespread support as Farm-City Week. The officers, advisors and directors come from a very wide gamut of organizations. They represent, to take but a few, the meat packers, major retailers, heavy industry, medicine, the press, civic clubs, broadcasting, and so on and so on.

It is good that this is so. For Farm-City activities serve a purpose which grows steadily more worthwhile. They are designed to bring about a better understanding of the way of life of free men by bringing neighbors together. Nothing promotes misunderstanding like ignorance, and from it comes tensions and jealousies and angers. When new friendships are established, the special problems of various groups are seen in fresh and clear perspective. And individuals get a better view of the part others play in the dynamic functioning of the economy.

Farm-City Week will be observed

during the November 22-28 period this year. But the week is only a culmination — the national, state and local Farm-City committees work on a year-round basis. And active interest has grown steadily — last year more than 10,000 U.S. and Canadian communities participated in Farm-City programs. The events are interesting and rewarding — and, often, eye-opening for both urban and rural people, who come to realize their own interdependence.

The 1963 observance will be the Week's ninth. Let's hope it will be the finest and most productive yet.

## Creepy Invaders

When the North winds begin to howl a little more fiercely and a chill hangs on the morning air, the squirrels scurry about a little faster in order to fill their larder before the deep snows come. Rabbits start looking around for a likely hole in the ground; birds begin their southward migration, and frogs and turtles take a dive in the mud.

But what do the bugs do? Simple — they move into the nice warm houses along with the people!

Now most of the new residents of your house won't do you much harm unless you just happen to have a natural dislike for crawling things.

Lady beetles, house crickets, cluster flies, wasps, and box elder bugs will invade the premises, but most of them will just wander aimlessly and harmlessly around nooks and crannies. But sometimes those crickets can become voracious critters with terrible table manners. They will attack just about anything around the house — including the house itself.

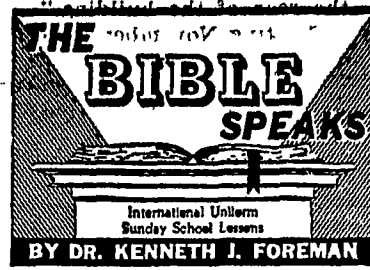
If you don't care to share your domicile with this buggy rabble, most of them can be controlled with the common insecticides. However, the lady beetle, while she may walk around some, is quiet and doesn't eat much, and that is mostly other bugs.

The house cricket (that's a cricket that got in the house) is a rascally fellow who eats most any fabric, and in large quantities. In fact, about the only thing in his favor is his built-in temperature gauge. If you count the number of chirps in 14 seconds and add 40 you will be within one degree of the correct temperature — but if you have a thermometer, you probably aren't interested.

A spray of chlordane around the base of the house will keep the crickets out pretty well and also discourage ants and spiders.

Of course there are those who believe in waiting to shoot until you see the whites of their mosaic eyes, and there are others who believe in live and let live. For those people, all we can do is hope for a shorter winter and an early spring when their six legged guests move back to the wide open spaces.

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



## Writing on Hearts

Lesson for November 17, 1963

Bible Material: Acts 16:10-40, II Corinthians 1 through 4.  
Devotional Reading: II Corinthians 4:7-15.

WHAT WAS the greatest single influence in your life? Change that word "was" to "is" and leave out the word "single" if you like. It still is a question to think about. Most people, if they answer that question, would say truthfully that some particular person, perhaps now dead, was the strongest single influence. Or they might mention several names. But they probably would be names, not things. Every one of us may be Dr. Foreman at the other end, too. How many lives have known your influence in some way? How many lives would have been different if it had not been for you? These are sobering thoughts.

The fact is, we all are engaged, often without trying or thinking particularly about it, in writing something, good or bad, on the hearts of all we meet. Thinking about us is (for the people we have known) like getting a letter, bitter or gay, serious or silly as the case may be. Somebody else's handwriting is on every heart.

**Through us the fragrance**  
The Christian above all has a responsibility that what he writes on others' hearts shall be recognizably Christian. But what is "Christian"? Paul mentions in the passage chosen for this week three points by which a Christian person, and Christian influence, can be identified. Paul did not mind mixing his metaphors, and neither should we. There is a gloriously many-colored beauty about the Christian character, like an old-fashioned garden. First of all, a Christian is one through whom the "fragrance of the knowledge" of Christ spreads everywhere. In plainer English, a Christian is one who does not leave others indifferent to Christ, but whose life makes others want to know the secret of

the "fragrance" (Paul's word) of Christ. Second, a Christian is sincere, he is what he claims to be. Third, a Christian is a man of confidence not in himself but in God. **A letter from Christ**

Paul was not an over-modest man. If credit was due him, he took it. Yet he never claims too much. Paul knew very well that he was perhaps the one most influential Christian in that part of the Roman empire. He knew he would be remembered all their life long by those converts of his in Corinth and other cities. Yet he does not claim credit for the handwriting on the hearts of those he had won for Christ. Indelible was the writing; but it was not his own. You (he said to his friends) are a letter from Christ, written not with ink, with the Spirit of the living God.

You do not have to be a theologian to see what Paul is driving at. Every Christian is part of the communication between God and the world. Every Christian, so far as he is Christian (and no one 100%), expresses and makes clear God's will and word for the situations in which he lives. Then is every Christian a sort of little Pope, infallibly able to dictate God's last word in every situation and problem of life?

**Delivered by us**

Not by any means. Not even the Pope in Rome makes claims so sweeping as all that. We have to face the fact that men who are perhaps equally Christians-by-intention do not always agree, perhaps almost never. Paul says elsewhere that we have this treasure (and he meant the message of God) in earthenware vessels. And about the handwriting of the Spirit on the hearts of the Corinthians, he says it was "delivered by us," and Paul does not claim that he could never be mistaken. The Corinthians, moreover, were themselves farther from perfection than Saint Paul was. The letter of Christ was written on the hearts of men who (on Paul's own showing) were guilty of all sorts of sins. The handwriting of the Spirit gets rubbed down more or less as the letters are passed on. So no Christian's writing on your heart or on your grateful memory should be confused with direct contact with God himself. For every Christian has the same privilege and the same need of the Spirit as the greatest Christians have had. Time and distance may carry our friends far away, but the Spirit is always here. He who wrote, writes still today.

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## Now Is The Time . . .

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### To Exercise Milking Herd

Now that winter is just around the corner and milking herds are being kept in at night, the cows should be turned out for exercise at least once a day, when out the cows should be observed for heat periods, lameness, or other illness. The time and effort should be rewarded with a thrifter herd and increased production.

### To Check For Internal Parasites

Many cattle feeders are feeding too many stomach worms in their beef cattle as well as young dairy animals. These internal parasites will reduce gains and increase feeds costs. Producers are urged to consult their local veterinarian to determine the extent and kind of worm infestations; several types of treatments will eradicate the worms and give more profitable returns.

### To Practice Strict Sanitation Measures

The disease control program in any livestock or poultry operation should include strict regulations concerning visitors, newly-purchased animals, and owner visits to other herds or public places. Service men who go from farm to farm should be extremely careful about entering buildings at other places without a thorough disinfectant operation. Owners should not wear the same shoes or boots at home as they do at sales barns, stock yards, or

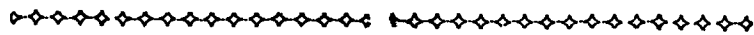
other livestock or poultry operations, unless thoroughly disinfected.

### To Drench Lambs

With the sheep population on the increase in Lancaster County this enterprise becomes more important. Growers who are feeding lambs are reminded that stomach worms have been one of the major problems in southeastern Pennsylvania. The entire flock should be drenched both spring and fall. Phenothiazine is still a good material for the control of stomach worms.

### Agricultural Exports

More than 125 countries of the world take agricultural exports from the United States, reports the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, about 15 countries accounted for 70 percent of our total exports in the fiscal year 1961-62. Major takers were, in this order, Japan, the United Kingdom, Canada, West Germany, and the Netherlands. Total world exports for the period came to well over \$5 billion.



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