

# From Where We Stand . . .

## National Bible Week 1967

This year the week of October 15 through October 22 will bring the observance of National Bible Week. The theme of the occasion will be "The Bible: Good News for Modern Man." Vice-Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr., national chairman of an interfaith program for encouraging use of the Bible has said that this theme, ". . . seems to be particularly significant because of the difficult and deeply troublesome responsibilities which our country is facing in its staunch support of man's basic freedoms. Certainly the teachings of the Bible are doubly applicable and bring inspiration, strength and understanding to the peoples of the world and their leaders representing the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths, who, with others, are opposing the resurgence of the forces of evil."

The sanctity of man and the value of a single human life are basic tenets of Christianity as are compassion, understanding and generosity directed toward those less fortunate or suffering affliction. The Lord demonstrated the meaning of these values and the strength of faith during the years of his ministry. The story lies within the pages of the Bible available to each of us as an unfailing source of inspiration, guidance, and strength. Let each of us make this observance of Bible Week a time for realization that this Book still carries within its pages the only light that can show man the way to live in peace with his neighbors. It is the light of life itself that none of us can do without.

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



## Poultry Tour A Success

With the completion of the NEPPCO Poultry Tour into Lancaster County this week, a word of congratulations are in order for our local poultrymen who made it a success.

From the question and answer period at Plain and Fancy Monday evening, it was obvious the out-of-state and foreign visitors were impressed with our local poultry industry.

And well they should be. With our poultrymen supplying a reported one percent of the countries poultry products it is natural that outsiders would be watching to see how we do it.

So again, congratulations poultrymen for bringing just one more honor to our county through your fine workmanship in the NEPPCO Lancaster County Tour.

## Farm News This Week

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## Try A Stretcher, Sometime

We received this little slogan from the National Safety Council and we thought it worth while passing on to you.

**IF YOU THINK SEAT BELTS ARE UNCOMFORTABLE . . . try a stretcher, sometime.**

Along with the slogan were these items on a fact sheet.

53,000 people lost their lives in traffic accidents during 1966. 35,100 were drivers or passengers in automobiles. If they had been using seat belts, at least 8,000 to 10,000 of those lives would have been saved.

Three-fourths of all traffic accidents occur within 25 miles of home.

Half of all injury-producing accidents occur at impact speeds of 40 m.p.h. or less.

Your chance of survival is five times greater if you stay inside the car. Thousands of deaths and serious injuries are caused by being thrown from the car . . . being dragged or run over by another vehicle . . . or being run over by your own vehicle.

A seat belt can help keep you from being knocked unconscious . . . your chance of escaping if the car catches on fire or goes into water is multiplied hundreds of times.

Only 20 per cent of all serious accident in a convertible involve a rollover. In the other 80 per cent, belts would prevent ejection.

Seat belts can help prevent the second collision . . . being thrown around inside the vehicle.

More than half of all passenger car occupants are now provided with seat belts . . . BUT they are using those belts only about half of the time.

Even this limited use, however, saved about 2,000 lives in 1966.

You may only need seat belts once but you don't know which once, so, you better fasten your seat belts every time you stick the key in the ignition.

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

## Across The Fence Row

A dog can say a lot with just a bark or a tale wag.

Our forefathers ran a farm with less machinery than we use to keep the lawn in shape.

Only fools think they are always right.

Here comes the eager fisherman  
With fish to clean and share.  
His fish-shy neighbors bolt their doors.  
His poor wife doesn't dare.

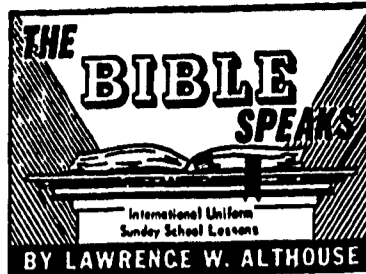
— Viola Conklin

Then there's this story: A man walked into a federal office and asked if it were the headquarters for the war against poverty. When told that it was, he said, "I surrender". — Carl Markey, Sarasota, Fla.

## Weather Forecast

The temperatures for the five-day period are expected to average above normal with the high in the mid 60's to low 70's. Over night lows will be in the mid 40's in the North to low 50's south portion. Normal high is 67 and normal low is 44.

Rain may come by Sunday and again on Tuesday and total one-fourth to one-half inch occurring as showers.



## HIS OTHER JOB

Lesson for October 15, 1967

Background Scripture: Amos 1, 2, 9:7-8.  
Devotional Reading: Psalms 67.

A little girl asked her father one day, "Daddy, what does God do all day long?" "Why he's your heavenly Father," he replied, surprised at the question.

Yet this was not an adequate answer for the little girl, for she knew that her own father was more than a "daddy." He had a job in the world beyond their home. Thus, as her own father had more to do than just being a "daddy," surely God too had more to do than to be her "heavenly Father."

As writer Bruce Larson has suggested, our religion too often is "Daddy-centered." We think of God as exclusively "our Father," as if he had nothing else to do, no other role to play. Yet, as Jesus said, "My Father is working still, and I am working." God is more than a Father; he is also a worker. Long ago he created the world, but today he is still working in his world, still fashioning it according to his plan and purpose.

### We Tend To Forget

Of course we know this, but we tend to forget it very easily. We think of God as a household or local deity. We say "our God" with an unmistakable possessive inflection in our voices. He is the God who is so intimately concerned with my individual life in all its facets, however tiny, that I forget that he is also Creator of Man and Earth, Ruler of the Nations, Lord of the Universe.

God is concerned with my personal problems and needs, but I need to remember that he is also concerned with groups of people, communities, races, nations, worlds. My relationship with the family next door is of interest to him, but so are the relationships between the Soviet Union and the

United States, between blacks and whites, between East and West.

### "Daddy-centered"

It is not so strange that we should forget this, for, as the Bible makes clear, this is the story of mankind. The people of Israel in the day of Amos, had a rather "Daddy-centered" religion. Though they realized that he was intimately involved with their individual lives, they did not seem to understand that he was also interested in the world about them.

What a shock then when Amos came with his prophecies, condemning the neighboring nations, not because they worshipped the wrong gods in the wrong temples with the wrong rituals under the wrong priests, but because as nations they had transgressed against each other. Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Moab, and the Ammonites: all had committed terrible deeds against their smaller, weaker neighbors.

Why should "our Father" be concerned with relationships and affairs of nations? Because he is more than "our Father". That is, he is interested and involved in what is happening in the world, between both individuals and groups of people. As he wills righteousness for individuals, so he wills it for communities and nations too.

### Even Our Enemies

Furthermore, not only does he pronounce judgment upon the events of our world, he also is at work in these events. He worked through Judah and Israel, but he also worked through the enemies of these two nations. So it is even today in our world. More than "our Father," he is also the Lord of History, unfolding his purpose in the life of our nation and even in the affairs of those unfriendly and hostile toward us.

Let us never lose our understanding that God is "our Father," but let us also never forget that he has more to do than that. History does not blunder on blindly; even in its fits and starts, its ups and downs, it is moved by the power of him who is both "our Father" and the Lord of history.

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## Go To Church Sunday



**NOW IS THE TIME . . .**

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**To Eradicate Rats . . .**  
Colder weather will be arriving in the next several weeks which will drive the rat population to nearby buildings. With the above-normal corn crop many farmers will be storing their corn in places not protected from rodents; this means that we may have serious rat damage on this corn, if we do not adopt eradication practices. A good sanitation program is the place to start along with the use of poison bait stations. In severe cases professional exterminators may be secured to eliminate the rodents and thus save many dollars worth of grain.

**To Control Chickweed . . .**  
It appears that we may have a very heavy growth of chickweed in legumes and winter grain this fall and winter. Growers are urged to adopt spray control practices later this fall and early winter to control this

winter-time weed. Rank growths of chickweed can smother new legume seedings and be hard on any winter grain stand. Chloro IPC, Dinitros, or Kar-mex chemicals may be used. Spray operators are urged to become acquainted with the way to apply each of these materials before going to the field; there are some restrictions.

### To Inspect Electric Wiring . . .

On many farms additional pieces of electric appliances and equipment have been added since the original wire installation. This might mean that the wiring is overloaded and a fire hazard exists. Also, there is always danger of rodent damage to the insulation and another fire hazard. Farmers are urged to take the time to inspect their wiring or have the local power company official or electrician to make sure the circuits are safe.