

## From Where We Stand . . .

### Wife's Role In Farm Decisions

In our modern society, women seem to be playing an ever-increasing part. Certainly this is true in the average suburban family, but how does the role of the farm wife fit into this changing picture?

According to a rural sociologist at the University of Wisconsin, E. A. Wilkening, wives may be making more of the decisions than their husbands would care to admit. He found that the wife's activities in family business decisions was related to several factors.

For example, the farm wife who helps with the chores and drives the tractor is likely to have more to say about buying equipment for the farm than the wife who spends most of her time at household duties.

Wilkening also found that the level of formal education is a factor in determining which partner has the major say in such matters. He found that the farmer who has a high school education and agricultural training, and who operates a large farm, and is married to a girl from town is more likely to make the big decisions himself on such things as buying land or equipment, or constructing new buildings.

And as the farmer's level of education, farm experience, and farm income increase, his complete authority on such decisions increases — but he's more likely to "discuss" it with his wife!

However, in the part-time farm operation in which the man works away at custom work or in a town job, his wife is likely to have a bigger say in how the farm is run. She will also have more to say about farm management decisions if she keeps the books and pays the bills.

The farm wife with more education, and living on a big farm with a good income level will probably make independent decisions about the family and household. But if she has several small children to care for she is less likely to be involved in the farm business regardless of other factors.

This is only a part of Wilkening's long range study, but it is based on interviews with 500 farmers and their wives and can offer some clues on the great decision-making process. Some of the young, unmarried fellas might want to consider these factors carefully in choosing their brides!

We heard of a non-farm husband recently who summed up the problem this way: "We have no conflict in our family," he said. "I make all the big decisions — like, are we doing the right thing to stay in Viet Nam; reapportion-

ment; are Communists in control in the Dominican Republic; etc. She makes the minor decisions — how we spend my income; where we should live; when we should buy a new car; who our friends should be; and other little things like that."

### The Freedom Sword Cuts Both Ways

We have supported the so-called "Civil Rights" movement in the past and expect to continue doing so, even though we don't always agree with some of the methods involved. The Negro "revolution" in this country is a century overdue, and it is morally right that all citizens of a free country should be free and equal.

But civil rights is not the personal property of Negroes or anybody else. Everybody — white, black, yellow, red, Catholic, Jew, Protestant, Democrat, and Republican — lives under the same code of civil rights in this country. But it's beginning to look as though discrimination is in danger of getting stuck in reverse. It could easily happen that the causes of the "persecuted" minorities will come to take precedence over everything else, and the persecuted majorities will have to begin demonstrating.

In particular, we are disturbed over this ridiculous Girard College fracas. The man who founded the college did so for disadvantaged "white" boys, specifically. This matter was apparently spelled out in his will. So far as we know, no federal or other "public" funds are involved in any way, nor is the college in interstate commerce. So what possible business is it of any outside group or any court? The founder expressed his wish that the college be established and perpetuated for use by a specified group, and he did it with private money.

We don't personally care whether he set up the college exclusively for whites, for Negroes, or for one-armed piano players. Have we come so far toward mass homogenization that a citizen can not express his private wishes and support these with private funds without consulting all the minorities that might be offended?

There is a vital question at issue here. We fervently hope that the courts, if called upon, won't misjudge this issue as they have some other American rights in the past year or so.

But if the courts force Girard College to open its doors to all comers, the next crisis will be a lot closer to Lancaster County than Philadelphia!

What Do YOU Think?

### ● 24 Counties

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here, but concluded that conditions did not warrant disaster relief at this time.

Drought disaster status requests must be initiated by farmers through their county USDA Disaster Committee. These committees are made up of the county ASC chairman, the county agricultural agent and the county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration.

Requests approved by the

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county committees are forwarded to the State Disaster Committee for its review and recommendation and then to Governor William W. Scranton for certification to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for final authorization. Secretary Bull serves in advisory capacity to the Governor checking on drought conditions.

Secretary Bull explained that to harvest this relief forage, farmers need a permit from their county Agricultural and Stabilization Committee (ASC) and agree to a downward revision of benefit payments.

He said farmers with such acreage may harvest it for their own use, or they may make it available to others who are eligible for drought relief.

### CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank our friends, neighbors, and firemen for their many deeds of kindness. Words cannot express our feelings. God bless you, Ray and Evelyn Longenecker, Lititz R2.

### ● Corn Club

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per farmer, or farm operator (where more than one farm is involved).

A field of five acres or more on which a complete soil test has been taken within the last two years is eligible for entry. If the corn is grown in contour strips, two to three strips on the same slope may be used as long as the combined acreage is not less than five acres.

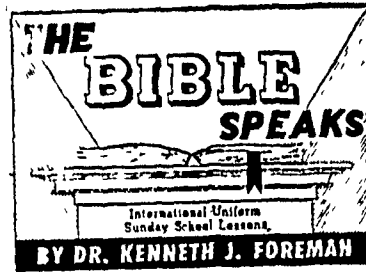
The entire acreage must be planted to one variety of corn. Irrigated fields cannot be entered. Fields should contain 14,000 or more stalks per acre.

There are two classes again this year — A Hand Harvested Class, and A Machine Harvested Class. The decision on which class to enter may be made at harvest time.

### ● County Holstein

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The weather has cooperated well during recent Field Day activities, and more of the same has been requested for this year.



### Yes, Again Lesson for July 11, 1965

Background Scripture: Romans 8:26-28, Philippians 3:7-16  
Devotional Reading: Hebrews 5:7-14.

ARE YOU a Christian? Some people—Christian or not—find this question in bad taste, to say the least of it. The best that can be expected, sometimes, is just a glassy stare. Sometimes the person who is asked the question



doesn't answer because it seems to be "loaded," however you answer. If the answer is a straight Yes, that seems like bragging. If the answer is No, that seems like

Dr. Foreman giving the lie to this person's background, to his character, to his church membership. Sometimes the reply is: "I don't know, I hope so!" This is a very dubious and uncertain way. Well, we wonder why people get all mixed up about this. Maybe there are some who are puzzled about whether they are Christians or not. They are Christians by intention. They aim at being true Christians. Anyone who wants to live as a Christian is surely a Christian by intention.

### Toward the Goal

Being a Christian takes a lifetime of devotion. But you, whoever you are, can begin to be Christian before you finish this paragraph. A man may say, almost with pride: Am I a Christian? What a question! I was saved right in that old church one night in June when I was a boy. It would be more close to the truth if he had said, I began to be a Christian right there and then. But what since then? Was that a climax, a sort of Mt. Everest? Or was it a step on the way, calling for other steps every day? At all events, we can put down two truths. One is, that the Christian life can start, in you, whenever you say, in the words of the old carol, "There is room in my heart, Lord Jesus . . . room in my heart for Thee."

### Yes, Again

The other truth is that the Christian life calls on the Christian to stand up and be counted, to say "Yes" to God again and again. You don't grow automatically into Christian character. And you certainly make a poor showing if you think the race is won when it's not. St. Paul can give inspired advice. If ever there was a Christian saint, it was he; yet he did not claim to have arrived. All he could or would claim for himself was that he had not stopped running. "I press on," he said.

### Whose Victory is It?

Yet Paul does not claim credit for his progress on the trail of Christ. It is a long, lone marathon, and yet not lonely either. Paul knows where the credit for his spiritual progress should go to God himself. He speaks of the Holy Spirit (who is not a thing but the personal God at work in the world and in the hearts of men). The Spirit takes our feeble prayers and so to speak translates them into God's language. For our prayers are often selfish, sometimes selfish without our realizing it.

It is a stirring thing to realize, no matter how many or how strong your personal temptations are, no matter how much stronger they are than you, the exciting fact is that God is for you. You may feel like quitting; but your divine partner has no intention of quitting. You may grow tired of the everlasting inner warfare the true Christian is called on to wage against "the world, the flesh, and the devil." But God does not sleep. You may think you are not important. But even one soldier in the vast battle between Right and Wrong, — even one steadfast battler for Right is a needed man. If every Christian were a growing Christian, God's army would be growing stronger every year. Does it, or doesn't it, where you are?

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## Go To Church Sunday

## Now Is The Time . . .

### To Dry Grain

Grain must contain less than 14 percent moisture to store without spoiling. Much small grain has been damaged by high moisture content. Do not combine small grain too early in the morning, too late in the evening, or too soon after a shower. If grain is too tough to store, and drying facilities not available, spread it on the barn floor and turn often until dry. Never store grain in bulk until certain it is below 14 percent moisture.

### To Build A Corral

Since pasture season is here, many beef producers have their cattle on pastures. However, many of these farms don't have a corral, chute or head-gate. A hard way to handle cattle is to drive them into a barn or large lot and then try getting close enough to place a rope on them. The beef producer who plans has an easier method. He has a corral located where it is convenient. It is equipped with a chute and sorting gates. He has a head gate to restrain the animal, he doesn't need to fight it with a rope. He finishes his job in about a third of the time and keeps his animals healthier because it isn't such an unpleasant chore. The plans for these facilities are available at our office.

### To Check Pigs for Rhinitis

If your pigs are sneezing and are poor feed converters, they may be suffering from atrophic rhinitis. Research work shows that the commonest cause of the disease is a specific organism that yields to low-level sulfonamide treatment. The sulfa drug when used as directed is safe, easy to administer and economical. Without treatment pigs grow slowly and inefficiently. Af-

ected animals will become runts with crooked noses by the time they should be ready for slaughter. See your veterinarian if you suspect this condition.

### To Not Remove Corn Suckers

Whether or not there are advantages in removing sweet corn suckers frequently puzzles home gardeners and commercial growers. Suckers are secondary stems that grow (Continued on Page 12)



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