

From Where We Stand . . .

Service With A Smile!

How often do you reevaluate your work? As farmers producing at least one major product you have to do this periodically. Those persons and industries rendering a service to farmers must also take stock occasionally, if they are to continue providing the quality of service the farmer needs.

The other day a non-farm friend, who was not familiar with Lancaster Farming, asked a very simple and important question — "what service does your paper provide?" Although we try to take a fresh look at that question frequently all too often service industries get so involved in performing their service and go too long without reevaluating.

But to answer that person's question, we started making a list of the services we feel we are performing. We won't hit you with the full list, but here are a few of the more important items we came up with:

- 1—Market reports on eggs, poultry, and livestock — some are weekly summaries, but most are the latest closing prices.
- 2—Feature stories on business farmers and rural youth.
- 3—Reports on the activities of local organizations — poultry, swine, dairy, 4-H, FFA, conservation, etc.
- 4—Editorial comment on pertinent, and often controversial, subjects.
- 5—Recipes and homemaking tips for the women readers.
- 6—A source of local advertising information.
- 7—News coverage of local events.
- 8—Farmers exchange column through Mail Box Market.
- 9—Current Extension information of local interest.
- 10—Farm Calendar, an advance notice and reminder of the week's coming events.
- 11—Educational reports on the latest research findings at state and federal experiment stations.
- 12—Readers can air their individual views through "The Reader Speaks" column.

Well, there's an even dozen ways in which we feel we are performing a service to area farmers. If you feel as though you had just read a commercial "message", well, perhaps you have. But the point is, we want always to be aware of the needs of our readers, especially as those needs change. Any reasonable service which we are not now performing can be added anytime

enough readers indicate its need.

Any business that is serving farmers and not meeting current needs squarely has no business to be serving farmers. The service in that case perhaps might better be called a disservice.

What Do YOU Think?

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Are You Government Approved?

A cartoon in this month's Pennsylvania Grange News pictures one hog saying to another which is gorging itself at the feeder — "I'm warning you, one of these days you'll have 'Government Approved' stamped all over you."

The inclination toward a mild chuckle was quickly stifled when some parallel human situations came to mind, and the unpleasant thought of "won't we all!" gave birth to this editorial comment.

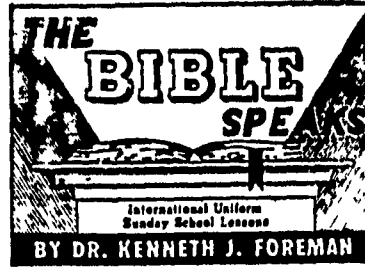
The federal government (they like to spell it with a capital "F", but our constant fight is to help keep it in proper perspective) has many of those people worried who have perhaps been feeding a bit too heavily at the overflowing federal trough. You know the federal government is one of the last of the "big-time spenders" by looking at your tax bills, but when you realize that one out of every five dollars spent in the U.S.A. is spent by Uncle Sam it is due cause for concern!

Why? Because of the tremendous pressure that this volume of concentrated "spending power" can bring to bear on its recipients. Many businessmen with juicy government contracts have so much of their total volume of business committed to UNCLE that they could not resist direct pressure without being totally destroyed. Their case is evident, but how about many of the rest of us; are we sufficiently independent from government handouts to resist the kind of pressure that could conceivably be applied to us?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture propaganda campaign has often highlighted the amount of farmers' net income that is derived directly from government payments. It has been shown in some cases that those payments represented the difference between profit and loss for some farmers. How independent are they going to be?

Will the day come when we will all be wearing a "Government Approved" or a "Government Condemned" label on the seat of our pants? Perhaps it is not as inconceivable as it sounds.

What Do YOU Think?



Patience

Lesson for September 19, 1965

Background Scripture: Galatians 6:1-10; Philippians 4; Colossians 3:12-15. Devotional Readings: 1 Corinthians 13.

The bus station is crowded and the bus is late. Some of the passengers mill around but some sit quietly on a bench in the waiting room. They do not even look at the clock or ask any one how late the bus is going to be.



We call their behavior "patient." A man stands in line at a post-office window. Somebody up front seems to be taking all morning just to pick out the prettiest stamps. But the man does not complain nor even fidget; he too is a patient man. A little boy who has been for a winter walk is being taken home by his father. The little boy is cold and hungry, but he does not cry nor complain. He is a patient child.

Empty patience

Patience is called a Christian virtue, and it is definitely named more than once in Scripture as a high quality both of men and of God. We are to "grow up in all things," writes Saint-Paul. (Eph. 4:15) This includes patience, of course. But patience in the Christian meaning of the word is more than is shown by the brief examples just noted. We can call the bus-rider's patience, for instance, empty patience; the man is not doing anything. He just subsides into a lump like a cow going to sleep. He has no more interest in what goes on around him than a hibernating bear. There are other forms of empty patience. The "slow burn" is one of these. The man doing a slow burn is quiet, but you can see his face getting redder by the minute. Then finally he bursts out in a rage. He was only heating up; he was not patient for a minute. All the forms of "patience" which are no more than killing time are likewise not what the Bible means by patience.

What goes with patience?

No one good quality stands alone, as the New Testament shows and as even common sense can tell you. Beware of a man with only one virtue, the old proverb warns us. Patience is somewhat like flour for a cake. Very few cakes can be made without flour. But can you imagine a bride setting her husband down to a meal of which the dessert was a little pile of flour on a saucer? "Darling," she might say, "I didn't get to the store, so I don't have any sugar or eggs or milk or flavoring. I just made this nice little cupful of flour do for this time." (End of the honeymoon.) So a nice little cupful of patience does not make good men by itself. With other virtues combined with it, or combined to make it up, patience is indispensable to anyone whose work is with people. In the home, the school room, the supermarket, the church, patience is precisely what is needed. We have spoken of empty patience; what is full, genuine Christian patience, what are its ingredients? The reader should study carefully the lists included in the "background scripture." Three elements of patience may be pointed to; it would spoil your interest if we did not leave you to make some discoveries for yourself. One thing is compassion; literally that means suffering-with some one. Practicing the Golden Rule is one of the best ways of developing in patience. If you've no sympathy (compassion) for another, you are not likely to be or even to seem patient with him. A second ingredient is forgiveness, and a third is humility, "lest thou also be tempted" as Paul says.

When patience is a sin.

When patience—and in the Bible patience almost always refers to dealings with or between people — comes unaccompanied by compassion, forgiveness, humility and the rest, it can even become worse than empty. It can turn out even to be a sin. The wise Christian will detect the difference between good patience, the "understanding heart" able to enter into another's burdens, between this and empty patience and bad patience. Jesus is our top example here, as always in the art of living.

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ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY

Tractor Driving Win To DeLong

George DeLong, Quarryville R2, winner of the open class tractor driving event at the So'anco Fair on Thursday morning, topped all contestants with a winning score of 80 points.

George Ewart, Peach Bottom R2, won the FFA division with a 155 point score, second best in the contest. In the 4-H division, winner was James Esbenshade of Quarryville R2 with 250 points.

The contest was judged by

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- Amos Rutt Results - OPEN CLASS
- 1, George DeLong; 2, Earl Wenger 3, John Lowe.
- FFA
- 1, George Ewart; 2, Roy Anderson, 3, Glenn Sollenberger
- 4-H
- 1, James Esbenshade, 2, Jay Marvin Herr

Manor FFA Boys To Eastern States Exp.

Dan Erb, Glenn Miller and John Hess from Manor FFA Chapter, Penn Manor High School, Millersville, will be representing Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America at the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass this week. They left the county on Thursday, September 16, and will return from Springfield on Sunday, September 19.

Dan Erb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Erb, Columbia R2. He will be on the Pennsylvania Dairy Judging team. He graduated from Penn Manor last June. He placed 5th in FFA dairy judging at Penn State in June. John Hess is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Hess, Lancaster R6. He will be on the

Farm Calendar

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- show at Lampeter Fair.
Sept 23—10 30 a.m. Junior dairy show at Lampeter Fair
—11 45 a.m. FFA calf awards at Lampeter Fair
—1 p.m. open class dairy show at Lampeter Fair
—6 30 p.m. Lancaster County Swine Producers carcass show at Lampeter Fair
—7 p.m. 4-H and FFA baby beef show at Ephrata Fair
Sept 24—7 p.m. Junior dairy show at Ephrata Fair
—8 p.m. FFA fat hog sale at Lampeter Fair
Sept 25—District 10 4-H horse show at Ludwig Corner Show Grounds in Chester County

Pennsylvania Poultry Judging team John is a senior at Penn Manor. He placed 5th in poultry judging at Penn State in June.

Glenn Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, Conestoga R1. He will be on the Pennsylvania Poultry Judging team along with John Hess. Glenn graduated from Penn Manor in June 1965. He placed 6th in poultry judging at Penn State in June.

Now Is The Time . . .

To File For Gas Tax Refund

Farmers using gasoline for farming operations are entitled to a refund of 4 cents per gallon of the Federal Tax paid. A claim for this refund must be filed with the Internal Revenue office by September 30. Also, there is a 7 cents per gallon state tax refund available from the Penna. Board of Finance and Revenue, Finance Building, Harrisburg. Farmers are urged to take advantage of these refunds.

To Drench Ewe Flock

Sheep producers should be sure that their breeding ewes are in a gaining condition at breeding time. The elimination of internal parasites and the feeding of extra grain or real good grass pasture several weeks before the breeding time will usually result in more twin lambs. On limited pasture many flocks of sheep become contaminated with stomach worms and individual treatment is the best way of eliminating the problem.

To Care for Dairy Calves

Heifer calves that are being raised for herd replacements should be given the very best of care and attention. Special quarters including individual calf pens are strongly recommended. The pens should be clean, dry, on the sunny side of the barn, and draft free. The future herd depends upon how good a job is done in growing out the heifer calves.

To Seal the Horizontal Silo

Due to the good corn crop on many farms, there may be

need for temporary silage storage. There are many methods of storing silage outside of a tower silo but the problem of spoilage confronts most of them. In the trench, bunker, or stack silo it is very important to chop the silage fine, pack it solid, and seal out the air within 48 hours. The black plastic materials work fine if they are held down tight on the silage and air is kept out. Special effort should be made to do this job well in order to reduce the amount of spoilage.



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