

From Where We Stand . . .

Have A Safe Hunt Today

Well, today it's off to the woods and open fields with gun in hand and old Spot ahead with nose to the ground hunting rabbits, Ring-Necked Pheasants or Quail. It will be a day of fun and relaxation — unless you are carried back on a stretcher a victim of a hunting accident like a number of hunters are each year.

The rules for gun safety would fill many books, but they are fairly simple, founded on down-to-earth common sense. In fact, it is the very simplicity of the rules that encourage some gun handlers to ignore or bypass them.

In the heat of the hunt, many shooters forget that their weapons will shoot just as accurately and as deadly when pointed away from the line of sight as they will when aimed at game.

Before you go into the fields this year, think over these simple rules; see how common-sense they are, and see how very little time and effort is involved in observing them.

Know what you are firing at before you pull the trigger. Everyone knows this rule, yet every year several hunters are killed by companions who thought the rustle in the bushes was made by a rabbit.

Never climb over or through a fence without first unloading the gun. We know you might miss a shot at a pheasant, but that is better than shooting yourself or a companion and spending time in a hospital or worse.

Never shoot at hard, flat surfaces; ricochets can wound and kill. This rule includes being sure of your background as well as your target. Shooting towards buildings or highways can be as dangerous as taking direct aim at people or property.

Keep guns and ammunition away from children. This does not mean just babies. The pre-teen youngster who has seen his father handling the gun in the house but never in the field has no way of knowing the terrible force enclosed in those shiny shells. Teenagers often handle guns safely, but they should demonstrate that they know and use safe practices before going hunting alone.

Be absolutely sure guns carried into camp or the house are unloaded. Keep them cased until your hunting area is reached.

Never look down a gun barrel to see if it is loaded. This rule sounds ridiculous, but breaking it is the cause of deaths every year. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.

Never point the gun at anything you don't want to shoot, and always keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.

Remember that alcohol and ammunition can make a deadly mixture.

In sum, treat a gun with the respect it deserves. Work on the principle that it is al-

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ways loaded and ready to fire, even though you know it isn't.

We know it is too much to expect or even hope for, but if everyone follows these rules, all the armies of hunters — yourself included — will come home tonight under their own power.

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

Sneaky Switch

Following the announcement of price increases by one of the nation's major auto manufacturers, the President's cabinet committee on price stability noted that this action was "a severe setback to the cause of price stability." The further observation was made that if the automobile industry as a whole followed the pattern of this one company, it would cost . . . the American consumer \$750 million.

Once again, officials in government are slipping the shoe of blame for the rising prices of inflation on the wrong foot. Outlandish federal deficit spending, this year running at some \$25 billion, is the primary factor causing inflation. With all the high-priced economists working for the government, you would think one of them might look back and discover that on an average, during the past 18 years, every \$2.6 billion deficit in the federal government has been accompanied by a one per cent increase in all prices. It is just as simple as that.

A Little Cheesy

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is going to bat for sharp cheese lovers.

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull said the Department's food inspectors are investigating complaints of mild cheese being incorrectly labeled "very sharp cheese" and "real sharp cheese."

"A man who loves sharp cheese has been flummoxed if the package he takes home turns out to be mild or even medium sharp cheese," Bull said.

He said sharp cheese is more expensive because it requires an aging period. He added that mislabeling cheese is a violation of Pennsylvania's food law.

Oh, well. What next?

Across The Fence Row

Have A Little Learning

Learn to live with your neighbor, no matter how different he is.

Learn to appreciate those things that cost little or no money, a sunset, a clean stream for fishing, a good novel, a hike in the woods, the peace of silence, the understanding of a good friend.

Learn to do something, anything — better than anybody else, and be proud of your achievement.

Learn to express your own thoughts, and learn to listen too, for others also think and speak.

Learn to enjoy music, art, drama.

Learn to respect the members of your family even if you may disagree with their opinions. If you want respect, you must give respect.

Learn to keep your wants simple, for then you can not be disappointed.

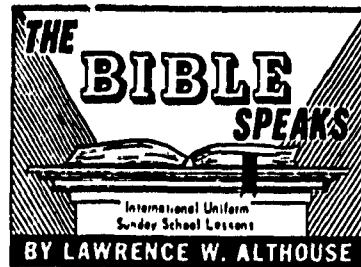
Learn to learn one thing new each day. Imagine what you can learn in a year. Ten years!

Local Weather Forecast

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

The five-day forecast calls for temperatures to average below normal with daytime highs in the 50's and overnight lows in the 30's to low 40's. Colder over the weekend followed by moderating temperatures at the beginning of next week. Colder again Wednesday.

Rain may total one-fourth to one-half inch as showers about Tuesday.



HOME COUNTRY

Lesson for October 27, 1968

Background Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-25, 2:1-17.
Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-12.

"Consider yourself . . . at home!" sings Artful Dodger to Oliver in the musical adaptation of Oliver Twist. For a while, Oliver does just that, making himself "at home" in a group of juvenile petty thieves and pickpockets. He soon realizes, however, that he cannot truly be "at home" there, for there is something better waiting for him.



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There is analogy here for our lives. We are constantly invited and tempted to make ourselves "at home" in this world. Yet the Christian must never forget that there is something better waiting for him. His stay here is but a sojourn, a brief stay.

That is why the writer of 1 Peter calls us "aliens" and "exiles." The two Greek words for these terms, *paroikos* and *paridemos*, describe someone who lives for a while in a country that is not his own. It is but his temporary residence. As one whose ultimate destination is a distant homeland, he must not do anything here that would invalidate his passport to the far country.

Thus the Christian must regard society differently than others. Its morals and values are not necessarily his own. His highest allegiance goes to another kingdom and thus he must be considered a sojourner, an alien. His residence here is but temporary. His citizenship, his passport have been issued elsewhere.

A chosen race

What then is the Christian's valid relationship to society? Shall he ignore the world in which he lives? Shall he hide from it? Seek to remain aloof from it?

No, says Peter. The Christian's alien influence must be felt here. For he is part of "a chosen race." Unlike the biological races of man, he does not become a Christian by virtue of ancestry or heredity. He is part of this

race because God has called him and he has responded. He is invited, not because of what he naturally is, but because of what, by the grace of God, he can become. Responding rightly to this call, he must be different.

We are also "a royal priesthood." "Royal" because we serve Christ the King, and "priesthood" because we are intended to bring others into his service. The priest offers sacrifices and the Christian offers himself sacrificially for the sake of the King and his kingdom.

Christians are part of "a holy nation." To be "holy" means to be set apart from others for a particular purpose. As a "holy nation," therefore, we are a fellowship of those who have been marked for a particular mission in this world.

Finally, we are "God's own people." He has made us, called us, and set us apart so that we might belong to him and serve him alone. It is this loyalty to him above all else that marks us as aliens and exiles wherever we go in this world.

"When in Rome . . ."

All this, of course, has a purpose. We are "a chosen race," "a royal priesthood," a "holy nation," and "God's own people," so that we may be witnesses and agents of the home country in this world of darkness. Though this world is not our final destination, though we owe our allegiance to his kingdom alone, we must faithfully do our work of representation here if we are ever to return to that home country.

"When in Rome," goes the old saying, "do as the Romans do." But the Christian cannot content himself with simply "fitting in." If he is a disciple of Christ he cannot consider himself at home. He regards this world as "a nice place to visit," but he does not really want to live here. He will make it as much like the homeland as possible, but he will be ready to leave for the home country when the call comes.

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Attend The Church of Your Choice Sunday

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Feed Urea Carefully

I'm aware of some toxic experiences when feeding urea to either dairy or beef cattle. This is a synthetic form of protein, cheaper than vegetable or animal proteins being used in grain and forage mixtures. Producers should be certain that the urea is well mixed into the grain or silage and that the animals are exposed to the urea mix gradually. If consumed in too large quantities they can be poisoned.

To Eliminate Cattle Parasites

Both internal and external parasites of cattle have no place in an efficient feeding program, many feeder cattle purchased from climates south of Pennsylvania, and many local cattle, may have heavy stomach worm infestation. A sample of the feces submitted to the local vet-

erian will discover this infection. Body lice are very common on many shipped cattle and should be killed in order to get good gains. The parasite problem needs attention in both dairy and beef herds in order to get efficient production.

To Beware of New Growth

Growers of sudan grass or one of the sudan-sorghums hybrids should not permit their livestock to consume any of the new growth because this may be very high in prussic acid. The light frosts of nearly two weeks ago did stunt some of the growth and the new sprouts should not be consumed. The old growth may be used in the usual manner until we get a killing frost, and then it should not be used for at least 6 to 7 days following the frost and after it is dead and dry.