

From Where We Stand . . . Eggs With Built - In Maid Service

And now you can buy eggs in plastic!

We wonder what Grandpa would have thought of a store that carried hard cooked eggs in a plastic wrapper.

Grandpa's chickens lived a catch-as-catch-can existence most of the year living like wild birds more than domesticated livestock. And in the spring, when Grandpa could find a hen's nest before the incubation process had progressed too far, Grandpa was likely to have eggs and bacon for breakfast. If she found a couple of nests, there might be a dozen eggs to tote to the store. There they could be exchanged for salt, sugar and spices. The grocer would put them in a big basket behind the stove, but where they went from there was sort of a mystery.

Well, it wasn't long before the towns began to grow, and the merchant and banker wanted eggs for breakfast in the summer and fall — and even in the winter. And furthermore, they began to demand that the eggs smell like eggs when they were broken out.

So the hens moved indoors and the eggs got hunted every day. They sometimes went to the store as often as once every week, and Mother learned that the cellar was a better place to store them than behind the stove as Grandpa had done. But the eggs still rode to the store in a basket and never saw a case until the store keeper packed them for shipment to the city. Sometimes several weeks passed before the eggs ever got to the breakfast plate, and even with the improved handling, many of them left something to be desired.

Now production is almost completely automated. The "hunting" is done many times a day by pushing a button and watching the eggs roll into the refrigerated packing room. They may reach the consumer twodays later as fresh as the hen can make them.

All the housewife has to do is crack the sanitized shell and fry up a "country fresh egg" any day of the year.

Now, we have taken it a step farther.

Now Mrs. America can serve an egg sandwich to her family without even soiling her hands or running the risk of spoiling her manicure on egg shells. She can go to the store (in some areas) and buy her eggs already cooked and ready for slicing. They even come mixed with bacon or cheese.

We just can't help wondering what Grandpa would have thought of all this built-in maid service we can buy in the stores today.

— that's all.
Well, he just wouldn't believe it
At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

Co Holstein Ass'n. Elects

Everett Newswanger, Kinzer, was elected president of the Lancaster County Holstein Association at a recent reorganization meeting of the board of directors.

Other officers elected were:

Roy H. Book, Ronks R1, vice president; Donald S. Eby, Gordonville R1, secretary, and Daniel L. Martin, Manheim R1.

Other association appointments were:

Book, news reporter; Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1, milk market representative; John Shelly, Manheim R1, sales representative; Arthur Wenger, Manheim R2, dairy herd improvement association director, and Edwin Hess Jr., Strasburg R1.

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was William Wright, Bainbridge, a first year club member. Third place went to Donald Miller, Elizabethtown R1. Last year's winner, Larry

Brubaker, Elizabethtown R3, tied for fourth place with Joe Wivell.

Members of the Mount Joy Rotary Club, sponsors of the roundup purchased all exhibit birds.

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★ ★ ★ ★ John F. Kennedy

He said it himself, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Just less than three short years ago the star of John Fitzgerald Kennedy blazed bright in the American sky, and now it is no more.

Whatever history may do to this man — whatever our feelings were when he directed the fortunes of this nation — we can do no less than ask what it is that we can now do for our country.

We can do no less than seek to advance those good and right things to which he devoted his life and to which he sacrificed himself.

We can do no less than seek to root out of our national life the hate, and bigotry, and greed, which fused together to produce the ghastly deed and leave the nation in mourning.

We can do no less than dedicate ourselves to the task of making of this nation a repository of the highest ideals embodied in the philosophy of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, thirty-fifth president of the United States of America. He asked, "What can I do?" The nation demanded that he give his life and he gave it. Now the nation mourns.

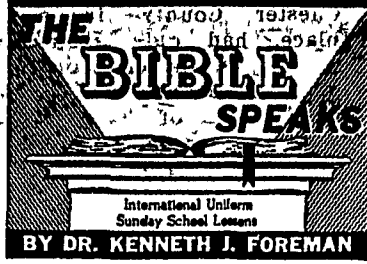
We can not mourn forever. We can not turn back the hands of time. We can only ask, "What can we do for our country?"

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

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Mull This One — Isn't one of the great sources of world trouble that the uninformed are so sure about things — and the informed are so full of doubts.

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Teen-Age Boy Heavy Eater — A teen-age boy costs more to feed than any other member of the family. A survey shows the expense at about \$11.40 a week for a moderate cost balanced diet for a youth 16 to 19 years old, \$1.60 more than calculated for the 13 to 15 age bracket. The top food bill for girls comes in the 13 to 15 year bracket, but it is only \$8.90 a week.

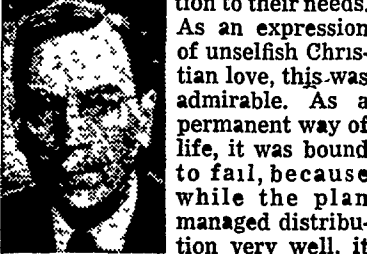
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Capitalizing on Crime — For 35 cents a head, tourists can inspect the British farmhouse used as a hideout by a gang that robbed a mail train of \$7.1 million. In Pecos, Tex., the home of Billie Sol Estes, convicted of mortgage manipulating, also goes on display. The tab: \$5 a carload, or \$20 if pictures are taken.



Giving Enriches Lesson for December 1, 1963

Bible Material: II Corinthians 8 through 9.
Devotional Reading: II Corinthians 8 & 15.

READERS OF the book of Acts will remember the interesting financial experiment that was carried on there in the early days after Pentecost. All possessions were placed in a common fund and were distributed to all, in proportion to their needs.



As an expression of unselfish Christian love, this was admirable. As a permanent way of life, it was bound to fail, because while the plan managed distribution very well, it

Dr. Foreman made no provision for production. So when the pooled gifts were all used up, there was nothing left but starvation—unless someone came to their rescue. **Offering for the saints**

This was where the Corinthian church came in. Paul knew that there were serious differences between East and West in the church of that time, and knew also that one cure for this would be for the wealthier churches to help the poorer ones. He called this the "offering for the saints," meaning the Christians in Jerusalem. (He speaks of this offering also in Romans 15:25-33.) Now Paul speaks about this in an unusual way. Most people, if asked, "What good will this offering do?" will begin to tell you what good it will do those that are to receive it. Paul on the contrary speaks most enthusiastically about what the offering will do for those who give it. There is nothing here suggesting the spirit of some money-raisers: "Well, I know money is an unpleasant subject, and I hate to pass the hat. But this congregation has been given this quota by the Bishop and we've just got to pay our share if it kills us. Besides, remember that every dollar you give means a dollar more in deductions when you pay your income tax. So folks, give till it hurts!"

Give till it hurts!
Paul on the contrary speaks of the happiness of the givers. Note his many expressions, all to the same point: "reap bountifully . . . a cheerful giver (the Greek word means hilarious, gay) . . . every blessing in abundance . . . abundance for every good work . . . multiply your resources . . . enriched in every way . . . service to God . . . the surpassing grace of God in you." (And these are not all.) Now Paul does not promise these people that after they have given to the distressed brothers in Jerusalem, their salaries are going to be raised, or that they will find hidden treasure in a field. He does not promise them any money advantage or benefit whatever. If he did, then giving would not be giving; it would be only another financial investment. Invest in bonds, invest in charity, what's the difference? That is not Paul's view at all. This giving is a way of translating money (which is not spiritual at all, and in fact a great temptation) into spiritual blessings. Givers, he says in effect, will be happier and better people afterwards. (Not that Paul thought of this as one once-in-a-lifetime spasm of generosity! It was rather a habit he hoped they would form.)

Spiritual blessings
Now the kind of happiness and satisfaction of which Paul speaks is not to be recognized by just any one. If, to your mind, nothing is real except what can be eaten, drunk or sold for cash, then of course such things as happiness and the grace of God are just words. But if you know how real the joy of serving God is, you can experience the joys of generosity.

Now some one may complain that all this is a little hazy. How can you prove to me, beforehand, that God will bless me if I am generous? And how can I prove to any one that God has blessed me? The answer to that objection is two answers, really. One is that you can't demonstrate beforehand that you will be a happier and better person as your generosity — by contagion from Christ's own outflowing heart — increases through a lifetime. You have to find that out for yourself. And as for laying out spiritual blessings for others to look at, as you might display a collection of coins, we must remember what Jesus said: "When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret." (Matt. 6:3-4.) Pride in giving spoils it all.

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Mulch Strawberries

Just before the ground freezes for the winter it is recommended that strawberry growers protect their plants with a mulch; this may be straw, hay, or corn cobs. The objective is to prevent the constant freezing and thawing of the soil around the roots of the plant, when this happens the roots are heaved out of the ground and winter injury is experienced. From two to four inches of the mulch is recommended over the entire area.

To Keep Concrete Floors Dry

Wet concrete is slippery and dangerous to man and beast, in the milk house wet floors are unsafe to the farmer and all workers; in many cases this is caused by the lack of under-ground drains, and the wash water is allowed to run out on the concrete floor. With proper drains this moisture can be taken out of the milk house and the floor will be dry a larger part of the time.

To Start Pruning Orchard

When fruit trees are dormant, they may be safely pruned for next year's crop of fruit. One of the best times to do this, if time would permit, would be next March. However, most orchard men will not have enough labor supply to wait until March for this pruning work. Anytime between December 1st and April 1st will be satisfactory. This will spread the labor demand and give winter-time employment of the men. Home-owners with only a

until next March.

To Control Household Ants

Even during the winter months we often find a few black or red ants anywhere where there is food or feed. These small insects usually have their nests outside the house and travel back and forth. We suggest that home-owners use chlordane dust or spray along baseboards, windowsills, and around sinks, drains, and other areas of moisture or food. A few treatments throughout the year would