

From Where We Stand . . .

Federal-State Tax Sharing Plan

If the historic concept of Federalism — a sharing of responsibility and power between the federal government and the individual states — is to survive, we must restore a working balance between the two. At present, the seesaw is tilted in favor of the national interests at an angle that threatens to hurl the state governments right out of the play yard.

One of the several plans for allowing individual states to keep part of their tax money at home may be part of the answer to restoring some semblance of balance.

The argument in favor of doing so has several important points in its favor

1—Permitting states to retain a larger share of what they earn in tax revenues will enable them to more vitally carry out their individual responsibilities to their citizens, and make them less federally dependent.

2—What's the sense of sending tax dollars to Washington so that some entrenched bureaucrats can perpetuate themselves by doling out federal grants, as they see fit, to the respective states?

3—As the federal budget has grown, more and more money has been allocated to such important domestic fields as education, public health, transportation, and housing. In many cases, this federal money has gone directly to municipalities, bypassing state governments entirely. Elected state officials are often put in the position of being responsible to the voters for programs which they have no authority to administer.

For our system of government to work effectively, and to survive, the federal and state branches have to work as partners. The present, strict boss-employee relationship could be fatal.

While it is true that states have often invited federal intervention by creating a vacuum within their borders — and as we learned in sixth

grade science class, the federal government abhors a vacuum — it is equally true, we feel, that this plan to provide states with the right to treat their own wounds with retained tax dollars is a step in the right direction.

Hopefully, it is one of the many bright prospects which the new, 90th Congress will bring to fruition.

State's Consumers Target Of 51st Farm Show

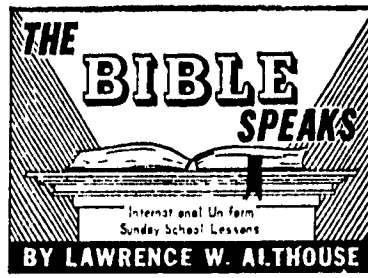
With the theme "A Progressive Agriculture Benefits You — The Consumer", the 51st Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg next week will focus attention of the more than 12-million consumers in the Keystone State to the wonders of Pennsylvania agriculture.

Thousands of city and small town folks are attracted each year to this mammoth show — now the largest free indoor agricultural exposition in the United States under one roof. It is traditionally a showplace for Pennsylvania's diverse agricultural products.

Governor William W. Scranton said in the Farm Show program that the exhibits will include "the finest products that come from field and orchard, and some of the best livestock and poultry that are to be found anywhere."

The theme of the 51st Farm Show "is a token portrayal of the substance and services that link farm and dinner table. The energy that goes into this great exposition, and the high quality that is evident in all departments, confirm agriculture's potential for providing a continuing supply of consumers' most important need," Scranton said.

The 1967 Farm Show will open at 8 a.m., Monday, January 9, and will officially close on Friday the 13th, at 2 p.m. Last year's 700,000 estimated attendance smashed all records. Farm Show officials are hopeful that 1967 will be the biggest year yet as the Farm Show goes into its second half century of progress.



God's Still Exciting Lesson For January 8, 1967

Background Scripture: Luke 1:1-4; John 6:11
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 61:1-8

A little girl was listening to her mother read some Bible stories. In the midst of one of them she exclaimed: "Mother, God must have been more exciting in those days!"

Could anyone blame her?

For though her elders would seldom put it in those terms, they often seem to be of the same opinion. They speak much of what Jesus did, but little of what he is doing today.

Little wonder that God seems to have had a past so much more exciting than a present.

Yet, there are those today who feel he is still doing exciting things in the world. For them the 'mighty acts of God' are not mere chapters from the past, but episodes of the present and expectations for the future. God, they believe, never called an end to the age of signs and wonders.

Nothing Could Be Done

A few weeks ago I heard a young couple speak glowingly of the wonderful change which God has wrought in their lives over the past few years. They had been "card-carrying," non-practicing Christians until their child was born blind. Assured that nothing perhaps could be done by medical science, they turned in desperation to prayer. Today their child has normal vision and the eyes of the parents have been opened too! God, it appears, is still doing exciting things. Jesus not only was a healer, but still is today.

Still many people react uncomfortably to any suggestion of a ministry of healing in the church today. "It is the churches' business to save souls," they protest, "we have physicians for the body." Many doctors, however, do not agree and give elo-

quent testimony to the power of prayer in healing today.

We have been mistaken in speaking of Christ's salvation as exclusively a matter of the soul. In the New Testament salvation may mean healing, help or deliverance, as well as the cure of the soul. Salvation meant "wholeness" and this was Christ's purpose: to make men whole. Disease and sickness were just as contrary to the will of God and alien to his kingdom as sin. Jesus, thus, did not come to save just souls, but to save people mind, body, and spirit.

Health And Wholeness

This should be no less a concern of the churches today. The health of the body is closely related to the welfare of the mind and the condition of the spirit. Psychosomatic medicine today teaches us that it is not only a matter of what kind of germ the fellow has, but also what kind of fellow the germ has. Many illnesses of the body or the mind may originate in the sickness of the soul and many times it is as important to say "You are forgiven" as "You are healed."

Jesus' ministry was one of teaching, preaching, and healing. The mission of the apostolic church was no less than this. Why should it be otherwise today? Has this admonition of James become obsolete "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man" (James 5:14, 15a).

No, the little girl was wrong. God is still exciting those who come to him in faith and expose themselves to his power. With men of old, it can still be said: "We have seen strange things today."

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For The Farm Wife (Continued from Page 8)

Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Remove from heat, gradually add milk. Return to heat and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, reduce heat and cook 2 additional minutes. Stir in eggs and pimiento. Cook, lifting with spatula as mixture thickens. Eggs will hold up to 1 hour, if covered and placed over low heat or in a warm oven. Makes 6 servings.



FARM SHOW WEATHER? Well — maybe. Temperatures through next Wednesday will average below the normal 39 to 24 degree range, says the weatherman. Seasonable temperatures are expected over the weekend, turning colder Monday.

The big question at this time is how much of what kind of precipitation we can expect? Snow or rain is anticipated Saturday, continuing into Sunday. This one shouldn't be too bad. The trouble spot will be about midweek. Again, weatherman says rain or snow, but gives no guesstimate on amount. But, as every Farm Show goer knows, the Show carries along its own special brand of weather, and it doesn't rely on any scientific weather forecaster — so, Watch Out!



JUDGES FOR COUNTY TOBACCO SHOW Thursday admire the champion long wrapper exhibited by Roy M. Rohrer, Strasburg R1. Lett is A. K. Mann, Jr., leaf tobacco buyer, and Vincent Hurst, retired Bayuk Co. manager. L. F. Photo

In the binder class a long leaf, Strasburg R1, for filler hand exhibited by John Brennan, Lancaster R6, won the championship over a short binder entry exhibited by Clau Brenneman, also of Lancaster R6. Vocational Exhibit

Top honors in the 56 entry vocational show went to David Hoover of Milledale R1 for wrappers, and to Robert Weav-

Tobacco Show

(Continued from Page 1) The Bayuk Cigar Co. warehouse on N. Water Street, Lancaster was about 50 entries short of last year's event, according to associate county agent Arnold Lueck.

Rohrer not only won two championships, but had to beat his own entries to do it. His long wrapper and filler hands were the only tobacco in those classes to beat his short wrapper and filler entries, giving him reserve champion honors as well.

Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

To Use Pig and Lamb Brooders

New-born pigs and lambs born during the winter months in unheated buildings, need some special attention if they are to survive. One of the very important management practices is to get the new-born animal dry and get it to nursing its mother. If the animal gets chilled that first hour, then many problems may develop. The brooder from which heat can be put into the pen will save many animals and pay for itself many times.

To Segregate Animals

Livestock producers that are moving animals during the winter months are reminded of the danger of bringing new animals into a herd when confined in the barn. Also, animals that have been to Farm Show or some other public place should be segregated. In many cases the animal itself may not get sick because it has been injected against infection, but it can bring many infections to untreated animals. Segregation for several weeks is strongly recommended.

To Buy Seeds . . .

It may seem a bit wintery to be thinking about spring planting but some seedings will be made, such as alfalfa and clover in winter grain, in about 6 to 8 weeks. The demand for top quality seeds is usually strong which means that the supply may not last until planting time. We urge both gardeners and full-time farm-



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