

From Where We Stand . . . Knowledge Gap

One hears of many gaps nowadays — the missile gap, the credibility gap, the law enforcement gap and all sorts of knowledge gaps. One of the greatest knowledge gaps has to do with life on the farm, and particularly, the role that chemicals play in modern agriculture. Many lament the use of such agricultural aids as pesticides and point to some home gardens that manage to flourish minus the benefit of chemical aids. Some people wonder why a farmer can't make things grow without chemicals the same as a few home gardeners do.

It is one thing to raise three or four rows of vegetables and quite another to produce a crop on thousands of acres involving the investment of a fortune in land, labor, machinery, seed and fertilizer. Without the help of every mechanical and chemical aid available, including the family of pesticides, the mass production of food and fiber necessary to a nation of 200 million souls would be crippled. The pressure to increase production is inexorable. Population is growing and about a million acres of good land are taken out of farm production every year by expanding cities, airports and highways. There is no alternative but to constantly increase food and fiber output from our remaining cropland — presently some 400 million acres.

Leaders in government, business, industry, science and agriculture are working as never before to enlist the aid of chemistry in the food production battle. Part of that battle is to educate all of us to the wisdom and necessity of intelligent use of chemical pesticides without which our agricultural production would only be half what it is today.

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

Vision And Hard Work

We give top priority to words of wisdom from elderly people who have been successful in life. A case in point is a pioneer figure in the retail distribution industry who a few months ago celebrated his 92nd birthday. He observed, "My eyesight is impaired . . . but my vision is stronger than ever." He went on to say that vision — the imaginative kind that enabled him to build his retailing chain — plus "hard work, good judgment, character and a few sacrifices" is the recipe for a successful retailer.

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Vision and hard work have built many successful enterprises and any young person reaching toward a goal will do well to follow what the old man said.

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Sensible Idea

"What is probably the most sensible idea to come out of Washington in a good many years is the one made by a congressman . . . that able-bodied men on relief rolls be required to do some work in exchange for their checks. One possibility mentioned was picking up debris along public roads. Many similar types of work could be considered.

This suggestion is probably quite appalling to most of the present generation of reliefers who have been brought up in the belief that the government owes every man a living, but those of us who can remember the depression days of the 1930's are made to wonder how, why and when the idea of performing some service in return for government support was dropped."

— Italy, Texas, News — Herald

Across The Fence Row

News — Two Pennsylvania State University scientists reported that, in a 56-day experiment, they had fed newspaper (2½ pounds a day) to dairy cattle and had found it to be a cheap, nutritious food supplement.

Comment — Ralph Reppert, searching for the ultimate significance of the experiment asked, "Would dairy cattle, fed a daily ration of ground up Reader's Digests, produce condensed milk?"

Every man prays in his own language, and there is no language God does not understand. — Duke Ellington.

"Too many people want success today without making the necessary obligation and accepting responsibility to achieve it or without being loyal to their own organizations, which have proven themselves in the past.

"Too many of today's Christians want Christ without the Cross.

"Too many of us lack the courage of the pioneers who built — our farm organizations.

— Boyd C. Gartley, in address to Lancaster DHIA Dinner Meeting

Then there's this:
"I've got a cow I want to sell you, Charlie."

"Yes? Would she fit into my Guernsey herd?"

"No; I dunno as she would."

"Does she give lots of milk?"

"No, I can't say as she gives lots of milk, but I can tell you this: She's a kind, gentle good natured old cow, and if she's got any milk she'll give it to you."

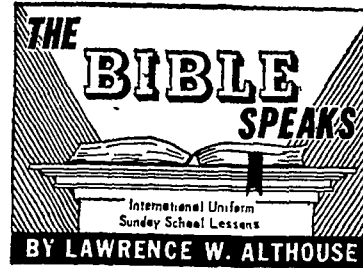
Each minute of today is worth more than the whole of yesterday.

When one dog barks, he soon finds other dogs to bark with him.

Weather Forecast

The five-day forecast for Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average below normal with daytime highs in the 30's and overnight lows in the teens. It is expected to be generally quite cold through most of the period. Normal high for the period is 41; low is 23.

Precipitation may total one-fourth to one-half inch water equivalent occurring as snow flurries over the mountains during the week-end. Snow likely in most sections on Tuesday.



EMPTY GOODIES

Lesson for February 11, 1968

Background Scripture: John 6.
Devotional Reading: Matthew 7:7-11.

I have "a thing" about fancy pastry. With few exceptions, it simply is never as good as it looks. In fact, it seldom ever comes even close to fulfilling what it appears to promise. Luscious and irresistible as it seems, it is filled with calories and little else. Usually it leaves me with a far-from-satisfied feeling in the stomach and my taste-buds have been disappointed as well.

Rev. Althouse

Void Within

Many of the attractive "goodies" of life are in reality much like fancy pastry: they are full of calories (of one kind or another), disappointing, and leave us with that far-from-satisfied feeling. So attractive in prospect, they actually fail to meet our ravenous expectations. When we have gorged ourselves upon them, there is still a void that has not been filled.

Nutrition experts tell us that Americans are often greatly overfed and, at the same time, quite undernourished. Our rate of consumption is high, but our level of satisfaction is very low.

Pirandello once wrote a play about five characters in search of an author. Many people today seem involved in this same frantic search without knowing precisely what it is for which they are searching. Many look for it in a bottle, others in a narcotics syringe. Even greater numbers strive to fill the emptiness with bright and shiny "things," with success, with power, with work, with sex, with speed. For some the search leads to the hippie's "pad," for others to strange, mysterious religious cults. Yet there is terrible frustration with all of these because the appetites are never satisfied, only appeased for a short time, if anything.

What does it take for us to learn that bread alone does not fill the void within. How many times will we turn in vain to the world's attractive but empty "goodies" before we choose instead "the bread of life?"

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Inner Man

In this age when some men's stomachs are filled almost to the bursting-point, others are shriveled and painfully drawn in near starvation. Yet, even if we could adequately feed everyone in the world — and we could — there would still be no Utopia on earth. "Man does not live by bread alone," we say, and it is truer there is an even more vital hunger than that for bread. Material things do not really fill the "inner man." Yet we find it so difficult to learn, continuing to respond to spiritual appetites with material goods.

Jesus was well aware of this. Having fed five thousand people on a Galilean hillside in some miraculous fashion, he is pursued across to the other side of the lake by many who saw no further than the bread and fish he gave them. Thus he speaks bluntly to them: physical nourishment lasts but for a short time; seek instead the nourishment of the spirit which God's Son alone can give. Only this will endure and provide eternal satisfaction.

Fatal Choice

The writer of the Gospel According to John sees, then, a deeper meaning in the feeding of the five thousand. It is more than the amazing multiplication of physical matter. It is a sign that proclaims to men that Christ is capable of filling men's deepest needs, of satisfying their most compelling hungers. Thus Jesus could say: "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35 RSV).

It is one of the tragic realities of life, however, that, confronted with the gift of eternal life, men will still prefer to choose material things. God has provided the people of Israel with manna in the wilderness. Therefore, the crowds ask: "What sign do you do, that we may see and believe you?" He had just performed one great miracle on the hillside, but that was not enough; they wanted more.

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Read Lancaster Farming For Full Market Reports



NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By Max Smith
Lancaster County Agent

To Attend Winter Meetings . . .

All farmers and agricultural service men are urged to attend the many educational meetings being held in the next six weeks covering many agricultural subjects. Meetings related to dairying, cattle feeding, poultry, horses, and spray programs will be held at each of these meetings the speakers will be authorities in their respective fields. Don't miss the opportunity to learn the latest recommendations.

To Test Seeds . . .

All garden and farm crop producers are urged to recognize the importance of tested and certified seeds. In Pennsylvania it is unlawful to sell untested seeds; local producers of red clover seed are reminded of this

law. Users of local legume seeds should protect themselves by not sowing any seed without knowing its content. It pays to use good seeds.

To Prune Trees . . .

During the dormant season could be declared the best time to prune fruit and most shade trees. Owners are urged to remove all dead or diseased limbs and try to shape the tree as desired. When the tree is still in the dormant condition there will be less loss of juices and usually there is more time to do the job more thoroughly. Sharp pruners or saws are needed to make clean cuts. Major cuts should be made parallel to the tree trunk and treated with a tree paint or sealer.