

# From Where We Stand . . .

## You Gotta See 'em To Hit 'em

Game, that is. But one hunter may easily hit another without seeing him at all. Since the hunting season opened today, it may already be too late for some. But a concern for the safety of hunters, and innocent bystanders, has prompted the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Vision Conservation Institute to offer a free vision screening service to Pennsylvania's 1800 hunting clubs.

According to Dr. Eugene Bogage, president of the VCI, statistics have shown that defective vision is often the cause of hunting accidents. A recent study revealed that 77 percent of hunters causing accidents had defective vision.

In Pennsylvania last year 17 persons were killed in hunting accidents and 412 were wounded. Dr. Bogage pointed out that in 38 percent of these cases, the victim was in the line of fire when shot, or was shot in mistake for game. Most of the accidents occurred on clear days.

The vision screening program will be strictly voluntary, Bogage stated. If the tests turn up any deficiencies, the hunter will be advised to consult his own eye doctor for assistance. Any hunting club desiring this service should contact VCI headquarters in Harrisburg.

We wonder, if this program is successful in reducing error through better vision, might it also someday be extended to include those stalwarts who withstand the abuse of all the eyesight jokes — baseball umpires?

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## An Hour Gained

Remember that hour you lost last Spring when Daylight Saving Time started? Well, unless you forget to change your clock before retiring this Saturday night, you're about to get that hour back.

Every year someone moves the clock hands in the wrong direction — either going into or coming out of Daylight Saving Time. Having been the victims of this error ourselves occasionally, we finally managed to find a rule that is absolutely infallible — usually. Just remember, "Spring ahead; Fall behind". That's all there is to it.

We used to make the mistake of trying to reason it out each year, but found it is possible to follow reasoning to an absolutely wrong conclusion.

So there it is; our secret revealed to the world. On the night of October 30th set your clock back one hour. We hope you will enjoy that extra hour of sleep as much as we intend to. Been looking for it ever since last Spring.

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## A Cold, White Winter?

These fabulous Fall days encourage all of us not to think about the chill days that inevitably lie ahead, but when the golden leaves begin to fall, can snow be far behind? Unfortunately, it can not.

According to Baer's Agricultural Almanac, we have a real old-fashioned winter lurking just around the corner of December. The prediction is for cold, wet weather, with January and February each getting more than its normal share of the white stuff.

Other prognosticators seem to concur with the almanac verdict. Such seers as the woolly bear watchers and those who study the migratory flights of birds all agree — at least we have not heard an opinion to the contrary.

So locate your snow shovels, mark your lane with stakes, be sure the snow plow is in good shape, and most important, stay on good terms with your fuel man!

## ● Agr. Committee

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was unable to attend, suggested problem areas in the state's agriculture and in the agricultural industry for its consideration.

One proposal by the Governor urged development of "an economic, political and sociological environment" for promotion of a "stronger agribusiness in Pennsylvania." He expressed a hope that impediments to such growth might be eliminated.

Other suggestions by the state's chief executive for possible recommendations included studies in these areas: Capital and credit, competition for use of rural resources, particularly in land and water, production and marketing of farm commodities; adequate research and extension programs; tax relief on open space farm lands; product standards and regulations; promotion and incentives for processing and marketing firms; correlations of market-

ing programs, training of personnel to meet increasing needs for technical help, services and supplies for commercial agriculture, and the level of farm income.

"Our major concern," the Governor stated, "is to devise ways for directing and inspiring the great productive force of agriculture and agribusiness so that they can best serve the interests of our people as the world becomes more complex."

Secretary Bull said that by defining major problems and charting guidelines for action the committee can be of great service to his department and to the whole Commonwealth. All sixteen members of the committee were in attendance at its first meeting in the Agriculture Building.

## ● Farmer - Consumer

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stores and three-fourths of total sales.

Another major development in food retailing, according to the report has been the rapid growth since 1947 of affiliated independent store chains in terms of share of total food sales, while the trend has been in the opposite direction for unaffiliated independent stores. For the same period the share of the large corporate chain stores has remained about the same.

## ● ACP Funds

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cost-share assistance will average about one-half of the cost of carrying out such conservation practices as establishing and improving vegetative cover, planting trees, improving existing stands of timber, and practices aimed at the conser-

vation and more efficient use of water.

Other approved practices available are contour stripping, diversions and terraces, drainage systems, and sod waterways.

Seldomridge emphasizes it is important that farmers file now to get necessary approval and take care of other program details before it is time to actually begin work.

## ● Livestock Exp.

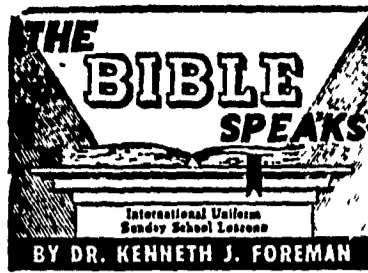
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position manager, said judging will start at 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 8, and continue through most of the week. Four beef cattle classes, best ten head in Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn, and best six of Polled Hereford, will be judged in the large arena as part of the evening entertainment programs.

More than 100 feeder calves will sell at auction, 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 11. Market animals — steers, wethers and barrows — will be sold the same afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock.

Howard Harris, III, will present his Championship Rodeo from Cowtown, N. J., four nights, starting Wednesday, and at a Saturday matinee. Other evening features will include seven calf scrambles, Arabian and Appaloosa horses in performance competition, and livestock cavalcades.

Cash premiums will total \$15,000. The main show and parking are free. The exposition is sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture, its Farm Show Commission, and the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Association.



## Being A Fool Lesson for October 31, 1965

Background Scriptures: Judges 13:2 through 16:31.  
Devotional Readings: Psalm 1.

How to be a fool in six Easy Lessons. This might well be the title for the story of the life and adventures of Samson. In rough times, he was more than a match for the roughest men. An angel had foretold his birth,



he had religious parents who loved him. God had intended him for a deliverer of Israel. Israel needed delivering; their hostile neighbors the Philistines were a year-round menace. The Israelites could never be free unless they could solve the Philistine problem. Samson was to be the man; but instead, he turned out to be what a modern writer calls a "negative religious hero," the opposite at every point of what God's chosen leader ought to be. Born to be a hero, he ended by being a stunt-man, a clown.

### One for one

A trio of adventures (creatures of their author) lived by the motto, All for One and One for All. If Samson had had a motto it might have been One for One. He never worked with a team, he was strictly Samson for Samson. He killed Philistines by the thousands, but always for personal revenge. He could kill a lion with his bare hands. ("He was a young lion and didn't know who he was roaring at"), he could kill a small regiment of Philistines all by himself, he could pick up a city gate at midnight and walk with it forty miles uphill before sunrise. His strength was fabulous. To this day if a manufacturer wants to name a product with a name suggesting strength, he is likely to give Samson's name to it. But

none of these exploits delivered the Israelites. Even though in his spectacular death he killed two thousand of his enemies, Israel was still years and years from freedom. Revenge Samson knew. Showing off his strength was his great pleasure but it was always a loner who was in action. He never built up a following. He did not have the organizing gifts of David or even of Saul. He was without the patriotism that helped to make Samuel great. It was always Samson for Samson.

### Destiny to dustpan

If you could imagine a person who owns a beautiful, perhaps unique crystal vase, knocking off that vase on purpose or out of sheer stupidity and not bothering to look at it, asking some one to sweep it up. "Into the dustpan with it!" — that would be utterly foolish but very much like Samson, and too much like ourselves to be funny. He was born to a high destiny, a Deliverer in the line of Moses and Joseph and Joshua; and he ended a blind slave, by his own fault. It wasn't that he tried valiently to achieve his destiny and found the way too rough. He never tried. Even in his crashing last moments, when Philistines were carried down screaming under the rubble, he thought of what he was doing not as a victory for Israel, but strictly as vengeance for his lost eyesight.

### They never learn

One of Samson's ailments was that he could not learn from experience. Delilah wormed out of him his fateful secret, with the tearful plaint, "You don't love me any more . . . if you did, you wouldn't keep a secret from me." If the big clown had had any sense, he would have thought, Where have I heard that before? This was not the first time that tune had been played. But no, a man like Samson never learns until too late . . . Well, there you are. How to become a fool, in six easy lessons. But why did we say six? These three are enough. Live for yourself alone; throw into the dustpan your best possibilities and live like the animals for pleasure alone; and never learn from anything that happens to you. Listen to what you want and not what God wants — and you can become a fool without even trying.

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# Now Is The Time . . .

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## To Protect Water Pipes

Freezing weather may appear at any time and the prevention of frozen water pipes is much better than trying to thaw them on a very cold morning. If pipes are buried underground at least 24 to 30 inches deep, they should be safe. Pipes that are exposed in buildings that are not warm enough to prevent freezing could be wrapped with electric heating cables to prevent freezing; however, care should be taken in applying this material, improper wrapping and cutting may present a fire hazard. Please consult with your local electrician or power company official.

## To Prepare Strawberry

Mulch . . . It will soon be time to put the strawberry patch to bed for the winter; this refers to the mulching of the plants with wheat straw or early cut hay. These materials should be free of grain seeds or weed seeds. Plants do not need to be mulched until the temperature drops to the 20 degree area for a period of several days at a time; this is usually early December in southeastern Pennsylvania. The plants should be covered to conceal all leaves at the rate of about 3 tons per acre. Mulching prevents heaving of the plants and protects the

plant crowns in zero weather.

## To Provide Exercise for Young Stock . . .

Many groups of young dairy stock will be moving to their winter quarters. It is advised to provide an outside exercise lot for these yearling heifers rather than to house them in a stall or inside pen. An open shed or pole barn provides plenty of protection. When they are allowed to get out, their feet and legs will be stronger and they will be more rugged and healthy. Plenty of hay and silage with a minimum of grain will provide needed nutrients for most young dairy heifers.



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