

From Where We Stand . . .

A Meeting Of International Neighbors

We spent about 45 minutes looking in on a bit of heart warming international relationship last week, when we visited with Wilbur Kraybill and his Australian IFYE guest, Maxwell Correy. Our report of the visit is on page 1 of this issue.

Obviously, Wilbur and Max had developed in a few days a mutual respect and friendship that went deeper than a casual acquaintance. Though their farming methods and practices were as far apart as their farms, yet the interchange of ideas and cultural background created a deeper understanding of peoples beyond the oceanic fence rows.

We left with a warm feeling of friendship for the foreign visitor. Yet we could not help but wish we had even more of this personal type international interchange. If all people could learn to know individual neighbors from around the world as Wilbur and Max learned to know each other, it would be impossible for nation to rise up against nation as we now have it.

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



Like Mother, Like Daughter?

As reported last week, Susan Kauffman's 4-H junior yearling, Penn Springs Bill Topper is doing well at the shows. She won district honors at Hershey, and then went on to Harrisburg to win in the Junior Dairy Show, The State Black and White Show and the Pennsylvania All American.

Of special interest is that show winning runs in Topper's family. Her grand dam won enough credits to be picked All Pennsylvania Junior Yearling (same age as Topper) in 1958. The dam had Reserve All Pennsylvania in 1964 as a junior calf.

Now with all of Topper's winnings it could be a case of like grandmother, like mother, like daughter.

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The Hidden Profit-Maker

Agricultural limestone is an inexpensive yet a basic mineral which is a foundation for productive farmlands. Fields that are low in pH have a poor foundation for producing high yields. Lime is an investment to increase profit through greater production and should be applied whenever soil test indicate a need. This should be in each crop rotation.

The Nation's farmers are using only about one-third of the 80 million tons of liming material soil specialists and agricultural leaders say they should each year. One of the reasons many attribute this to is the fact that the crop response to liming is not readily apparent as it is with such fertilizers as nitrogen. After the initial application of lime — and it must be enough to meet that field's particular need — it costs no more to keep the pH at any desired level 6.5 or 7.0 than it does to keep them at a lower pH such as 6.0. And for most crops the more nearly neutral field (pH 7.0) are, the most productive. Many fields have a pH below 5.9 and should be raised to at least 6.5. If this is done the farmer can expect 5 more bushels of corn, 7 more bushels of wheat and 0.8 more tons of alfalfa per acre according to the National Limestone Institute. Using the value of oats at .75 cents per bu., corn at \$1.00 per bu., and alfalfa at \$20.00 per ton and the yield increases above, in five years from ten acres using a crop rotation of 2 years in alfalfa, two years corn and one year in oats, total increase in crop value is \$472.50.

If the soil test revealed a need of 4 tons of lime per acre and lime cost \$6.00 per ton delivered and spread, the cost of liming this 10 acre field would be \$240. This is only about one-half of the increase in crop value over a 5 year period. Rather than letting the yields gradually slip back to the lower levels, an application of one ton of lime in every rotation will keep the soils productive and yield \$472.50 in each succeeding 5 year period.

Which farmer can afford not to lime properly and to keep the pH at the correct level? Lime is the built-in hidden profit-maker.

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Across The Fence Row

Somehow or other, as we get older, work seems a lot less fun, and fun seems a lot more work" — Rex Goldthrope, Cuba City (Wisc) Tri-City Press

"It now looks as though the taxpayer will be the first of America's natural resources to be completely exhausted" Fred W. Grown, Edgewater, (N.J.) Bergen Citizen.

Then there is this bit of conversation

"I'm sorry I can't pay my installments this week."

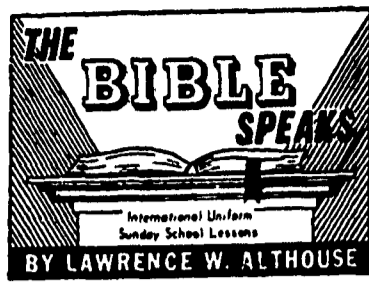
"But you said that last week and the week before."

"Yes, and didn't I keep my word?"

Weather Forecast

The temperatures for the five day period Saturday through Wednesday are expected to average below normal. Daytime highs to be mostly in the 60's and night lows in the 40's in the north section and 50's in the south. Cooler the first half of the period then becoming milder. Normal high is 75, normal low 53.

Rain may total greater than one-half inch in most sections, coming in the first half of the period.



ON THAT DAY

Lesson for September 24, 1967

Background Scripture: Acts 28:17-31.
Devotional Reading: Philippians 1:12-21.

On May 19, 1780, the Connecticut House of Representatives was in session in Hartford. It was one of the most eerie days in New England history. One chronicler called it "a terrible foretaste of Judgement Day."



Rev. Althouse

implored his mercy.

In the House of Representatives all was confusion. Some men fell to their knees while others called for immediate adjournment. Then, Colonel Davenport, the Speaker of the House, rose to his feet and a momentary hush came over the room as he spoke: "The Day of Judgement is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish, therefore, that candles may be brought!"

THE LAST GLIMPSE

Paul encountered some of this same difficulty during his own ministry. The people of Thessalonica, he learned, had stopped working and were simply waiting in idleness for the return of Christ, something they supposed to be imminent. Paul's letters to them instructed them to get back to work, so that when the day of Christ's return did come, they would be found faithfully doing their tasks.

Paul's own life provided a shining example. In the last chapter of Acts, we leave Paul in Rome. The writer of Acts does not finish the story, perhaps because he assumed his readers knew it or because Paul was still working when Acts was

written. The last glimpse of Paul that is given to us, however, is that of a man continuing his work heedless of the possible lateness of the hour.

When the chapter closes, Paul does not know what his fate will be. He might be freed, imprisoned, or even executed. Whatever happens, however, Paul would be found, like Speaker Davenport, doing his task.

TYPICAL OF PAUL

We see a scene that had been repeated many times in Paul's life. "When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in great numbers" (Acts 28:23 RSV). The only difference now was that they came to his house, Paul evidently under house-arrest. Once again as many times before, Paul expounded the good news, "testifying to the kingdom of God, and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets." Inevitably, "some were convinced by what he said, while others disbelieved." So it had been wherever he had gone. So it is with us even today: some response, some rejection.

Apparently, even in those days there was a great back-log of court cases awaiting trial, for two years later and Paul had still not been tried. Our last view of him, then, is typical of Paul: "And he lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ quite openly and unhindered" (Acts 28:30, 31 RSV).

TO LIGHT A CANDLE

Poor Paul! Working right up to the end. Never getting to retire and enjoy a pension. No little bungalow in Florida. True, he probably wasn't making tents any more (his profession), but the preaching and teaching of Christ and the kingdom was something he could not lay down. In that dark age, Paul's mission was to light candles, not curse the darkness.

Harry Lauder used to say: "I could tell where the lamplighter was by the trail of light he left behind." So it was with Paul: one work, so that when the day of light Christ's return did come, they would be found faithfully doing his Master came to take him home.

Where will you be and what will you be doing on that day?

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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Lancaster County Agent

To Attend Corn Field Days
The Harvey Sunday Farm, located near Carlisle in Cumberland County will be the scene of the Pennsylvania Corn Field Days on September 28 and 29. This appears to be a very educational event for all corn growers, there will be many exhibits and demonstrations stressing the suggested methods of all phases of corn production and utilization. Since corn is a very important crop on nearly every farm, we strongly recommend that local farmers attend at least one of the above days.

To Eradicate Rodents
We read numerous articles lately about the federal government getting into the rat eradication program, we strongly recommend that all rats and mice be exterminated but it is equally important for every land and property owner to undertake this program themselves and not depend upon the federal government. The starting point is a good sanitation program followed by the use of

poison baits and poisonous gases.

Milking cows should be kept away from oak trees at this time of the year if there is an acorn crop. Experience has showed that cows will eat the acorns if given a chance, regardless of the amount of other pasture crops. Acorns will reduce or stop the milk flow from most cows and they will not regain it during the present lactation.

To Enroll In 4-H Beef Project

Rural boys and girls interested in feeding a baby beef as their 4-H Club project this coming year should enroll by the first of October. Two clubs are active in Lancaster County: one in the New Holland area and the other as a county-wide club (Red Rose), interested youth 9 to 19 years of age are requested to enroll through one of their local 4-H Club Leaders or contact the Agricultural Extension Office, 202 P.O. Building, Lancaster.