

From Where We Stand . . .

Suburbia With Us

In the face of the ever outward movement of the suburban population into the surrounding countryside, farmers are having increasing problems with odor nuisance complaints. This was brought out in discussion last week at the Lancaster County Poultry Association directors meeting.

Several examples were given of complaints leveled at poultry farmers. One had to do with a farmer (not in Lancaster County) who needed to haul manure through a town, on a dump truck. In this case the tail gate flew open and spread the load down Main Street.

But poultrymen aren't the only farmers having problems. We know a dairyman whose meadow borders a suburban back lawn. Mrs. Farmer had a call from the owner of said lawn, demanding the cows be put into the barn.

Our first reaction is to "forget it". We farmers are the backbone of the nation. We were here first. If they don't like country smells why didn't they stay in the city with all the smoke and smog?

But as Walter Wheelock, president of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation very sensibly pointed out, we can't take such an attitude. We have a public image building job to do. If we want to sell our milk, meat, and eggs to these people (and we do) we need to create a good relationship with them.

So, if the spreader must be taken on the highway, be sure it is covered and doesn't leak. Keep loafing and housing areas clean as well as farm lawns and surroundings.

Learn to know your suburban neighbors as friends. Invite them out some evening to see you gather the eggs or milk the cows.

And when there is a complaint try to do everything possible to do something about it. It's not always possible or practical to meet the demands of new neighbors, but being able to show that you have tried will help.

Yes, we have the suburbia with us. We see no end to its creeping-into-the-farmland tendencies. So we must accept it and as much as possible attempt to live with it.

At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

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Appreciated When Not Available

When you turn on a light switch, it is a far different matter than turning on your water faucet. Water can be stored in a mountain reservoir against the time when it is needed, but when a light switch is flicked, the energy that spreads illumination through the room does not come from a stockpile. It comes from a generator that must be capable of stepping up output of this form of energy.

Electricity must be generated as used. That means the power companies must have enough capacity to supply the peak demands of their customers. It also means that during a part of the day some of the equipment will be idle. Since power generating facilities require a high capital investment, an electric company is always looking for ways to keep its plant running steadily so that investment costs will be spread over a greater amount of use. It all adds up to an engineering problem of the highest order.

According to a leading power company official, the use of electric power in the United States doubles roughly every ten years due partly to new uses for it and partly to a big expansion in existing markets.

When you stop to think about it, the most amazing thing about electricity is that it is non-existent until we need it, and yet it is instantly present at our command. Here is a wonder of science and industrial ingenuity that few of us farmers really appreciate until we have to milk the cows by hand, carry water to the chickens or pitch silage out of the twenty-four foot silo for the steers.

At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Across The Fence Row

"It's not money that causes so much trouble, but the misconception that a lot of it can be had for nothing." — Joseph M. Shaw, Jr., Centra (Ala.) County Herald.

"A lot of men do not want to make footprints in the sands of time because they do not want someone following them." — Geo. B. Bowra, Aztec (N. Mex.) Independent-Review.

He that knows not,
and knows not that he knows not,
is a fool —
Shun him!

He that knows not,
and knows that he knows not,
is a child —
Teach him!

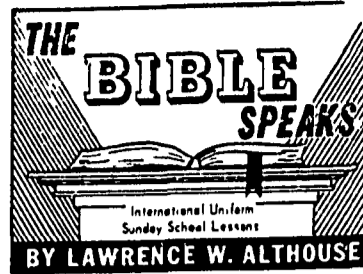
He that knows,
and knows not that he knows,
is asleep —
Awake him!

He that knows,
and knows that he knows,
is a genius —
Follow him!

Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five day period through next Wednesday are expected to average near normal along the coast and warmer over the inland. The high temperature is expected to be 77 and the over night low 56. Warmer at the beginning of the period and cooler at the beginning of next week. Normal high is 77 and normal low is 56.

Chance of scattered showers and thunder showers beginning the first of next week. Normal.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Lesson for September 17, 1967

Background Scripture 27:1 through 28:16.

Devotional Reading Psalms 107:23-32

What can a man expect from God when he is in danger or trouble? Some people believe that God doesn't help his children at all. Others are convinced that he guarantees us immunity from all harm.



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Either of these points of view is quite inadequate for the Christian. Actually, God always helps us when we are in need, although the "help" may not always appear in recognizable form. The help we receive may be deliverance, or it may give us the strength to endure, or even to die victoriously. That we prefer help of the first type, is understandable. That God often sends us the other kinds of help, is quite evident, particularly in the Bible.

PREMATURE THANKS?

What, then, can a man expect when he is in danger or trouble? The basis of our faith is not guaranteed escape, but the knowledge that, whether in life or death, escape or suffering, we are in his hands.

Paul was a man who certainly possessed such a faith. It shines through in Acts 27 where we find that, in the midst of danger from sinking on the high seas, Paul encourages the people to take some nourishment. As he breaks the bread, he gives thanks to God in the presence of everyone.

This must have seemed a strange attitude to some of the people who watched. How could he give thanks while he was still in danger? What did he have for which to be thankful? Why didn't he wait until God had saved him before giving him thanks and praise?

Paul was thankful because he knew that his life was in God's hands. He did not discount the danger before them. In fact, he forecast shipwreck. Yet, he was assured that God was with him in this danger and nothing could separate them.

PAUL, THE FRUSTRATING

Some people, however, might object that Paul was confident only because God had already assured him that he would be spared death and sent to Rome (to face, perhaps, a more cruel death). It is true that God had revealed this to Paul, yet Paul's attitude in this situation was no different from the many times when he had faced danger before.

This is why his enemies became so frustrated with him. Ignore him, let him walk the streets of your town and he thanked God for the privilege of preaching to the crowds. Throw him behind bars and he thanked God for the opportunity of testifying to his jailors and fellow-prisoners. Threaten him with execution and Paul praised God and thanked him for the chance to witness to Christ with his own suffering and death. He was unbeatable, you see, not because his safety was assured, but because he knew he was in God's hands. If he lived, he would continue his work; if he died, he would share the same fate as his Master.

NOT RELEASE, BUT POWER

The answer to our prayers for help may come, not as the release from some burden we carry, but as the power to bear it triumphantly. The burden may be painful and humiliating, but if we carry it, not as victims but as victors, what a testimony for Christ!

Fabian von Schlabrendorff was one of those arrested because of the unsuccessful attempt on Hitler's life. He was cruelly tortured; even his guards were horrified. Afterwards he wrote: "Those of us who had never learned to pray, did so now, and found that prayer, and only that, can bring comfort in such terrible straits, and that it gives more than human endurance." (Manvell & Frankel, *The July Plot*, Pan Books, Ltd., London.)

What may a man expect from God when he is in danger or trouble? Whether in life or in death, let him remember that he is in God's hands and will not be left without an answer to his prayer.

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Evaluate Weed Control Program

Before freezing weather arrives it is suggested that farmers observe the success of their weed control program. Since weeds continue to compete with the crops for plant food and moisture, it is very important to keep them to a minimum. If the weeds have not been properly controlled in a certain crop, then check with your directions on the chemical container and try to learn what did not work.

To Segregate Newly-Purchased Animals

Many local farmers will be buying feeder cattle and feeder pigs in the coming months. When new animals are brought on the farm it is strongly advised to keep them separate from the acclimated livestock for at least one month. In many cases the shipped cattle will carry infection to the local animals without coming

down with the trouble themselves. Cattle feeders should always be on the alert for shipping fever during the moving of cattle from public yards or auctions.

To Plan For Corn Drying

The recent series of corn drying meetings reflected interest in this practice this fall due to the expected good crop. Since many cribs will not hold the corn crop, some special attention may be needed to keep the corn from spoiling after harvest. The practice of piling the corn on the barn floor when high in moisture may result in heating and molding. The use of electric fans to blow either natural air or supplemental heat up through the corn is recommended and additional information will be found elsewhere in this issue of this newspaper. Growers are urged to give corn drying some special attention before the crop is picked.