

From Where We Stand . . .

Not For Sale

It would seem from some of the campaign expenditures one hears of in Pennsylvania these days that the governorship of the state is up for sale to the highest bidder. And the highest bidder has to be Milton Shapp, Philadelphia industrialist. He doesn't care what it costs — he'll buy it.

When it comes to money, Shapp thinks Texas-style. Remember the story about the Texan who met up with an enthusiastic young Kentuckian who bragged there was enough gold in Fort Knox, Kentucky, to build a wall three-foot-high all around the state of Texas? The Texan just sat back and drawled, "Well, son, you go right ahead and build that wall. When you're finished I'll come out and look it over. If I like it, I'll buy it."

Shapp has been looking over the Governor's chair at Harrisburg for some time. He likes it, and if money will buy it, he'll pay the price.

We passed within one block of the State Capitol building one day this week, and being a bit concerned about a future as a citizen of a "store bought" state, we drove by to look over the property. We are happy to assure you, friends, that there is no "For Sale" sign on the Capitol lawn.

But Milton Shapp may be a hard man to convince. He wants the Governor's job so badly that, reportedly, he and his wife sold 500,000 shares of Shapp's Jerrold Corp. — market value \$9 million — to finance the campaign. He proved he meant business when he dropped \$14 million in all the right places to buy the Democratic nomination.

The Democrats didn't take him seriously before the primary election. The Republicans had better take him seriously before the main event in November!

In our opinion, Shapp is one of the most dangerous figures to emerge on the political scene in many a year. If he can buy Pennsylvania, what next? Why should he be content with building just one monument to Milton Shapp? Why not 52 monuments? Why not buy the whole package — the White House?

And let's not kid ourselves; if he'll spend millions of dollars of his own money to become "Emperor" of Pennsylvania, can't you imagine what he'll do with our money if he gets the job? He's already given considerable indication of his plans in that direction.

We're not happy with Ray Shafer's

wooing of labor leaders with his promise to oppose a "Right to work" law for Pennsylvania. However, we think Shafer is honest, capable, and well-prepared to continue Scranton's sound fiscal and social policies designed to keep the Commonwealth moving in its present positive direction.

We think Milton Shapp is about as opposite from that ideal as any one man could possibly be. But make no mistake about it — Shapp could win.

If he succeeds in buying the governorship, the price he pays will be peanuts compared to the price Pennsylvania will pay during the next four years.

A vote for Ray Shafer is a vote against Milton Shapp. A vote for Shafer can be your way of telling all would-be public office buyers that the governorship of Pennsylvania is not for sale. Not this year, nor any other.

Where There's Fire There's Carelessness

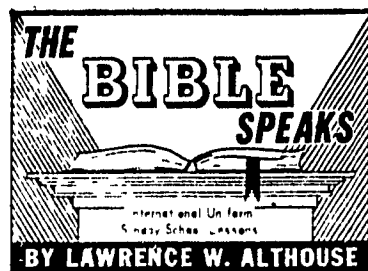
You'd think no one really had to be reminded of the potential danger which lurks, always ready to strike, in the flickering flame of FIRE.

But the grim statistics tell otherwise — a fire a minute every hour of the day somewhere in America; and one person, somewhere, dies from fire every 80 minutes.

So, once each year Fire Prevention Week is "celebrated". This year it is October 9-15, and you'll get reminders from every quarter. "What to do in case of fire"; "What to do before fire strikes"; "Have a plan for your family to escape in case of fire" — and so on.

But the best insurance in the world against fire is YOU. Most fires, as auto accidents, are caused by carelessness on someone's part. During Fire Prevention Week take a few moments to take stock of your "fireproofness".

Is your heating system in tip-top safe shop? How about that electrical wiring you've been meaning to fix for so long? Are your attic and cellar stairs free of debris that could feed a fire, and possibly trap you or some member of your family? When you trust your children to a baby sitter's care do you instruct her what to do in case of fire? Do you know how to reach your local fire department without delay? There are any number of things you can do to improve your chances of survival when fire strikes — better yet, to keep the foul breath of fire from your threshold. Look around your property now; you're sure to see what we mean.



Atheism Of Deeds

Lesson For October 9, 1966

Background Scripture: Isaiah 5: 28-32

Devotional Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25

Jesus said it and history proves it: "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house" (Matthew 13:57 RSV) He might well have added: "... and in his own age!"



Prophets are usually greatly admired... after they are dead! The dead prophets are revered while the live prophets are ignored or condemned. Today it costs us nothing to lionize men like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Amos. Yet few of us could have tolerated them if we lived during their periods of ministry.

John Ruskin has said, "To see clearly is poetry, prophecy, and religion, all in one." The Hebrew prophet was all three of these: poet, prophet, and religionist. His task was to "see clearly," particularly at those times when the vision of others was clouded and limited.

To Interpret Present

We too often think of the prophet as a man who sees grand visions and hears heavenly voices. Prophets often have experiences such as this, to be sure, but their eyes were fixed not only upon the future, but also upon the present. God gives them the gift to rightly see and understand the meaning of present conditions and diagnose their implications for the future.

This explains, of course, the unpopularity of the living prophet. It is possible to tolerate dire predictions for the distant future, but when the prophet begins to analyze our present conditions he finds that he has struck a vital nerve!

Isaiah discovered this in his own ministry. He had a God-

given gift for seeing things clearly and when he spoke to his contemporaries about what he saw, they could scarcely contain their wrath. They much rather would have had him speculate on the future than to see so clearly and openly the mess of the present.

As Though Dead Or Away

What was it he saw so clearly that upset them? You are living like people who believe that God is either dead or away! Their enemies claimed that their God was dead, unable to help them. But you people, he said, are living that way. Their atheism of deeds is just as blasphemous as some people's atheism of words and ideas.

If we could overcome our fascination with the prophets of other times and listen to the prophets of our own day, we might find that they are saying much the same thing to us. Perhaps it is true that we too, like the people to whom Isaiah was sent, speak like committed Christians and live like convinced atheists.

Many of us today find ourselves upset because a small group of theologians is saying that "God is dead." We find it shocking that some should brazenly proclaim that there no longer is a God. Yet maybe all of us ought to ask ourselves whether our lives don't make the proclamation to those around us. One non-Christian observer remarked that the "Death of God" theologians are only saying what many Christians have been indicating for a long time.

We don't like to hear that kind of analysis of our present, do we? The thundering prophet looks attractive in retrospect, but not in the present. It is one thing for Isaiah to tell his people that they are insincere and superficial, that they have traded their monotheism for moneytheism, but for a contemporary prophet to tell us that about our society, . . . well, we feel as threatened as the prophets' contemporaries.

The Christian atheist does not say "God is dead!"; he just acts that way. What about you?

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ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY

Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

To Carefully Raise Calves

Dairymen are urged to give special attention to the raising of their best heifer calves for herd replacements. With the existing trend in the dairy production industry and in view of the strong demand for herd replacements, it is advisable to raise your own rather than try to buy them. With the many good breeding herds in operation throughout the county, we should not only produce enough animals for the local herds, but supply top animals to dairymen from other areas. Special care for these young calves the first year of their lives will enable them to grow into large cows that are always in strong demand. Sunny, clean, dry



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draft-free stalls or pens are strongly recommended.

To Prepare Sheep For Winter

Sheep producers should be preparing their flocks for winter quarters. This means protection from the weather and an outside exercise lot for daily exercise. Liberal amounts of high quality legume hay should be the foundation for the winter feeding program, limited grain may be fed closer to lambing time. Drenching the animals for stomach worms both in the fall and in the spring is strongly recommended, the providing of the salt-phenothiazine mixture before them at all times is not sufficient because some ewes may not consume enough of this

mixture to control worms. Good quality grass or corn silage may be fed to the ewe flock in place of some of the hay, extra care should be exercised to be sure the silage is not moldy or fed when frozen.

To Plan For Livestock Tours

Livestock producers are informed of the annual Livestock Tour to be held on Tuesday, October 25. This one-day tour will be into the Baltimore, Maryland area, to observe livestock farms a tool manufacturing plant, and an automobile assembly plant. Cattle and hog producers are urged to mark this date on their schedule and be alert for further announcement and reservation procedures.

Champion Hog Brings 62 1/2c At Lampeter Sale

What's a champion hog worth? John Welk, Strasburg R1, who has shown and consigned the top individual hog at the Lampeter Fair for the past two years, found that this year's champ was worth about \$11 more than last year's.

The 235-pound Yorkshire barrow was bought by the First National Bank of Strasburg for \$62.50 per hundredweight, or, \$146.87. Last year's champion sold for \$135.

The 19th annual Garden Spot

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Hess Bros. Win 5 Blue Ribbons At Egg Show

The Ephrata egg marketing firm of Hess Bros, Inc, won five blue ribbons in what is billed as the nation's largest

FFA Chapter fat hog sale, held last Friday night in conjunction with the West Lampeter Community Fair, yielded an average price (including the champion) of 307 cents per pound on the 14 lots consigned lots.

Ezra Martin, Lancaster, bought the champion pen of two consigned by Harold Welk, Strasburg R1, for \$38 a hundredweight, or \$165.30. The champion pen of four, shown by chapter president Robert Weaver, Strasburg R1, went to Kunzler and Co Inc, for \$29.75 a hundredweight.

Only one lot of the 14 consigned was sold at \$27.50 the rest were \$28 and up.

Other buyers and supporters of the sale were New Holland Sales Stables, Thomas Butcher Shop, Willow Street, Vintage Sales Stables, and Martin Breneman, 633 Beaver Valley Pike.

egg show at the NEPCO (Northeastern Poultry Producers Council) Show Tuesday, but lost the title to a Virginia firm.

Hess won ribbons in Class 1, eggs prepared for distribution to consumers.

Other Class 1 ribbon winners from Lancaster County were Plain & Fancy Egg Ranch Inc, Elizabethtown R3, L M Sheaffe, Ephrata and Clay Reese Co, Lancaster.

Plain & Fancy placed second in Class 2, eggs prepared for wholesalers, in the large white egg class I R Musser, Mount Joy, also placed in that category.

A total of 62 farms and egg packing firms competed in the 14-state show at the Fair Show Building, Harrisburg.

MUSHROOMS

Mushrooms, toadstools, or puffballs in your lawn are fruits of various fungi and may be difficult to eradicate until all wood or organic matter on which they are feeding is decomposed, say extension plant pathologists at Penn State University.