

## From Where We Stand . . .

### Farm Boys Make Fine Impression

The 10,000 FFA boys that convened in Kansas City recently, prompted this letter to the editor in the Kansas City Star that was brought back to us by Charles Ackley, Vo-Ag teacher at Ephrata. It read:

"Do you want to restore your faith in the teenagers of this country? If so, just go to downtown Kansas City while the FFA boys are in town and take particular note of these kids. Most of them are dressed in the familiar blue jacket. None of them needs a haircut. I did not see a single FFA boy with long, shaggy hair hanging over his eyes. A large majority were not dressed in the height of fashion, but everyone was neat, and had the eager look of a lad learning something, and doing something worthwhile. It's a pleasure to behold God bless 'em."

George Freund,  
1015 Far View,  
Independence

Need we say more?

### Farmers Have Final Responsibility

As more and more people walk the earth, more production must be wrung from each acre of available land if the necessities of life, most notably food, are to be available in sufficient quantities to support life. Exhaustive and repeated Food and Drug Administration studies have demonstrated that food purity is not adversely affected by proper use of pesticide chemicals essential for the growth and protection of food crops. This is good news indeed, because there is no question but that the use of these chemicals will have to be much broader and more intensive as the pressure on the land to produce increases.

In this development, the individual farmer will carry an increasing responsibility to see to it that he uses pesticide chemicals carefully and according to the detailed directions on the label. It is important to remember that a chemical company probably spent two to three million dollars to discover, develop and evaluate a product for safe and proper use in crop production. Chemical companies, industry associations, government agencies and agricultural extension services emphasize the importance of reading and following directions.

In the final analysis, however, all

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this effort accomplishes nothing unless the individual using the chemical takes the responsibility of applying it properly. The vast majority do, and it is well that this is so. Misuse and abuse of farm chemicals would result in restriction or prohibition of their use. Farmers would be deprived of one of the most important tools of agricultural production created in the past several hundred years and mankind would have a much slimmer hope of fending off the advance of starvation that now threatens so many millions of the world's people.

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

### Narrowing The Food Gap

The food production gap between the "have" and "have not" countries has widened steadily in recent years. This widening is due not so much to differences in overall rates of increase in food production between these two major economic groupings as to dramatic differences in rates of population growth.

Despite these many adverse trends there are nevertheless some recent encouraging developments which enhance the prospect of accelerating food production in the "have not" countries within the next few years. A more rapid expansion of food production will help buy time in which to bring the rate of population growth to a manageable level. Indeed, one of the leading challenges before us and the world today is to see how quickly the food gap can be narrowed.

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

### Across The Fence Row

Even if your credit rating is zero, you can still borrow trouble.

By the time you have money to burn, the pilot light has gone out.

Flattery has been defined as the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

The richest man in the world doesn't have more than 24 hours to enjoy every day.

Have you heard about the college graduate who, showing his diploma to his father, said, "Here's your receipt, pop!" — Eagle Star, Marinette, Wis.

A man can cling to an idea so long that it makes a prisoner of him.

Don't fasten your ship to one single anchor, or your life to one single expectation.

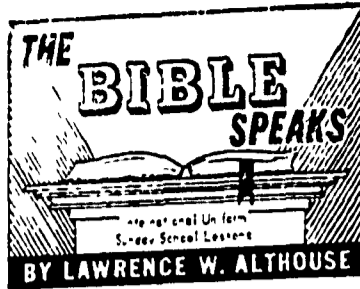
Then there is the story about the farmer who dialed his zip code into his barn telephone. And guess what? — His mailbox rang!

### Weather Forecast

The five-day forecast for the period from Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average near normal with daytime highs in the 50's in the north portion and in the 60's south. The overnight lows will range in the mid 30's to mid 40's.

Milder at the beginning and turning cooler later in the period. The normal temperature for this time of year is high 61 and low 40.

Rain may total one-half inch occurring Saturday and again at the end of the period.



### WHAT GOD HATES

Lesson for October 29, 1967

Background Scripture Amos 4:4-5, 5:21-24; 8 through 9.

Devotional Reading, Psalms 119:33-40.

It seems strange to think of God hating anything or anyone. What or who could possibly provoke so extreme a response from the God whom Christians characterize as "our Father"?

If you were asked to guess what God hates, of what would you think? Profanity, impiety, irreverence? Would you nominate the backslider, the atheist, the communist?

According to Amos, it is none of these:

"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies" (Amos 5:21 RSV).

What a shocking statement! God hates the time-honored worship practices of his people! There can be no mistaking this:

"Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fated beasts I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen" (Amos 5:22-23 RSV).

#### Noise Of Our Hymns

Can you imagine how stunned were the people of Israel when Amos delivered this prophecy? The feasts, the solemn assemblies, the various offerings, the joyous songs, the melody of harps, all these they had assumed were pleasing to the Lord, the right way to worship. It is as if today God were to say to us: "I hate your holy seasons, and I take no delight in your Sunday services. Even though you offer crisp dollar bills and make three-year pledges, I will not accept them. Take away the noise of your hymns, to the melody of your pipe organs and robed choirs I will not listen!"

"But God," we cry, "that's the way we've learned to worship. If that isn't what you want, what do you want?" Surely the people of Israel must have responded in somewhat the same way. What did God want?

Amos had a ready answer: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream" (Amos 5:24 RSV). There we are: what God wants from us above all else is justice and righteousness.

#### For Those Less Fortunate

But what do you mean by "justice and righteousness"? Well, says Amos, for example: stop trampling the needy, stop oppressing the poor, stop making money your chief goal in life, stop cheating in your business and work, stop exploiting the weak, stop fattening yourself at the expense of your fellowmen (Amos 8:4-7). In other words, seek justice and practice righteousness for those less fortunate than yourself.

Amos also mentions those merchants who are so eager to resume their trade, that they can hardly wait for the end of the holy days (for commerce was forbidden then). Today they would no longer have to wait. Not only are many stores open on Sundays and holidays, but we have also found ways of exploiting holy seasons for personal profit. The world could not afford to lose the Christian Church: Christmas and Easter are much too profitable.

#### Forgotten By Monday

Let us make no mistake, however; God does not hate our worship per se. What he hates and despises is worship which is insincere and hypocritical, which has little or nothing to do with how we respond to the needs of our fellow men. As the jingle has it:

They're praising God on Sunday,  
But they'll be all right on Monday;  
It's just a little habit they've acquired.

God hates worship that is little more than a "habit" that is forgotten by Monday. If our worship is to be acceptable, then, as someone has put it: "The channel of ritual must be filled with the waters of justice and righteousness."

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### Go To Church Sunday

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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#### To Store Pesticides Safely

The spraying season is nearly over for many gardeners and producers, the proper disposal of containers and the safe storage of surplus chemicals is very important. Materials should be kept in the original container if at all possible, this will help identify the chemical and furnish spray instructions. Materials should be stored safely away from children, pets, livestock, and seeds to be used next year.

#### To Control Winter Weeds

Hay fields may be heavily infested with weeds this fall and winter weather conditions have been very favorable for seed germination. There are several herbicides that may be used with success such as Dinitro, Chloro IP and Karmex, grow-

ers are urged to become acquainted with the use of these materials and apply accordingly. Weeds are more easily killed when small rather than toward maturity.

#### To Control Parasites

All livestock producers must pay attention to efficient production; any factor that lowers the health and vitality of the animal will reduce production. Both internal and external parasites sap the strength from the animals and reduce performance. Stomach worms are far more common than many feeders and dairymen realize; local veterinarians can diagnose the condition and make corrective recommendations. Don't feed parasites.