

From Where We Stand . . .

"People Kill People"

As one person aptly put it this week — "Guns don't kill people; people kill people".

The remark was in relation to the controversy raging in Washington on restricting the sale and availability of guns. President Johnson wants a strong measure passed to sooth the wave of public reaction following the Texas massacre, but the Senate does not seem inclined to give it to him.

We're with the Senators. While some measure of control is probably needed, 99.999 percent of the people who own or buy guns do not go around killing people with them. The place for more control is on the so-called "lunatic fringe", and this represents very few of the total number of people with mental disturbances.

Patients with known severe anti-social tendencies, known to their doctors, that is, should be kept under surveillance. For example, the college student in Texas who gunned down all those people on Monday had told his psychiatrist exactly what he planned to do several months earlier — at least according to the psychiatrist. He had apparently planned it all out well in advance. Why this wasn't reported to the authorities by the doctor is a question that should be probed.

And, of course, deranged violence is not confined to expression through guns alone. But time after time in the past few years reports of violence are accompanied by descriptions of a killer with a history of mental disorders. Doctors and hospitals would not be neglecting the privacy of the doctor-pat-

ient relationship by reporting incurable patients who have expressed violent tendencies toward society. In fact, they might thereby save many innocent lives.

And premature discharge of such patients is an area that demands investigation. Too many socially unacceptable patients are being turned loose upon society these days; again, look at the record.

So it's unstable people, not guns, that we should seek to control.

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Early Frost?

A local weather sage predicted frost by mid-September this week. He based his forecast on the old saying that "when the katydids begin to sing, it's six weeks to the first frost". And he said the katydids began to sing last Sunday night.

Whether Katy did or Katy didn't, and whether, if she did, it will or will not, we can only guess. But, noticing the calendar, we see the next full moon will occur two weeks before mid-September, but the end of August would be a little early for frost in this area; guess we'd better go with the katydid theory.

At any rate, a couple of mornings this week almost felt like frosty autumn in comparison with those 80 degree a m's we had a few weeks ago, didn't they?

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And Speaking Of Inflation . . .

"While the Congress is considering mislabeling, wouldn't the dollar be a good place to start?" (Sen Cotton, New Hampshire)

Farm Calendar

Inter-State

August 8—8th to 10th, State 4-H Days at Penn State University

—8 p m, DHIA directors and supervisors joint meeting at Farm Credit Bldg, Lancaster

August 11—10 a m, Lancaster County Guernsey Assn Field Day at Chiques Glen Farm, Landisville

—1 p m, Sod waterway seeding demonstration behind Elizabethtown Elementary School

August 12—9 a m, 4-H County Dress Revue at Meadow Hills Dining House New Danville Pike, Lancaster

Nobody has ever explained how that fool who is soon parted from his money got it in the first place

CORRECTION

Now we hope you realize that we really do know the difference between barrows and gilts, hirs and hers, etc. Of course, you wouldn't have known that from reading about the Conservation Field Day Pig Chase in last week's paper. It seems we got so carried away with describing the chase that we repeatedly referred to that valiant little 50-pound gilt as "he". Sorry about that!

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(Continued from Page 1) ing amusement-riding crowd "Inter-State will continue to work for the handle pool," he said

Actions taken by the cooperative because of the rising cost of producing milk, and the recent drought conditions, resulted in an increase of 40 cents per hundred weight over last year to the dairy farmers in all markets. "But even the price we now have may not be enough to keep the milk flowing from the farms," Honan said. Farmers will have seven or eight percent higher income in 1966, but this will not necessarily mean a higher net income, due to increasing farm expenses. With drought and labor problems we may get shorter in milk before we get more milk."

Honan also commented on the Acme and A & P chain

store markets. "Sealtest will take over the Acme stores in Philadelphia," he said, "and a new milk plant is being constructed by the A & P company at Fort Washington. Inter-state has the contract to supply all the A & P stores needs for fluid milk."

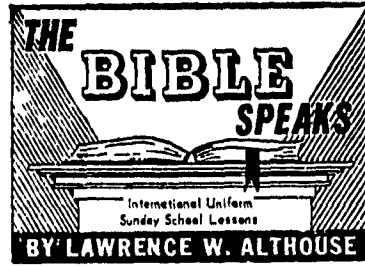
"Quality controls are going to increase in importance as more milk is marketed through retail channels," Honan said. "We cannot be lax in milk quality just because we are a cooperative."

Honan urged farmers not to push the "panic button." Referring to the milk shortage, he recalled a similar situation in 1947 when "within three years we were flooded."

Lancaster County directors attending the Chester County outing were Robert B. McSparran, Peach Bottom, District No 3 and Melvin M. Brendle, East Earl, District No 6.



LANCASTER COUNTY INTER-STATE MILK PRODUCERS Robert McSparran, Peach Bottom, District 3 (center), and Melvin Brendle, East Earl, District 6 (right), discuss the program with Dr. James Honan, general manager of the cooperative. Inter-State held an information meeting Monday, at Lenape Park, Chester County, attended by 1700 members and their families. L. F. Photo



Troubled Castles

Lesson For August 7, 1966

Background Scripture Exodus 20:12 Proverbs 4:3, 5, Mark 7:9, 13 Luke 2:51, 52 Ephesians 6:1, 4
Devotional Reading Proverbs 4:1, 5

"A man's home is his castle," men are sometimes fond of saying. If this is so, our land today is filled with troubled castles. The home, once the citadel of safety and security, is said to be "on the way out."



Rev. Althouse to?" they ask of no one in particular.

One learned man has written: "The children now love luxury. They show disrespect for elders and love chatter in the place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not servants, of their households. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, gobble up dainties at the table . . . and tyrannize over their teachers."

Then As Now

This contemporary-sounding complaint was actually written by the ancient Greek philosopher, Socrates, in 394 B.C. Historians assure us that it was hardly the first such complaint nor an infrequent one in the long years since then. Then as now, it seems there was trouble in men's castles.

Thus it is hardly surprising that one of the commandments given by God to Moses at Sinai was "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you" (Exodus 20:12 RSV). If there had been no such problem in some Hebrew homes, there would have been no need for this commandment.

The fifth commandment is unique in two ways. For one thing, it was the first of the ten that dealt primarily, not with man's relationship to God, but to his fellow men. It is significant that the first of these interpersonal relationships to come under God's ordinance is the child-parent relationship. Obviously, this is where righteousness to others begins — at home. How thoughtless and inconsiderate of our parents are some of us who enjoy the reputation of conviviality with others! Does that not make of such reputations a fraud?

Secondly, the fifth commandment is the first of the commandments to spell out its own reward. As Paul puts it: "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise) (Ephesians 6:2). It is not an idle promise by any means. Sociologists often tell us that the lowest incidence of juvenile delinquency is to be found in those homes where respect for parents is part of the heritage passed on from one generation to another. This is particularly true in the homes of Chinese-Americans and in Jewish families. Thus, in families where young people honor their parents, every one benefits: the parents, the children, and society.

To Enrich Life

The fifth commandment then is not an arbitrary requirement imposed upon children for the benefit of their parents. Instead, it is one of God's principles for enriching life for both parents and their children. In other words, if we obey this commandment we not only obey God and honor our parents, we also enrich our own lives.

But how can parents gain respect from their children? Perhaps at least part of the answer is found in the attitude of adults toward their parents. Children learn by copying our values. If they experience a society in which older people are ignored and abandoned by their grown children, are they ever likely to take seriously God's commandment? As parents we cannot expect to receive what we ourselves have not been willing to give.

This commandment is for both children and adults. So long as either ignore it, there will be trouble in those castles we call "home."

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Lancaster Farming Ads Pay!

Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent



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To Dehorn Calves
Many dairy calves to be raised for herd replacements will be dropped in the next few months. The value of horns on the modern dairy cow is very questionable, they can be a menace and dangerous in herds with free-stall barns or other kinds of loose housing. We suggest that the horns be removed and many of the methods require attention before the calf is more than one month of age.

To Flush Ewe Flock
Sheep producers are urged to give special attention to the ewe flock several weeks prior to the breeding season. The practice of giving the ewes extra grain or some good pasture during this period is known as "flushing", it is merely getting the ewes in a gaining physical condition at breeding time. The objective is to increase the number of twin lambs.

To Fertilize Pastures

Many livestock producers have had to dip into their winter hay and silage supplies. With adequate moisture conditions from now until freezing weather, it is possible to obtain excellent grazing for the rest of the season. It might be helpful to be sure that sufficient plant food is available to give maximum growth. On straight grass-type pastures only nitrogen will give quick results; on grass-legume pastures a complete fertilizer will be best.

To Evaluate Corn Into Silage

Many corn fields have made considerable change in the past 10 days due to the rains; we continue to suggest that growers be patient to see just how good a crop might result with improved moisture conditions. However, in many instances greater feed value will be harvested if the crop is made into silage rather than for grain. Even small ears on small stalks should be allowed to develop to the dent stage for best feeding value. In years of forage shortages all available feed nutrients should be harvested.