

From Where We Stand . . .

As He Thinketh In His Heart —

Why is it that individual farmer's income ranges from a loss to quite nice gains, per year? Is it entirely management and credit backing?

We know these things have a lot to do with profit or loss. But one of our friends expressed an observation recently that is worthy of thought. He says most farmers in the last few years have developed an inferiority complex. They think of their work as not worthwhile — a low classed job. And worst of all," he says, "They have passed on their attitudes and thinking to their boys."

Part of the problem, we think, is that parents and boys alike think that Junior must start farming with all big tractors and machinery (and maybe even a colored TV set) that it took dad 20 years to acquire.

Not all farmers have this attitude. It is the ones who really believe production agriculture is the best and most rewarding occupation on earth that are finding themselves (because of their thinking) making the decisions and actions that lead to a successful and profitable farm operation.

A proverb says, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he —", and this also applies to farming.

If you ask a salesman, "How is business?" he'll tell you it's great. He is really going places. Maybe if you quiz him deeper, he will admit he hasn't made a sale in three weeks, but he has many excellent prospects (from the phone book) and he knows he'll make a big sale soon.

And strangely enough, the character eventually becomes a successful salesman because he thinks successful and therefore starts doing the things (like long hours and hard work) needed to be successful.

This also is true in farming. We know young farmers and some older ones too, who are thinking in terms of success. And because of their positive thinking they make the management and family decision that lead to success. And the boys growing up on these farms are realizing that people holding so called wonderful, high paying jobs, off the land sometimes get laid off over slow production periods. They know some jobs require crossing a picket line or getting your head bashed in during a college riot.

Truly, we believe the whole course of our complex farm outlook could be changed for the good if we turned from the negative always-expressing-our-problems attitude to the positive emphasis on the great reasons we are farmers and why we are proud of it.

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

To Mother With Love

As you travel along
On the Highway of Life
There are many you'll meet
And call "Friend"
But there is one that you had
Right from the start
Who will stay close
To you 'til the end.

Did you cry in the night
She was there by your side
Whether baby tears or
A bad dream.
Did you lose in the Race
Come in Second Place
You were always First
In her esteem.

Was your Score below par
Did you let go your Star
And find yourself bruised
By your Fall.
She'd pull you through sadly
Hang another Star gladly
Then urge you again
To grow Tall.

In this fast moving world
Remember that Friend
With her patience and love
Like no other
She has the loveliest
Name that I know
Say it softly and gently
"My Dear Mother".

Selina Cox 1968



Poor Nutrition

A recently reported gov't survey of American households shows 20 percent of households eating "nutritionally poor" combination of foods. This represents a five percent increase in so-called "poor diet" category since previous survey 10 years earlier. Hard to believe it's possible for U.S. While eating more meat than ever, some Americans seem to be consuming fewer vegetables, fruits, milk, etc., but drinking more beer, soft drinks and liquor. Interesting sidelight of the study report: vitamin pill and other diet nostrum manufacturers already have leveled big advertising guns on the poor nutrition angle . . . advising Americans to rely on pills for health. We would not advise that method of improving diets, considering ready availability of all nutrients in U.S. food supply.

Across The Fence Row

"The doctrines of grace humble man without degrading, and exalt without inflating him." — Charles Hodge.

In spite of the speed of modern living, the wise man saves enough time to plan his next move.

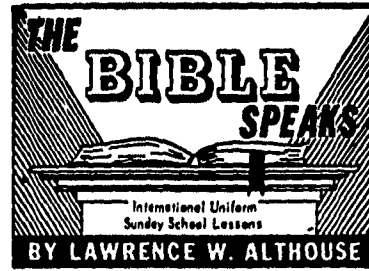
"You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn." — Lincoln.

The hippies are certainly efficient gardeners — they wear the flowers and smoke the weeds.

Weather Forecast

The five-day forecast calls for temperatures to average near normal with daytime highs in the upper 60's or low 70's and overnight lows in the mid 50's. It is expected to be cool at the beginning and again at the end of the period. Normal high-low for the week is 74-50.

Rain may total more than one-half inch about Sunday and again Wednesday.



THE AGE OF "OH YEAH!" Lesson for May 12, 1968

Background Scripture: Proverbs 4:1-5a, 20-27; 6:20-23, 31-33; 10:1-31.
Devotional Reading: Proverbs 29:15-23.

"You can always tell a high school senior, but you can't tell because they produce beneficial him much!" proclaims an old saying.

For most adults the painfulness of this truth is rendered just a little less acute by the re-



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membrance that it was no less so when we ourselves were youth. If there is any difference all between the generations of "then" and "now," it is likely that today's youth are much more open and honest in their disdain for their elders' advice than were the generations that preceded them. There was a time when youth listened with appropriate politeness and then, for the most part, did as they pleased anyway. Young people today are much more likely to say their "Oh yeah!" aloud

It's Natural

Thus it has been and thus it is ever likely to be: youth wishing against their elders would stop trying to pass on their unwanted and outdated advice, and their elders, wishing that youth would listen to and learn from their valuable experience. It is natural for youth to turn a deaf ear and it is also natural for their elders to continue trying. Sometimes there is a successful attempt at communication that makes worthwhile all the frustrating failures that precede it.

As children we are likely to think that our parents know and can do everything. Later in adolescence, we find that they have their limitations. Too often youth go to the extreme of discounting, if not ignoring, their parents' counsel thereafter. Who does it hurt? To be sure, it usually hurts the parents; but much more, in the long run, it hurts the youths themselves.

This is precisely the wisdom the writer of Proverbs is trying to get across: ". . . keep my commandments and live." If youth can follow the guidance of their elders, their lives will often be richer, fuller, happier. Why? Because their elders have profited by experience; it has taught them what is beneficial and what is harmful.

It Works!

The writer of Proverbs does not make his appeal on the basis of his authority. He does not say, "Listen to me because I deserve your respect and obedience." He appeals to them on the basis of reason: ". . . for I give you good precepts" (Job 4:2). Why are they good? They are good because they produce beneficial results. They work!

Many of these good precepts parents have learned through painful personal experience or observation. As we have noted before, the teachings of those who are wise can often be substituted for painful personal experience. Why not learn from the wise if we can? Why should we have to learn everything through trial-and-error?

What a miserable world it would be if every new generation refused to accept the accumulated learnings and wisdom from the generations that preceded it! How terrible for each new generation to have to "start from scratch" in all fields of human knowledge. There would never be any human advancement or progress.

It's Us!

Nor can there be any wisdom for us if we will not acknowledge it in others. If we are too proud or stubborn to learn from others, we keep the door shut tight against growth in wisdom and knowledge. If adults expect children and youth to be receptive to learning from them, they must also be humble enough to acknowledge that adults can also learn from those younger than themselves. How often in the Bible we find that "a little child shall lead them," that God is able to reveal his truth, not to those supposedly mature, but to "little ones?"

Thus it is not just the high school seniors who are hard to "tell anything;" it is human nature itself, adult and adolescent, from which the defiant "Oh yeah?" is likely to spring.

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By Max Smith
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To Alternate Fly Sprays . . .
Some farmers have not obtained good fly control in recent years by using the same residual spray on their buildings. I'd suggest that cygon be used part of the season only and that such sprays as rabon, diaznon, or fenthion be used to prevent the buildup of resistance in the fly population

To Use Herbicides Carefully . . .
The growing season is at hand and many crops will be sprayed with weed control chemicals in the next few months. All farmers and users are reminded of the need to follow directions carefully. Be sure that the proper amount is applied at the right time. All precautions should be used to protect other plants and the property of others in the

neighborhood. Extra care and effort is very essential when using weed killers.

To Protect Hogs In Hot Weather . . .

When hauling hogs to market every effort should be made to keep them comfortable during the hot summer months. The truck should be bedded with sand, sawdust, or ashes instead of straw and kept wet; if possible they should be hauled during the cooler parts of the day rather than afternoons. If the truck is kept moving as rapidly as possible, then ventilation should not be a problem unless the vehicle is over-loaded. The spraying or wetting down of the truck and of the hog pens during hot weather will help reduce the amount of hot weather losses.

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