

From Where We Stand . . .

Don't Spread Your Manure On The Highway

We received word of a Northern Lancaster County Farmer who spread his manure this week. Now that's not news and there is nothing wrong with it. The fall and winter months are the time to do this.

The only problem in this case is that the farmer covered the public road with as thick a coat of manure as he did his field. At least that's what the eye witness reported. Need it be said the witness wasn't at all happy about the condition of the car when it was pulled into the garage.

On first thought, we would be inclined to think the same way. But let's stop and consider the situation a bit. First, there is a law that charges \$50 for littering. Now we suspect that dropping or spreading manure on a public highway is littering.

We think the complaint was justified.

You may think, "Well, I have to take my loaded manure spreader on the road and no one is going to stop me. If those city slickers don't like the smell, let them stay in the smog-filled city."

But even if that doesn't shake you the fact is, we want to sell our milk, meat, eggs and vegetables to our neighbors who have to drive down the road through our stinky slop. And what kind of a public image do you think that creates for our farm produce?

This question must be answered by every farmer who must take a loaded manure spreader on the road. And when he does answer it sensibly, he will keep the spreader covered. Oh, yes, he'll also see to it that the spreading apparatus doesn't become engaged on the way.

It is only a case of treating your neighbors as you would like to be treated yourself. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Chaperone Your Fire

Warm weather has dried out the woods again, perhaps more than the casual observer would realize, the U. S. Forest Service has cautioned. Fire danger in many parts of the U. S. still exists and some areas are especially dry. Hunters and other users of the nation's forests and wildlands are asked to be extra careful.

One of the most frequent causes of fire in the fall is the warming fire. The Forest Service slogan this year is "Chaperone your fire — don't let it go out alone." Because of cool, damp nights, it is easy to be lulled into a false sense of security — thinking a warming fire will go out by itself. But, such fires often spread as temperatures rise and winds pick up during the day.

This fall season, let everyone help protect the invaluable resources of the nation's forests, including wildlife.

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Against The Grain

The people of the United States have always believed in the idea that a day's work was a fair exchange for a day's pay. Apparently, this is one basic thought that is still with us. Recent Gallup Polls have shown that 78 per cent of the American public favors a guaranteed job program so that everyone capable of working might have the opportunity to do so. In contrast to this strong support for guaranteed jobs, only 36 per cent of the people interviewed favor a guaranteed annual income. To the average person, the great drawbacks to government paying everybody a certain minimum income still seem to be two-fold. The cost, added to present welfare programs growing bigger every day, would be the last thing the nation's finances could stand, and politically it would be highly unlikely that the hundreds of local, state and federal welfare programs would be dropped or cut back. Secondly, something for nothing has never encouraged anybody yet to work harder to help himself, and so far that is the only way anybody has ever gotten out of poverty.

We are told that the millennium is coming when all the work in the country will be done by machines and most of us will have the burden of finding uses for our leisure time. So far, most of us haven't been troubled with this situation and find the idea of guaranteeing everybody an income as a matter of right, whether they work or not, thoroughly nonsensical.

Across The Fence Row

A salesman, trying to sell a housewife a home freezer, pointed out, "you can save enough on your food bills to pay for it."

"That's fine," answered the woman. "But you see we're paying for our car on the carfare we save. Then, we're paying for our washing machine on the laundry bills we save, and we are paying for our house on the rent we are saving. It looks to me like we just can't afford to save any more at the present time."

Many a man carves a name for himself, while others prefer to chisel.

Maturity is knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech.

The man who moved the mountain began by carrying away small stones.
— Chinese proverb.

Youth And Age

"Son," said a father to his growing boy, "just remember one thing. I know a lot more about being young than you do about being old."

"The Man of The Hour" is usually the feller who made every minute count.

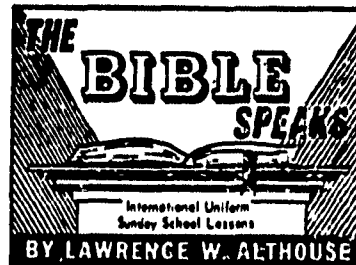
That breaking a mirror causes seven years' bad luck is utter nonsense — you should get pretty well squared away in no more than five years.

Local Weather Forecast

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

The five-day forecast calls for temperatures to average near normal with daytime highs in the mid 40's to 50's and overnight lows in the upper 30's. Cool over the week-end with moderation at the end of the period. Normal high-low for the period is 54-36.

Precipitation may total one-fourth inch as showers or snow flurries about Saturday and showers at the end of the period.



WHO FORGETS?

Lesson for November 10, 1968

Background Scriptures: 2 Peter.
Devotional Readings: 2 Peter 1:12-21.

One night several years ago I ran out of gas on the Taconic Parkway between Poughkeepsie and New York City. By day the Taconic Parkway is a beautiful and scenic ride through the rolling country of Westchester



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and foothills of the Catskill Mountains; by night it is one of the darkest and loneliest of thoroughfares. Fortunately, a few minutes after I coasted to a standstill, a state police car came up behind me and the patrolman offered to push me some seven miles down the road to the state police barracks where he would telephone a gas station for me. When we reached the exit that led to the barracks, I pulled my car off the road to wait while the officer went ahead to phone for a service truck.

Because someone forgets!

An hour and fifteen minutes went by and help had still not come. My companions and I had waited patiently at first, but as the night grew colder we began to be concerned. Had the policeman forgotten us, someone wondered? Oh no, we were certain he wouldn't have done that. But when another twenty minutes had passed, I decided to walk to the barracks and find out what had happened to our promise of assistance.

The officer, I found, was not there! He had been sent on another call and, in his haste, had apparently forgotten about us. Understandable, but how unpleasant to wait for help that doesn't come because someone has forgotten you!

This was a feeling shared by some Christians in the early years of the Christian Church. The Apostle Paul had taught the Church to expect that Christ would "return" in the near future. They had thus looked eagerly for his coming. Yet, he did not come and some of them began to ask: "What has happened to the promise?" Had Paul been mistaken? (Actually, Paul had somewhat revised his expectation.) Was Jesus still to return? Had he forgotten them? What kind of hope were they to hold to in these times of hardship and persecution?

Always scoffers

The letter we know as 2 Peter was written to answer these people. First of all, says the writer, Christians must understand that the presence of scoffers does not mean that the Christian Hope will not be fulfilled. There have always been scoffers and there always will be those who jeer at the faith and expectations of others. So what else is new?

Remember the past experiences of those who have waited upon the Lord. Remember the scoffers who ridiculed Noah and his "silly" ark. How they made fun of his conviction of imminent world destruction. How long he waited for that assurance to be fulfilled—but it did come!

Our problem, of course, is that God does not measure time as we do. What to us seems many years of waiting is for him but a "second," a minute interval in eternity. Our impatience is understandable, for we see things in the perspective of the short-run, while his is a long-run view.

What of our promise?

We need to remember that others in other times have also been disheartened by long waiting. Tyrannical men and fearsome powers have risen up to threaten both the Church and civilization, yet in the long-run, none of them have prevailed. In his own good time, God has swept away the Ghengis Khans, the Alexanders, the Cyruss, the Caesars, the Napoleons, the Hitlers, the Stalins and so many others. These "giants" have all turned to dust while God and his kingdom have continued on to the final fulfillment.

God will keep his promise, but what of us? If we are to wait patiently, that does not mean we are also to wait passively. It is not enough to wait for God to do his part; we must do our part too. No, God does not forget; we do!

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Keep Good Farm Records
The end of the calendar year is approaching when many sets of books will have to be closed out and evaluated. Farmers need accurate records the same as other business concerns and time should be spent in keeping these accounts and in using them to make plans for the future.

To Winterize Cars and Trucks
Cold weather is just around the corner and all farm vehicles and motors need some special attention. Not only is anti-freeze needed in motors but batteries must be checked, heating systems, and winter-tread tires may be needed. All of these items need attention before the first blizzard or the first zero weather.

To Grind New Corn Often
Many farmers are using the new corn crop for their livestock and if special care is not used, this ground earcorn will heat and spoil in a few days. How long it will hold without heating depends upon the moisture content; the ground mix-

ture should be closely observed to learn how often the new corn should be ground and mixed. Moldy corn will cause digestible trouble in cattle and may poison them.

Conservation Essay Contest For 4-H Members Announced

The 4-H Soil and Water Conservation Essay Contest, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, was announced this week. The top three winners will receive \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 US Savings Bonds respectively.

Any 4-H member may enter. The essay should be 200 to 300 words in length written on 8½" x 11" paper. It may include pictures of good conservation practices and should deal with methods, value, purpose and importance of saving our natural resources.

The essay is due in the Lancaster County Extension Office by November 19.

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