

## From Where We Stand . . .

# Confusion Compounded By Snow

The police officer stood there blandly waving the traffic into the funnel alongside the Farm Show building.

And like a lamb following the Judas goat, we followed the line thinking that the next entrance to the parking lot would be open and we would find a place to leave the car.

We kept following the line of traffic, being blocked at every attempt to enter the parking lot. After driving clear past the lot and out into the country, we turned around (at peril to life and limb) and came back.

Despite our protestations that we had a heavy camera to carry and that we ought to be in there covering a judging event, we could not get on the lot. Finally in desperation we parked illegally about six blocks away and hiked.

Now we are not asking for special privileges, and we know that many others had the same experiences. That is just the point.

We realize that snow removal on the big lot is a monumental task, and that snow removal equipment was needed for clearing roads on Tuesday, but this is not our complaint.

The snow was not off the lot. The policemen knew it. The visitors arriving at the Farm Show did not. Yet the policemen continued waving the line of traffic into the funnel without so much as a word of what was to come.

We do not complain that the snow was not removed, and we believe that it was removed as soon as possible, but we do think some warning could have been given to the visitors before they drove into a narrow road lined on both sides with parked cars and hardly any safe way out.

We have heard so much about "Farm Show weather." This year it lived up to its reputation. Farm Show officials and police officials can not say they were not forewarned. They surely can not say that they have never experienced bad weather at the Farm Show before. We believe they could have planned better how to handle the traffic.

Again we do not complain that the parking lot was not plowed, we do not complain that we had to walk several blocks, but we do believe that the traffic hazards were multiplied by running a string of cars onto a road where no parking was available and no decent place was provided for cars to turn around.

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

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## Farm Show Weather

For those of you who stayed home Monday and Tuesday, let us say there was one advantage to being at the

Farm Show on those two days.

One could walk almost the entire length of the Farm Show building without being jostled or poked in the ribs with a yardstick.

One fellow was heard to say, "This is the first time I was ever able to see the exhibits in comfort."

Well, this may be so, but of what use are the exhibits if only a few people see them? One thing that makes the big indoor event so valuable is the large number of rural folks that attend each year to see the new machinery and fine livestock, and visit with other farmers and men in Agri-business.

But by Wednesday the crowds did come. Not as many as in some years, to be sure, but enough to make it a truly fine show. And after taking the tour through barns, arena and main exhibition area, we know why the Pennsylvania State Farm Show is the envy of many states. It is an agricultural show — one of the best in the world — and it does not pretend to be anything else.

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## Why Prophecy Doom?

On all sides we hear agricultural economists saying that net income from farming will be less in 1964 than in 1963.

Why this gloomy outlook?

The population spiral continues, and where there are more people there are more mouths to feed and more backs to be clothed. If the potential market is growing, why the poormouth attitude?

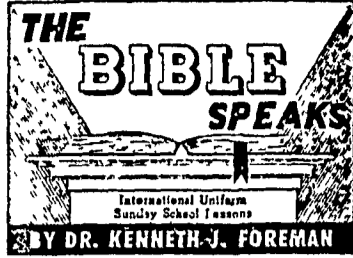
Economists tell us that costs of production will be higher in the coming year. This is nothing new. Costs of production have been going steadily higher for many years.

They tell us that per capita consumption of many basic foods has declined because people do not work as hard as they once did. This is not new either. People have been eating lighter meals for many years, but the increase in population has more than offset this.

We believe that farmers can talk themselves into a poor farming situation. We do not believe this is a year for caution in farming.

We believe that efficiency is as important as it always was. There never was a time when efficiency had a place in agriculture, but we believe that the efficient farmer can, and will, make a good living in 1964. But if 1964 is a poor year, we have had them before and the farmers came through. We believe they will again.

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## A Cautious Man

Lesson for January 19, 1964

Background Scripture: John 3:1-21; 7:40-52; 19:38-42.  
Devotional Reading: I John 5:6-14.

NICODEMUS might have been one of the Apostles. He had more to start with than some of them did. He had education and money, for example, not to mention great prestige as a member of the Jewish Council or Sanhed-



rin as it was called. But his case goes to show that it's not what you have that counts, it is what you do with what you have. This man Nicodemus has been described in various ways. Some have thought that he came under the everlasting condemnation of God because he did not speak out boldly as he should have—he was a disciple who arrived too late. Others on the contrary paint Nicodemus as being as much of a disciple as the circumstances permitted, a man whose faith triumphed in the end.

### He came by night

The thing that most people remember about Nicodemus is that he "came by night" to Jesus. That does not label him a coward, but it does show him to be a cautious man. He was willing, indeed almost eager, to hear what Jesus had to tell him. Only he didn't think it would do his prestige any good to be seen interviewing Jesus, and admitting that he, a ruler in Israel, did not know all he needed to know about religion.

Jesus did not brush him off. If the Lord had despised him or thought him altogether a coward, he would not have said to him the things he did. Some of the most profound things Jesus ever said were spoken in conversation with this careful, timid man. It is rash to say that Jesus failed to convert this distinguished personage. Nicodemus was not convinced that very evening, he took

time to think it over. He took too long; for he never stood up for Christ until matters had gone too far to change. However, he did think, and seems to have come out openly for Jesus at the last. **Caution to the last**

Nevertheless, Nicodemus never became a bold man. When he spoke a moderate word for the Rabbi from Nazareth, he did not profess to defend him. All he said was that Jesus deserved a fair trial. Even that little was too much for the Sanhedrin, and they shouted Nicodemus down. Nicodemus did not try it again, we may infer. Then after the death of Jesus, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea joined in caring for the body. Yet even here the reader notices that it was not Nicodemus but Joseph who took the lead. Nicodemus was doing a costly and gracious act, but he was led in this by another man.

All the same, though as was said, this "ruler" never became outstanding for heroism, the fact remains that asking Pilate for the body of a man just executed by Pilate's own order took more courage than coming to Jesus by night.

### What he missed

After all's said, it still is a fact that Nicodemus missed a great deal by not becoming a disciple in the whole-hearted way of Peter and John. He missed what he might have had, association with Jesus through those years of conflict. Not only that, he missed the great joy the disciples had in serving the Master. There can't be much doubt that the twelve apostles, humble and ordinary men though they were, did more for their fellow-men during those years with Jesus than Nicodemus ever did in the same space of time. Nicodemus cut himself off from joy and from usefulness, by his cautious and "cagey" approach to faith.

People today are like that man, sometimes. They expect to be saved in due time, but they are in no hurry. They want a lot of evidence to convince them. They spend too much time, by the river of Truth, testing the temperature of the water and never heartily diving in. A Nicodemus may arrive in the end; but think what he misses along the way!

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## Now Is The Time . . .

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### To Segregate Animals

Animals that have been transported to or from shows or sales should be kept separate from the rest of the herd for at least three weeks. Shipping fever is one of the worst infections among cattle during the winter months. Farm Show animals that have been injected against the infection may not come down with the trouble, but they may spread it to other non-injected animals. Be safe and do not expose the rest of the herd to these show or sale animals.

### To Feed Quality Hay To Calves

Many good dairymen feed the young heifer calves the very best hay in the barn. Green, leafy, legume hay will be readily consumed by the young calves and is excellent for them; with free access to quality hay (and that isn't easy this year) the calves will make good growth with roomy middles.

### To Make Plans For Top-Dressing Crops

A quick look at the calendar reveals that in about 8 weeks some spring growth will be starting in pastures and small grain fields. In many cases a top-dressing of nitrogen fertilizer early in the spring will increase growth and yields of the grain. Winter wheat and a straight grass pasture or hay field will respond very well to this treatment. One of the best times to make this application is early in the spring when the first new growth appears.

### Vegetable Conference

A vegetable conference will be held from January 27 to 29 at The Pennsylvania State University.

The conference is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers' Association and the Pennsylvania Cannery Association in cooperation with the Department of Horticulture and the Agricultural Extension Service at The Pennsylvania State University. As a part of the Penn State educational program, it is open to any interested person who wishes to register.

## Farm Show Results

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Class 70, Grass, later cutting - 2 Galen Crouse

Class 71, Mixed - 2, Galen Crouse

Class 72 Mixed - 1, Galen Crouse

### HORSES

Belgians

Stallions over 5 years - 3, Elmer D Lapp, Kinzers R1

Stallion, foal - 3, Elmer D. Lapp

Mare over 5 years - 5, Elmer D. Lapp.

### SWINE

Chester White

Senior Spring Gilt - 8, John Hastings Kirkwood R1.

Duroc

Junior Spring Gilt - 10 W. Ruoss, Ephrata R1

Spotted Poland China

Senior Spring Gilt - 4 7, 8, Warren Leininger, Denver

R2.

Junior Spring Gilt - 1, 2, 7, Warren Leininger.

Grand Champion - C Warren Leininger.

### Yorkshire

Senior Spring Gilt - 5, 8, George E Cogley, Ronks RD.

### FFA Hampshire

Junior Sow Pig - 3, Thomas L Hartman, Ephrata R1; 4, John Haldeman, Reinholds R1.

### TURKEYS - DRESSED

Large Toms - 1, 6, 8, Harry Lamparter, Mountville.

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