# From Where We Stand . . .

# "Needle In The Haystack"

We came across a cartoon this week that pictured a family on a picinc in a meadow beside a watermelon patch. While mom and pop prepared the table Junior wondered into the melons. It was a worried mom who suddenly realized that her son was astray. She admonished her offspring not to take any of them. "We don't know what they've been sprayed with," she exclaimed.

We agree that Junior should not steal the farmer's fruit. There is a moral issue even in such a small thing. But it's mom's reason for not stealing that leaves us cold.

What was intended to protect our citizens from harm has turned into a monstrous whip over the farmer. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) now has a new chemical residue tester called the Gas Chromatograph that could find a "Needle in a haystack," if that needle happened to be one of the banned pesticides. And it doesn't make any difference if the doctors do say our city cousins aren't having any bad effects from the nearly unmeasurable amounts of residue. The FDA must enforce the law.

Of course, we don't have much sympathy for the farmer who knowlingly disobeys the label on sprays and antibiotics. But we certainly feel for the men who have followed the directions and still have run into trouble.

The time has come to stop developing methods of determining what is almost "less than zero" amounts of residue in our food.

And, if it is impossible to keep a minute unharmful amount out of our supply, then a low tolerance level should be set.

The time has also come for the public to accept a one part per million residue count for what it is an unharmful "Needle in the haystack," greatly contributing to the nice watermelons in the cartoon.

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

## $\star$ $\star$ Turn Heat On Alfalfa Weevil

Research work at North Carolina State University indicates that flame treatment of alfalfs during the dormant season offers "considerable en-couragement" for obtaining adequate alfalfa weevil control. One unintended farm test of the treatment occurred this year. A brush fire that got out of control burned part of an alfalfa field. This spring the burned-over part had superior alfalfa growth and about 80 percent less weevil damage than the unburned part of the field. William V. Campbell of N.C. State says a flame treatment has not been perfected, but he is sure that this type of control in

some form can be effective. The flame treatment is used during the January-February dormant season and is aimed at destroying weevil eggs.

This is the most encouraging development in weevil control we have heard. Let's put all available engineers to work on prefecting a practical piece of farm machinery to do the job. With our technical knowledge it shouldn't be hard. Then maybe we can quench once and for all the fear of pesticide contamination of food.

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#### $\star$ ★ $\star$ **Public Power Or Public** Farming Is Socialism

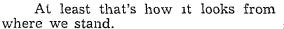
The newspapers of the United States know what centralized government can do to a free press. They have seen it disappear around the world, most recently in Cuba. There can be no criticism of the powers that control production and employment and tell the people what they can and cannot do or say under a government monopoly.

The Coral Gables, Florida, Guide recently commented on a political power plan for Dade County in Florida. Stripping the propoganda of sugar coating, the Guide said: "Claims for socialistic schemes always exceed delivery after the take over and promises of great reduction in costs, taxes and higher wages either never materialize or vanish with planned inflation.

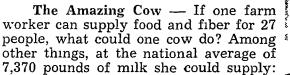
"It is a startling fact that one of every 13 employes in the United States works for the Federal Government In Dade County, one of every 10 persons works for municipal, state or Federal agencies. If the current trend is not stopped - reversed - persons employed by free and private enterprise will some day be a minority group. We view this with alarm. "The bure

bureaucracy, inefficiency, featherbedding, waste, graft, payroll padding, and last, but not least, the authoritarian aspect of government control, would end freedom as we know it. Criticism of the government that owns you lock, stock and barrel would not long be tolerated."

The Guide emphasized that it was unalterably opposed to the take over of a taxpaying business by government in Now Is The Time ... its area or elsewhere The country sorely needs more of this attitude.



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Covenant Lesson for August 2, 1964

Background Scripture: Evodus 19 through Devotional Reading: Psalm 81 1-10.

THE RELIGION of the Jews is the mother-religion of our own, if we are Christian. Their Bible is a part of ours; and the New Testament cannot be understood apart from the Old. This is not saying we all have to be

Jews before we can be Christians. It does mean that our two religions are so closely reated that we can speak of the "Ju-daeo - Christian" or Jewish-Christian tradition, referring to the

Dr. Foreman many beliefs and practices which we have in common.

In the most basic matter of all, the Jewish-Christian line is clearly different from other religions; namely, in what we can call the pattern of religion. Let's translate that into what a "religious" man would be expected to do. It is not true that all religions are much alike. Ours is sharply different from others. What would an ancient Greek (say five hundred years or more before Christ) have done if he were a religious man? What you would have noticed most about him would have been how often he mentioned some god's name, asking him to bless what he was about to do. Also you would have noticed how often he made a "sacrifice" of some sort even if no more than a pinch of incense or a cup of wine poured on an altar. In an Indian city this writer has seen a little stone bull on the outside of a temple. The bull's neck was wreathed in orange-colored flowers - the sacred color there which various poor worshippers had left there that morning as a religious duty. Very much the Gleek idea. The gods were there to help you or hurt you, and you kept them on your side by

#### frequent requests and frequent offerings.

Well, it wasn't only Greeks or Indians, many religions with var. iations of defail follow this same pattern in essentials: You do 11ght by God and he will do right by you. In practice this was like the ordinary law-abiding citizen's attitude to courts and court rooms, He stays away from them as far as he can. He respects the laws, but he stays away from the law. makers and the law-enforcers. The last thing he wants to see is a policeman at his front door to tell him the Judge wants to see him!

## What is special about our religion

Of course the Jewish and Chris, tian religions are not the same; but they do have several points in their "pattern," as we are calling it, which stand out as quite dif. rent from the more usual pattern as the Greeks and Indians-among many others-have practiced it. First and most basic, the other pattern can be summed up thus; If I do enough for God, he 15 bound to do something for me. In the Hebrew-Christian tradition, this is turned around: God has done much for us; therefore let us do all we can for him. In their pattern, religious acts (i.e. acts which are called religious) are inducements to the gods to come over to our side. In our pattern, religious acts are acts of gratitude for what God has done for us. (For the Hebrew the great thing God did was to get them out of Egypt; with us, the great thing is God's coming to us in Christ.)

#### "The ethics of response"

Another strand in the Jewish-Christian tradition is this: whereas in other religions a religious act may be altogether unrelated unconnected with a man's daily conduct, in our pattern we show our gratitude to God not only by loving him but by obeying his will in all the affairs of daily life. A man who does not love his brother cannot love God. Man does not earn God's protection and favor, he does not deserve it; but man, the undeserving, lives for the God who freely saves him. This is called by Christian thinkers the "ethics of response." The old Hebrew name for this pattern of religious living is "covenant." The Ten Commandments are presented not as arbitrary rules, but as a pattern of human response to the God of Deliverance; in the Coverant we reach a hand to the God who has already reached down to us.



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BY MAX SMITH

To File For Gas Tax Refund

Farmers may get 4c refund for federal gas tax and 7c refund for state gas tax per gallon of gasoline used for agricultural pui gailon of gasoline used for agricultular but poses, the period of time covered is finm July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964 Federal Gas Tax Form. No. 2240 is available at the Inter nal Revenue Office or at the County Exten-sion Office The form for the state tax re fund is available from the Board of Finance and Revenue, 132 Finance Building, Hauss burg, Pa. Either of these forms must be filed between July 1 and September 30 this year.

Enough fluid milk and cream for 24 persons; enough butter for 48 people; enough American cheese to supply 120 folks; and enough sweetened condensed for a small army of 8,375.



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#### To Order Seeds Small grain seed needed for this falls

planting should be ordered soon in order to have a better chance of getting what you want. Adapted varieties of ceili fied seed are the best buy, rather than to plant just what you can get at the last moment.

Early August is one of the best times to make a sum- want to make an August of mer seeding of alfalfa in southeastern Pennsylvania; ex- may be grazed late into the lizer should be worked deeply for this purpose. Fly iesistant into the soil before seeding. varieties of winter wheat such The band seeding method has as Dual or Redcoat may be

is very important.

Livestock producers may September seeding of small grain or some cover ciop that

To Extend Pasture Season

LANC. CO. FFA MARKET NEED LIGHT Lancaster Farming HOG SHOW Direct sunnight promotes the Lancaster County's Own Farm vigorous glowin of geraniums The FFA members from To Prepare for and the plants will bloom con- Lanc Co will hold their Sec-Weekly Alfalfa Seeding tinually, says Penn State ex- ond Annual Market Hog Show P.O. Box 1524 Lancaster, Penna, tension floriculture specialists and Sale at the Green Dragon Geraniums need several hours Market & Auction on August P.O. Box 266 - Lititz, Pa. of direct sunlight every day. 4, at 800 am. Offices: The plants grow well in south Approximately 180 head of 22 E Main St. windows, but may be placed hogs have been entered Lee in east or west windows pro- Mohney, vocational agricul- perience has shown better re- fall and very early next sping Lititz, Pa. viding the sun will shine on ture instructor from Mercer sults on well-prepared and a Ciops such as winter inter them a few hours each day Co, will be the official judge. firm seedbed; lime and ferti-In shade, geraniums develop A judging contest for FFA lizew should be marked deal. 394-3047 or Lititz 626-2191 long thin stems, small leaves, members will be held at 11 00 Robert G Campbell, and few flowers. a m, and the sale will follow Advertising Director at 1 00 pm. Sanitation is still the most Last year the nation's bee strongly recommended. Chem-ouse fly control programs, 299 million pounds of the strong include the produce a good crop of wheat the strong include the produce a good crop of wheat the strong include the produce a good crop of wheat the strong include the produce a good crop of wheat the produce a good crop of wheat the strong include the produce a good crop of wheat the produce the produce a good crop of wheat the produce the pr Established November 4. day by Lancaster-Farming, Lit- important factor in effective colonies produced a record ical weed control either be- By having this extra pustule house fly control programs, 299 million pounds of honey. according to extension entor That is enough to supply each fore seeding or when the later this fall and each to supply each is the seeding of the supply each is the seeding of the supply each is the supp Entered as 2nd class matter according - to -extension ento- That is enough to supply each at Lititz, Pa. under Act of mologists at The Pennsylvania person in the US with slight- weeds are small after seeding, spring; "stored" feed such is March 8, 1879. State University. ly more than 1½ pounds. is very important silage and hay may be saved. ly more than 1½ pounds.

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