

From Where We Stand . . .

Seven Days In July

A campaign to wage SAFETY on America's some three million farms will be underway for the next seven days.

While all eyes will be focused on SAFETY, and everyone will be talking SAFETY, only YOU can practice SAFETY on your farm. As we stressed in an earlier comment of the subject, real safety on the farm, or elsewhere, is a habit. It's a habit that can be developed and perfected over the years. To be safe, you have to THINK SAFE.

In proclaiming Farm Safety Week, July 23-29 Governor Raymond Shafer noted a leading reason for practicing farm safety was to protect our food-producing strength. This is undoubtedly a factor nationally, with farming rated the third most hazardous occupation in the U.S. Statistics are one thing, but we're interested in Lancaster County farmers as individuals. We don't want to see a single one maimed, or worse.

Thinking and practicing safety during one week of the year won't do the job, but it is a place for the accident-prone person to begin. And the most important place to begin is with farm machinery, especially during this season of the year when farmers spend long hours in the fields. Carelessness often sets in when you get weary, and no accident takes more than one, careless, split-second.

ond. So, when you're tired, be doubly careful.

We'd like all of our readers who are with us at harvest time to still be around in good shape come next planting season. Your families will also appreciate your added efforts to accomplish this feat!

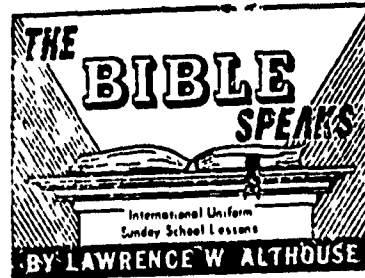
★ ★ ★ ★ Why Not A Milkmobile?

We noted this week that one of the soft drink manufacturers has a drinkmobile touring many of the community playground areas "throat-washing" the kiddies. Free drinks were handed out, and the kids nearly mobbed the wagon.

Why not a milkmobile to compete with this type of "unfair" competition? Sure it's expensive giving away your product—who should know that better than farmers who've given away many a crop. But the kind of national advertising that the soft drink manufacturers, and the milk industry, do is also pretty expensive. And giving away "free samples" to potential consumers is not the dumbest form of advertising in the world.

We hope some bright reader will write to tell us we're way on behind—that the dairy associations have been using this approach for years. We'd like very much to think this was the case.

But, if not, then why not a MILK-MOBILE?

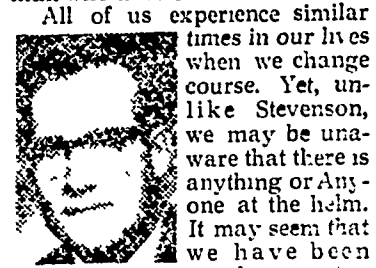


Some Other Door

Lesson for July 23, 1967

Background Scripture: Acts 15:36 through 16:12a
Devotional Reading: Philippians 1:1-11

Speaking of a decisive period in his life, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote: "I came about like a well-handled ship. There stood at the wheel that unknown steersman whom we call God."



Rev. Althouse

All of us experience similar times in our lives when we change course. Yet, unlike Stevenson, we may be unaware that there is anything or Anyone at the helm. It may seem that we have been merely caught in some wayward current that has swept us unwittingly in some new direction. We may call this "the breaks of the game," "the odds," or write it off simply as "the way the ball bounces."

When Doors Close

For Paul the Apostle life was not that haphazard. He saw in it the hand of God. In the midst of the so-called "second missionary journey" throughout what today is modern Turkey, Paul and his party experienced some formidable obstacles as they prepared to visit the province called "Asia." Later, as he attempted to enter Bithynia, he encountered the same difficulties again. The writer of Acts does not tell us what these obstacles were, but whatever they were, Paul did not dismiss them as "tough breaks" or "rotten luck." In each of these experiences Paul saw the guidance of God through the Holy Spirit.

We might suppose that this brought some disappointment to Paul, perhaps even bewilderment. Didn't God send him on this journey to minister in these areas? Why then should he experience these obstacles? Why should the door be slammed in his face? For Paul, however, there was a faith that saw the closed doors as representing the will of God.

This assurance was soon confirmed when in a dream he saw a man of Macedonia beckoning to him and calling: "Come over to

Macedonia and help us." Then it was that Paul learned one of the lessons that all followers of Christ must learn: God closes doors in our lives in order to open others. Instead of the province of Asia and Bithynia, God wanted Paul and his party to cross over onto the continent of Europe. Had he not closed these two doors to Paul, the apostle might never have made what was to become one of the most decisive moves of his life and ministry.

To Get Our Attention

Sometimes this is the way God must work. Perhaps we become so engrossed in what we are doing at the present, that when God calls us to move on to something else, we cannot hear him. In order to get our attention, he must close a door or two so that we will begin to open both our eyes and our ears to some new task or possibility. Often it is only when we are faced with closed doors that we can begin to see those which he has opened.

The cities of Asia and Bithynia were important cultural and economic centers and it is unlikely that Paul would have been willing to give up his plans for these two areas. He could not have known then, as we do today, that someday soon the center of civilization would move from Asia into Europe and that this continent would become the key mission field for centuries to come.

The Third Door

So God closed two doors and opened a third. He still works in this manner in our world today, but we will see him leading us thus only when, like Paul, we look for the Spirit of God behind these situations. He will still guide us today if we will seek his guidance and be willing to follow it when we find it.

Look at some of the closed doors in your life. Are they to be written-off as merely "tough luck," "the breaks of the game," or "blind chance"? Or are they pointing to some other door through which God wants you to walk?



GOVERNOR RAYMOND P. SHAFER designates July 23-29 as Farm Safety Week in Pennsylvania. With him as he signs official proclamation are James A. Conrey, Harrisburg, president of Pennsylvania Rural Safety Council; right, Mrs. O. Walker Shannon, Camp

Hill, council secretary, and Mrs. W. F. Dummer, Thomasville, president of Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women. Conrey is with the Pennsylvania National Insurance Group. Mrs. Shannon is on the staff of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Shafer Urges Prevention Of Farm Accidents; Sets Farm Safety Week

HARRISBURG—Greater emphasis on farm accident prevention was urged this week by Governor Raymond P. Shafer in a proclamation designating July 23-29 as Farm Safety Week in Pennsylvania.

"Everyone," he said, "is dependent upon agriculture for subsistence. Food is our most vital requirement and is needed in greater quantities than ever before in history." To

satisfy these needs, all persons in agricultural occupations must be physically able to contribute at their full capacities.

"Unfortunately accidental deaths and disabling injuries on farms and in farm homes are one of the greatest deterring factors in food production." To keep farm accidents at a minimum, he urged that all efforts be exerted to eliminate hazards and unsafe practices.

Heading the Farm Safety Week program will be the Pennsylvania Rural Safety Council and other farm organizations, including the Pennsylvania State Grange.

James A. Conrey, Harrisburg, president of the council, said Farm Safety is a multiple obligation involving individuals, families and whole communities. He advocated concerted action by all persons

and organizations, including churches, in rural communities for greater safety through accident prevention.

The Grange, according to State Master John W. Scott, Harrisburg, has made safety on the farm and in the farm home a part of its program throughout rural Pennsylvania. He said farm work is the third most hazardous of all occupations (after mining and construction) in percentage of workers killed or disabled.

Of 8,000 farm resident accident deaths in the United States in 1966, Scott said 3,000 resulted from work injuries and that most of these were caused by machinery, principally tractors.

"In terms of grief and suffering, accident losses are unfathomable," he declared "and in private and public economy they run into billions. As the farm population continues to dwindle and the need for food-stuffs increases, farm safety becomes an increasingly acute public concern."



NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Spray for Corn Earworm

Sweet corn growers are looking forward to their first picking and many of us are awaiting to enjoy this most popular vegetable. One of the marks of quality in vegetables is the freedom of insect damage, worms in the tips of sweet corn lower the market quality and the market value. Spraying with DDT or Sevin when the first silks appear and repeat sprays every 5 to 7 days for several times will prevent this trouble.

To Use Caution with Charcoal Burners

The season of picnics and cookouts is at hand; many accidents result from the careless handling of hot charcoal or lighter fluid. The gray color to charcoal conceals intense heat that can give serious burns. Using additional starter fluid on a

fire that is burning is dangerous; flare-ups have caused serious burns. Small children and pets should be kept away from the hot grill. Use only approved starter fluids—not gasoline or kerosene.

To Kill Canada Thistles

Far too many Canada thistles have been allowed to mature and go to seed. No doubt we will have more strict control measures in the future. The mature plants should be mowed and the new growth allowed to get 6 to 12 inches high and then sprayed with an herbicide to kill the root system. Small grain fields that are going back into small grain, with thistle infestation, should be allowed to get some thistle growth, then sprayed several weeks before plowing. Thistle control needs more attention.

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