

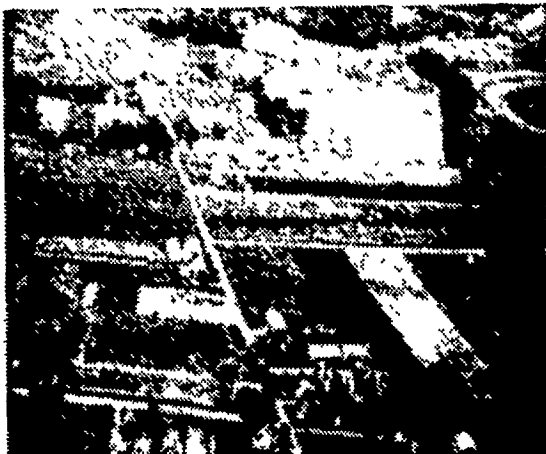
From Where We Stand . . .

The Air Tour

Tighten your seat belts. We're scooting down the New Holland Airport runway. The pilot is fingering knobs and pulling levers. Then it happens. The wheels on our five-passenger, one-engine plane leave the ground and we are up, up and away on the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District Air Tour.

Below, the objects become increasingly smaller and our shadow, looking like a big, black hawk, moves quickly across a corn field, flips over what looks like a miniature set of farm buildings and on across a tobacco field, a power line tower and a group of houses laid out in order along seemingly small paved streets.

The gold and yellow of the ripening wheat and barley make a beautiful contrast with the browns and greens of the dirt and pastures. The sun has the morning haze burned off and though out pilot tells us there is a 35 mph wind blowing up here at 1,000 feet above the ground, we don't know it. We



feel only a slight bump now and then that he says is the upward moving air currents from the radiated ground heat. It's a perfect day for seeing Lancaster County from the air.

Everything looks so orderly and peaceful from up here. In fact, you would never know anything is wrong until you see the river out ahead and take a look at the stream directly below. The river and the stream are brown. Not just half-brown, but real muddy brown.

Then you look closely and see long finger-like streaks on some of the open fields — streaks where the recent rainy downpours have sent the food-producing topsoil on its way down the eroded spots to the creeks. Then the soil is swallowed by the river and finally drown in the sea.

You get the feeling maybe someday when grandchildren and great grandchildren take their first airplane ride to see beautiful Lancaster County like we are, it may not be so beautiful. Not beautiful because highway and housing developers dis-

regard the need for the long range planning to conserve our natural resources. Not as beautiful because local farmers still cling to the ancient notion that the ability to plow a straight furrow proves the boy a man when really the worth of the man is proved by the condition of the natural resource (soil in this case) after he is through using it and passes it on to his son.

Anyway, it makes us feel like writing an editorial urging all farmers to at least look into the possibility of cooperating with the Soil and Water Conservation people to contour fields and build waterways to keep Lancaster County beautiful and able to produce an abundance of food in the generations ahead. We think we'll do that.

But now we're leaning quite sharply to the left as we make the last turn down the New Holland runway. We feel like we ought to grab for something to hold on to, but we laugh, realizing the only thing to grab is the thing that isn't holding on to anything either so —. Anyway, we land with only a slight bounce, come to a halt beside the hanger, get out and stretch our legs after the 20-minute ride, knowing we are a little wiser.

A little wiser about airplane travel. A little wiser about the beauty of our county from the air and a little wiser about why those concerned about conservation of natural resources are concerned. Yes, we're wiser.

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

Not Doing Enough

While planners and politicians talk of the government rebuilding cities, guaranteeing jobs, underwriting medical care, education, social security, housing, cheap electricity, and Lord knows what else, a few facts about taxes are pertinent.

Total taxes estimated to be collected in fiscal 1968 by all levels of government in the U. S. will equal about \$3,550 per American family, up \$134 from last year. Twelve years ago, taxes collected by federal, state and local governments combined were equivalent to \$1,897 per family. Total tax receipts in fiscal 1968 will exceed 1967 receipts by about \$10 billion. They will be over \$100 billion higher than a dozen years ago. The collections in 1968 will provide \$148 billion for the federal government and \$69 billion for state and local governments.

There are still those who say that taxpayers are not doing enough! There are millions more of us raising families and running businesses under the mounting pressure of taxes and inflation who say that government is doing too much — much more than even the wealthiest nation on earth can afford!

Across The Fence Row

The road to success is always under construction.

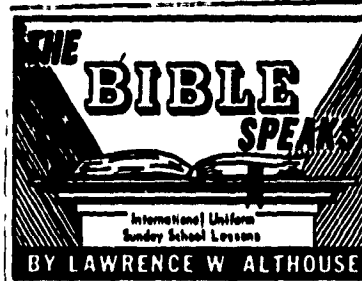
"If you destroy a free market, you create a black market. If you have 10,000 regulations, you destroy all respect for law." — Sir Winston Churchill.

"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other foot somewhat higher." — Thomas Huxley

Weather Forecast

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average below normal, with daytime highs in the upper 70's to low 80's and over-night lows in the upper 50's to mid 60's. No marked day to day change is expected. Normal high-low for the period is 87-60.

Rain may total three-fourth of an inch as scattered showers at the beginning of the period and more wide range showers near the end.



THE PATRIOT

Lesson for July 7, 1968

Background Scriptures: Jeremiah 38 and 39, Devotional Readings: Psalm 14.

My dictionary defines a patriot as "a person who loves his country, zealously supporting and defending it and its interests." That, however, still leaves a lot of room for definition, for men do not always agree on the methods by which a man may best support and defend "it and its interests."



There are those, for example, who unblushingly say: "My country, right or wrong — my country!" They will support it and its policies even when they are unjust, false, and immoral. For them, duty to country is the highest duty, the greatest allegiance. At the Nuremberg War Trials following the close of the Second World War this was the defence of many of those who were judged to be "war criminals." They obeyed the authorities of their country even when their duties involved acts that their consciences recognized as immoral.

To be made right!

There are others, however, whose sense of patriotism is summed up in the affirmation by John Sutherland Bonnell: "My country, when wrong, to be made right; when right, to be kept right." These men also love their country, but they see their highest duty and allegiance belonging to God alone. They believe that they may best defend and support their country by remaining obedient to Him. To unreservedly support their country's policies when they judge them to be immoral seems to them the worst of all subversions.

We all know that a patriot best serves his country when he puts obedience to God first, yet we seem to forget it when we see this principle in action. A recent opinion poll indicated that a majority of church people believed their

pastors should "speak out as the moral conscience of the nation," yet most of these same people seemed to object when their clergymen spoke out on specific moral issues.

"Betraying our soldiers!"

Jeremiah, one of Judah's greatest prophets, was so despised for his "unpatriotic" prophecies that he was thrown into a deep cistern and left there to die. Why? Because he foretold the destruction of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans and actually counselled his fellow citizens to surrender in order to avoid this catastrophe. The advisors of the king's court were enraged: "Let this man be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people." (Jeremiah 38:4 RSV)

Today one can hear echoes of these words on radio, television, in newspapers and in private discussions. A well-known university chaplain who has spoken out against America's policy in the Viet Nam War as immoral has been stridently derided as one who is "betraying our soldiers and undermining the morale of the nation with his treason." "Throw him in jail!" "Ship him to Russia!" are the angry responses of some of those who seem to approve of prophecy in general, but not in particular.

A higher patriotism

Jeremiah did not counsel surrender to the Chaldeans because he did not love or was not loyal to his country. Actually, he was passionately dedicated to Judah, despite its faults. Nor was his counsel based upon admiration of the Chaldeans. Rather, it was because Judah, like Israel before it, had become disloyal to God, had become corrupt within, and would have to suffer the consequences of her infidelity. This was not the judgment of Jeremiah, but of God himself.

The true patriot may be more concerned with his nation's righteousness than her "honor." If he criticizes his country, it is not because he does not love her or lacks loyalty to her. He knows that he does the most for her welfare by remaining true to his conscience. Perhaps this is the highest form of patriotism.

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To Be Careful with Sorghums

Livestock producers using either sudan grass or one of the sudan-sorghum hybrids are cautioned about the need to wait until a certain stage of maturity before using either for grazing or for green chopping. The sudan grass should be allowed to reach at least 18 inches before using; the hybrids should be at least 30 inches before feeding. The use of these materials at a younger stage might be toxic due to larger amounts of phytic acid in the plant.

To Be Careful with Tractors

The practice of running a tractor into a barn containing hay or straw is taking too much of a chance; even though the ex-

haust is equipped to prevent the discharge of sparks, one may still get out and into the dry forage; the risk is too high to take this chance.

To Prepare for Alfalfa Seeding

August seedings of alfalfa will be on the agenda for some farmers in another month. The starting place is a complete soil test and the ordering of the variety and quality of seed wanted. Follow the soil test recommendations and get that band seeding attachment ready for use the first week in August. With continued good moisture conditions and the use of a weed spray the new seeding should be ready for winter.

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