

From Where We Stand . . .

Watchword Of The Week — CANCELED

January went out like a wounded tiger, and some predictions suggest we can expect no more lamb-like treatment from this budding month. In fact, the seer of Washington D. C., Jean Dixon, reportedly sees 80 inches of snow in her crystal ball for February. We hope that's a horizontal measurement, not vertical.

Excluding the word "snow", the most often heard word this week was "canceled", followed closely by "closed". Some students in county areas haven't been to school for ten days. We understand some first graders are beginning to believe that summer vacation has started. A few more storms like this last one and there probably won't be any summer vacation this year, kids.

Traveling in the county really had its limitations this week. In fact, until about Wednesday the only species getting around well were the vertical travelers — ground hogs and helicopters.

In fact, we understand the ground hogs were swamped with shadows on their big day this week. We sincerely hope that doesn't mean six more weeks of survival by helicopter. Although, those whirring blades were certainly welcome sounds to many snowbound residents and communities dependent for their existence on outside sources.

Perhaps this week will begin a long period of "normalcy". Meetings and activities will again replace boots and shovels. The accumulated drifts will trickle away, and blue skies will smile. Perhaps

It Takes Big Money To Produce Food

It will take money, management, and manpower if the United States is to fulfill its potential in helping to feed the hungry world. That was the consensus of an Agribusiness Council meeting of farmers and businessmen held recently. The magnitude of the world population explosion makes it important that we begin now to solve tomorrow's farm production problems.

In the money category, farmers on the panel at that meeting said there was a need for larger lines of farm credit. Rural bankers, they claimed, are using outmoded methods of evaluating production and profit potential. A series of one-day banker clinics in various agricultural sections was recommended as a starting point in developing greater understanding between bankers and farmers.

Development of "prescription fertilizers" was called for by the panelists; fertilizers tailored specifically for one crop in a certain small area. It was also felt that a fertilizer should be developed that could be stored in the ground — that is, applied during the slack season — without losing nutrients and availability during the winter weather.

One farmer estimated that his time is worth between \$100-\$150 an

hour during the critical Spring period. Any job he could get out of the way during the Fall or Winter would be worth extra money.

The management problem may be the biggest of all, the panel reported. With investments in modern farms averaging about \$100,000, new management techniques must be made available.

The apparent solution to the management problem lies in more extensive computer use. The panel saw this ultimately leading to total farm management through linear programming. Reportedly, the average farmer makes 5000 decisions a year, and panelists heard that mistakes in any one of these could reduce profits by as much as 20 percent.

Pennsylvania leads the country in computerized farm management. In fact, it is the only state in the Union using linear programming as a state project on a service basis in solving farm problems, according to a Penn State management specialist who spoke about one month ago in the county.

Whether or not our farmers' time is worth over \$100 an hour in the Springtime, it is a fact that time is at a premium then. Any scientific advances in fertilizer or machinery that could stretch a farmer's day in the Spring has to be worth considering. And farmers owe it to themselves to consider any of these advances, including farming by computer, if it will enable them to do a more efficient and profitable job.

Poets Push Pencils, Not Shovels

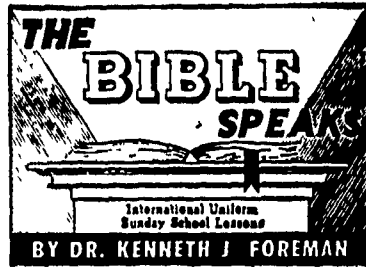
The white, majestic beauty of the snowflake has been wooed for centuries by poets, painters and such. While the poet may be the man behind the man behind the plow, few poetic phrases were heard following last weekend's snow fall in Lancaster County — at least not beyond Monday morning when the full impact of the blizzard, and the widespread disaster accompanying it, were fully realized.

Lancaster County awoke immobilized Monday morning, finding itself staked to the ground like some sleeping Gulliver by millions of tons of the tiny white flakes.

The giant flailed and thrashed under the massive weight of his captor, laboriously freeing one arm, then a leg, another arm. Finally he sat up, snapped his remaining white chains, and with a Herculean heave, stood upright. But his jagged outline remained etched on the snow's surface.

He staggered, shaking off the white, clinging nuisance and flexing cramped muscles which would remain for weeks as stiff reminders of this ordeal. Oh, so slowly, life began to circulate again through his wounded body. First the major arteries felt this flow, then traffic through the important veins picked up the pace, and very gradually, the smaller veins and capillaries responded.

This giant will live to fight another day; hopefully, not too soon.



God, Living Spirit Lesson for February 6, 1966

Background Scripture: John 16 7-15; Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:9-27; John 4:13-21.
Devotional Reading: 1 John 4:13-21.

PEOPLE WILL tell you that they are confused by the Holy Spirit. This is strange, for in the Bible the Spirit is always thought of in connection with light, help, leadership, comfort. How can such a spirit confuse us? The truth is, it is not the Holy Spirit that causes the confusion, but people's ideas about the Spirit. Let us understand to begin with that in virtually all cases, the expressions



Spirit, Holy Spirit, Spirit of God and Spirit of Christ all mean the same thing. Let us understand also that the Spirit of God is not like a sort of religious gas of mysterious properties. Also it is not a name of some kind of holy influence, a sort of aura that God gives off, or the kind of influence that all good people have, though they may not realize it.

God within

What then is the Holy Spirit? One of the best and simplest definitions is this: **The Holy Spirit is God at work in the hearts of men.** The Bible seldom if ever says what the Spirit is, but it says a good deal in the New Testament about what the Spirit does. We could almost say that the Holy Spirit is that which makes men good, loving, and so on; but the true Spirit is never a "that which" but a "one who . . ." The Spirit is as much God as our Lord Jesus is and he is never a "what", but a "Person". The Church says, "I believe in the Holy Spirit," but in saying this (following the Bible) the church is not proclaiming a second God, much less a third one. We believe there is only one God. We believe that the Creator-God is the God, and is also (and no less) the God who rules in history and in the hearts of men. Wherever God works in

minds and hearts of men, there is the evidence that the Spirit has been at work. If a person who is confused about the Holy Spirit will please remember that he is by no means like a ghost, but is God himself visiting us and inspiring every good thought, will and work we have or do, we can't go far wrong. Every time we are confused about this, we can get rid of much confusion by saying, instead of Holy Spirit, just God.

Spirit of Christ

When the church therefore says, I (we) believe in the Holy Spirit, we are meaning much the same as if we said, I believe that God can and does communicate with men, living in their hearts and active in their lives. The church from earliest times has called the Spirit the Spirit of Christ. That is to say, whatever we think about the Spirit must be in harmony with what we know of the mind and intentions of our Master. God in the heart and Christ in the heart and the Holy Spirit in the heart, — these are all the same.

How God works

When we say God's Spirit "works" or "acts" or "lives" in a human heart, what exactly do we mean? Can't we speak more definitely about this? Yes, we can if we follow what the Bible suggests and says. Consider only a few of the services God-in-the-heart renders to believers. The Spirit makes men realize their sins. When a person reaches the point of beginning to see himself as God sees him, that is a work of the Spirit, an effect of the God who lives within the man. What we can be sure of is that while today not everyone who is filled with the Spirit can speak in "tongues," the Spirit does in our time do for God's people what he did then — stir them with courage and faith.

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Attend Church This Sunday

Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent
To Conserve Moisture

Everyone should make a special effort to conserve our water supplies. Sufficient moisture is very essential to agriculture and to maximum and efficient crop yields. The very best of fertilizers, crop varieties, and management will do little good if we do not have sufficient moisture to grow the crop. Therefore, all land owners are urged to give special attention to holding the water on the land where it falls. The establishing of contour strips along with proper sod cover and crop rotations will go a long way in holding the moisture and the plant nutrients. The winter months are a good time to make plans and to make these important decisions.



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To Practice Good Farm Management . . . This is much easier said than done because there are so many items involved; however, proper farm management is fundamental under present farming methods. Planning ahead, record keeping, labor management, and decision making are all vital to the successful operation of a farm. We call attention to the Farm Management Short Course being offered at Penn State University on March 7 and 8, this looks like a good opportunity of becoming a better farm manager. Details are available.

To Consider Planting a Windbreak . . . Now would be a very good time to evaluate the use of a windbreak around farm buildings in order to protect the buildings and reduce the amount of snow drifts. The planting of several rows of evergreen trees from 30 to 50 feet to the west or northwest of the present heavy drifts in a lane or road might eliminate some plowing or shoveling in future years. These windbreaks are very common through the mid-west and the northern plain states. They are needed quite often out there.

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Ravenwood Della Rhythm Lyman D McKee farms with his brother 1152 acres near Madison, Wisconsin. Their dairy herd numbers 150 cows. He has been both president and vice-president of the American Dairy Association and a former member of the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Commission on Agriculture. McKee has traveled abroad for the dairy industry to Africa, the Middle East and in 1965 to the Far East as a representative of the Foreign Agriculture Service. He has titled his presentation, "It Pays To Be Positive".

As a member of the Cornell University Animal Husbandry staff Dr. Richard G. Warner teaches courses in livestock feeding and a graduate course in animal nutrition experiments. His research has been largely in dairy cattle nutrition, investigating such problems as the effect of diet on the development of the rumen, and the relative merit of a number of calf feeding programs. He will be discussing "Ruminations on Dairy Cattle Nutrition".

Following their individual presentations, the speakers will appear for a question and answer period with Clarence E Lyons, Lancaster, serving as moderator.

Last year's institute attendance totaled 1240, bringing the five year total to 5750.