

From Where We Stand . . .

We Salute 4-H

This is National 4-H Week. "Expand 4-H" is the focus of this year's observance with emphasis being placed on reaching more young people through the Head-Heart-Hands-Health program.

Frankly, it amazes us that the local 4-H units would offer to take on an expanded program. We already have 79 clubs with enrollment of 2,013 4-H'ers who are occupied with 2,565 projects in science, agriculture, home economics, personal development, community service, leadership and citizenship. Our young people have choices in almost any area of interest they might have.

And we have adult leaders — 340 of them — some just newly started in the challenging work of imparting knowledge, skill and experience to youth, to long-time workers like Victor Longenecker, Elizabethtown R3 who was honored for 35 years of leadership Monday evening at the 4-H Club Leader's Banquet held at the Farm and Home Center.

Yes, we already have an expanded 4-H program in Lancaster County. But the representatives at the extension office and the adult leaders say they are willing to do more if they can be of service. They encourage more youth 9 to 19 to join 4-H. They urge more men and women to volunteer as 4-H leaders.

Very Good. We salute 4-H. We salute the youth, extension leaders and parents who actively participate in 4-H

30 Million Steaks

Scare stories have a way of catching people's attention and spreading with the speed of a prairie fire. A favorite outdoor activity has been threatened by just such a story.

An imaginative writer spotted a report by scientific investigators that charcoal-broiled meat contained a cancer-inducing substance. The story soon spread that it was dangerous to health to broil our hamburgers and steaks over a charcoal grill. A lot of people thus crossed outdoor broiling off their list of summer pleasures. But, like most scare stories, this one was grossly exaggerated. A prominent medical columnist has pointed out that the amount of the cancer-inducing substance in a charcoal-broiled steak is so minute that a person would have to eat close to 30 million steaks to consume an ounce of the allegedly dangerous chemical.

It's just another example of the kind of scare stories that do irreparable harm to farm products. It is well to spread a few grains of salt on the works of consumer oriented people who alarm the public against agriculture rather than inform of the great blessing of an abundant food supply.

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

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'Thank You' — Warm, Powerful Expression

A strong case can be made that the two warmest words in our vocabulary are "thank you."

Spoken sincerely and accompanied by a sincere smile, "Thank you" can be powerful ambassador of good will. The key word, of course, is "sincere."

A newspaper carrier in a midwestern city never failed to smile and utter an obviously sincere "thank you!" when he had a chance to deliver the paper in person to the subscriber.

When this boy's father died shortly before the youngster finished high school, his subscribers vied to help him to get a job. Today he is well on his way to a successful career, despite lack of a college education.

A motorist almost wrecked his car to avoid striking a small dog which ran into the street. A boy of 10 stood frozen with fright as he called out joyfully to the driver: "Thank you, mister! Thank you for saving my dog!"

He made a friend of the driver for life. Every day can be Thanksgiving Day if we choose to make it so. And saying "thank you" — sincerely — is a handy, inexpensive way of making people feel good — including the one who says it.

Seems a shame we ever miss a chance to do it, doesn't it?

— Boonville Daily News

Across The Fence Row

The Lord's Prayer has 56 words; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 266; the Ten Commandments, 293; The Declaration of Independence, 300. But, a recent government order on the price of cabbage contains 26,911 words.

"And now, gentlemen," said a congressman during a speech in the House, "I want to tax your memory."

"Gad!" muttered a colleague. "Why has no one thought of that before?"

Two camels were trudging along, side by side, in a caravan crossing a burning desert. Finally, one camel looked at the other furtively and said: "I don't care what anyone says. I'm thirsty."

AND IF YOU ARE CONCERNED that half the population will be under the age of 25 years in 1970, consider that 30 percent of all people alive will be less than 15 years old in 1986.

No matter how tall a boy gets, he can't step clear across a puddle.

Teenagers are people who are not children, and not adults — and they prove it in many childish ways

American feet have been growing almost one full size every generation. Today, the average U. S. male wears size 10. His grandfather most likely wore a size 7. At least, one in every six American women wears a size 9, or larger.

It looks like the days of the good nickel candy bar for a dime are about gone, too.

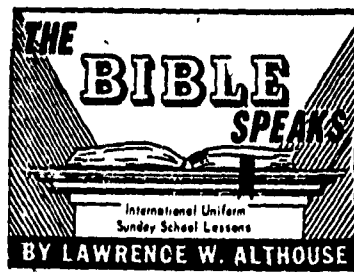
— Somerset (Mass.) Spectator

Local Weather Forecast

(From the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Harrisburg State Airport)

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average near normal with daytime highs in the upper 60's and overnight lows in the low 50's. Normal high-low for the period is 68-45

Rain may total one-fourth inch or less with chance of showers on Sunday and again about Wednesday.



LIKE US, LIKE HIM

Lesson for October 13, 1968

Background Scripture Hebrews 4 through 6; 8 through 9.
Devotional Reading Hebrews 9:11-15.

A certain man carried for years a great burden of guilt for a sin he committed as a young man. Finally, when it seemed he could bear this burden in secret no longer, he confessed it to a friend. It was helpful to be able to share it with his friend, yet he was still not relieved of his terrible guilt. "Why don't you go to your pastor and talk about this?" suggested his friend. "My pastor," the man gasped, "how could he ever understand something like this?"



Rev. Althouse

A higher plane?

Quite obviously, he was one of those persons who conceive of clergymen as a breed of men apart from the rest of the human race. For some reason, these people assume that the minister is not subject to the same temptations and weaknesses that plague other mortals. Thus, they might avoid sharing their troubles with a pastor because they would assume a pastor could hardly understand or appreciate the evil forces at work within "ordinary men." It is not that they would want him to approve of their sins, but to at least understand them.

It is for somewhat similar reasons that some people hold Jesus Christ at an arm's length. Knowing themselves as sinful and weak, they find it impossible to believe that he could comprehend their frailty. Putting him on such a higher plane, they see no possibility of ever being like him and are thus uninspired by his example.

In the early days of the Christian Church there was a heresy very similar to this. Some men in their zeal to exalt Christ emphasized his divinity to the exclusion of his humanity. Christ, they believed, only appeared to be human. Thus their Christ was too different from men to be of any help to them.

In every respect

The New Testament, however, stresses both the divinity and the humanity of Christ. This is evident in the Epistle to the Hebrews where the writer says pointedly: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning." (Hebrews 4:15 RSV).

If we take this passage seriously, we come face to face with some startling ideas. The writer is saying that Jesus was "tempted in every respect as we are . . ." In other words, sinful thoughts and urges found their way into his life. He felt tempted to sin just as we do. And we must not think that his temptations were trifling either, for the writer says "in every respect" he was "tempted as we are."

This means that some of the same disturbing thoughts and feelings that we know troubled him. Lust, pride, envy, and deceit must have appealed to him as they do to us. Jesus, then, can understand our difficulties with temptation because he himself had to deal with them in his own days as a man among men.

Yet without sinning

Hebrews also tells us: "... yet without sinning." Though Jesus felt the urge to sin — just as we do — he successfully withstood those urges and refused to let them control his life. Like us, he could not keep these sinful urges from coming into his mind and heart, but he could refuse to give in to them.

The sin is not in being tempted, but in entertaining the temptation and holding on to it once it has come to us. As the old saying goes, we cannot prevent the birds from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from building nests in our hair. Jesus was tempted but he did not succumb to his temptations. That is why he is so qualified to be our mediator, our high priest.

He bore what we bear so that we might achieve what he achieved. Like us, he was tempted. Like him, we can be victors over our temptations.

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Attend The Church Of Your Choice Sunday

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By Max Smith

Lancaster County Agent



To Store Pesticides Carefully

Now that the growing season is almost over for this year, the task of properly storing the left-over chemicals is one that warrants careful attention. Materials should be left in the original container as much as possible so that instructions are available. Do not place materials in unlabelled bottles, jars or cans. Also, store all materials out of reach of children and livestock. Pesticide safety is very important at this time of the year.

To Practice Fire Prevention

This has been Fire Prevention Week and everyone should give some attention to the preventing of fires and what is to be done in case of fire. This is especially true in families with children, parents are urged to

organize escape plans in case of fire in the home. Farmers are reminded of the great value of fire extinguishers in the buildings that they are in good working condition, and that all members of the family know how to use them.

To Use New Corn Cautiously

Corn picking is underway in the southeastern counties and no doubt many livestock producers will be grinding the ear corn for feeding purposes, unless the corn has been artificially dried, the moisture content is still high and the ground ear corn will heat and mold quickly; daily grinding is the safest method with this new corn. This heated corn may cause poisoning and severe digestive disturbances. Introduce the new grains slowly to the herd.