

# From Where We Stand . . .

## Some Balance Needed

The growing population of the United States makes it imperative that shortsighted, piece-meal and often times irrational approaches to the use of the nation's land resources not be allowed to distort long-range development of national land-use policies.

Many conservation groups apparently do not realize that modern timber management techniques based on multiple use of the land combine harvesting of mature trees with reforestation and availability of the land for all the recreational activities — hiking, camping, fishing, hunting and plain unadulterated enjoyment of the outdoors. Some exceptional areas should be left untouched — but locking up vast chunks of the nation's forest lands in wilderness areas is not the whole answer to conservation. As a timber industry spokesman put it, the forest products industry today practices "more sound conservation in the public interest through multiple use of forest lands than any other element in American society."

The impression often given is that planting, growing, harvesting and converting forest resources exploits our national wealth, damages our environment or degrades the quality of beauty in American life is entirely erroneous. The industry spokesman emphasized that millions of Americans in all 50 states "derive their fundamental livelihoods from reforestation, timber management, timber harvesting and manufacture, distribution and use of more than 3,000 products provided by wood."

The forest industries today are not destroying our forests but are replanting them across the nation, and doing it with full recognition of the public's need for access to these lands for recreational enjoyment. Balanced land use with full recognition of the role of the forest products industry in achieving it has become a national necessity. The public interest demands that it be recognized.

## Sickening To Contemplate

Barron's National Business and Financial Weekly recently carried a feature article recounting the manner in which federal war on poverty funds have been used to maintain criminal youth organizations. Barron's allegations are too important to be passed over lightly. One such poverty fund supported organization has been charged by a U. S. Congressman with being deeply implicated in the pillage of Washington, D. C. last spring. And in the opinion of Barron's, "The war on poverty is really a war on society. Taxpayers owe it no allegiance." The words of the Congressman are even stronger. "to vote funds for agencies and policymakers who lack basic moral and spiritual judgment, makes as much sense as giving the keys to the Treasury to every thug and footpad in the country."

At the present time, according to one authority, the average individual works all day Monday and half of Tuesday of each week just to pay the tax collector. Even the possibility that part of this day-and-a-half of work contributed to government each week may be going for the support of militant gangsterism in the guise of war on poverty is sickening to contemplate.

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## Oh, Well!

A New York restaurant has celebrated its 100 years of operation by serving meals for one day at their 1868 prices. Here is the 100-year-old price list: corned beef and cabbage, 4 cents; veal cutlet, 5 cents; beef steak, 4 cents; roast chicken, 10 cents; pie, 2 cents, coffee, 1 cent. During its one-day centennial observance, the restaurant lost \$5,000 for one very obvious reason. The meal that cost 12 cents a hundred years ago is now \$9.50. Another indication of the decline in the value of the dollar is the current "living wage" which is estimated at about \$125 per week for an average American family. In 1904, a Committee of the Chicago Bureau of Charities agreed that no family could live comfortably on less than one dollar a week per capita.

Oh, well!

## The Coming Of Winter

The changing of the seasons since time immemorial has lent its rhythm to the pattern of human life. Winter will come officially on December 21. To much of the nation it will bring a time of icicles and snow, of whistling winds and frosty cheeks, of lamp-light and the comfort of a warm fire on the hearth. For most of us, these will be some of the experiences and pleasures of winter. For others who live in sections of the nation where winter never really comes, this will be one of the busiest times of the year, with millions of people visiting on winter vacations in search of the sun.

On the shortest day of December this year, when winter arrives in the land, let us welcome it. It brings its challenges and its joys, but most of all, it brings the change that lends the spark and the spice to life.

## Across The Fence Row

Notice the pin. Its head keeps it from going too far.

## Farm Calendar

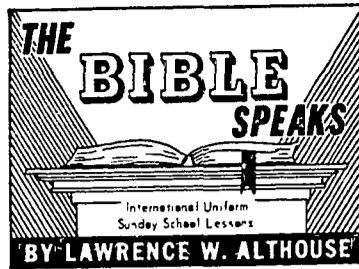
- Tuesday, December 17**  
7:00 p.m. — Garden Spot Young Farmer Meet, Vo-Ag Room. (Electricity On The Farm)  
7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmer Meet, Vo-Ag Room (Where To Market)  
7:30 p.m. — Farm and Home Board Meets, Farm and Home Center  
7:30 p.m. — Marheim Young Farmers meet, Vo-Ag Room (How Reporting of Agriculture Crops and Livestock is Done)
- Wednesday, December 18**  
7:30 p.m. — Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Meet, Lincoln Independent School Bldg. (What's New in Tobacco Production)
- Thursday, December 19**  
10:30 a.m. — Holstein Planning Meet, Carlisle  
7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmer Meet, Vo-Ag Room (Year end Planning and Tax Management)
- Friday, December 20**  
12:00 Noon — Pa. Young Farmers Inc. meet, Farm and Home Center
- Saturday, December 21**  
9:00 a.m. — 4-H Angus Calves distributed from New Holland Sales Barn

## 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 below normal with daytime highs 35 to 40 and overnight lows in the low 20's. Turning colder over the week-end and continuing cold through the remainder of the period.

Precipitation may total greater than one-half inch water equivalent occurring as rain Saturday and snow flurries over the interior sections Sunday, and as snow or snow flurries toward the end of the period.



**THAT DAY!**  
Lesson for December 15, 1968

Background Scripture: Revelation 4 through 5, 7. Devotional Reading: Revelation 4:1-11

An American soldier who spent two and a half years as a prisoner of war in North Korea was asked how he kept going and what gave him the will to live when so many of his buddies were dying of despair. He replied that when things became difficult — which was almost always — he forced himself to daydream into the future, a future that saw the war over and his return home to be with his family.



Rev. Althouse

"When I got hungry," he said, "I dreamed of the meals I'd have with my family when I got home." When he was cold in his cell, he looked ahead to the warmth of the house he planned to build. When he felt particularly lonely, he tried to envision both his wife and the child he hadn't seen since his son's first birthday. When there were long periods without any mail from home — one of the tactics of his captors — he would imagine conversations he would some day have with friends and loved ones. These daydreams were not idle wishes or hopes, he maintained, for to him they were a foretaste of a future which would be his if he refused to give up and die.

### Thy kingdom come

The writer of Revelation had a similar experience. He too was facing a time of danger and despair, and he too gained strength for the present by looking to the future. The future to which he looked was the final completion of God's plan and purpose for the world. For him also this future was no idle wish or hope; it was something which he believed had been revealed to him by God.

There is one important difference between his experience and that of the American soldier referred to above: the writer of Revelation saw the future in poetic

and symbolic images rather than the real-life daydreams of the soldier. Secondly, while the soldier's daydreams were of help to him alone, the writer of Revelation believed these things were given to him by God to share with others.

When we read Revelation, therefore, we must not get bogged down in the literal details of the visions, but must constantly seek to get behind the visions to the messages they bear. Too many people get lost in this book, failing to "see the forest for the trees."

### Multitudes!

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude . . ." (Revelation 7:9) John's attention shifts from the discouraging scene about him to the vision of the future. Here he sees, not the churches bending under the burden of persecution, but the great gathering in heaven of those who have been redeemed by Christ. It is not the present that occupies him, but the "last days" when God will fulfill his plan for his creation. He sees multitudes, people so numerous that they cannot be counted.

This vision brings him hope, a hope he must share with other Christians who need encouragement. These small communities of Christians scattered here and there often feel isolated and impotent, but in his vision he catches a glimpse of the innumerable company of Christians who will stand with him in that great "day."

### Promise of victory

There is another reason for encouragement. His world — like ours — is a divided world. Yet, on that day which his vision foresees, there will be no more barriers between men. People from all nations and races will be there. Different cultures, languages, and customs may separate us today, but these barriers will not survive that "day."

Greatest of all, however, is the encouragement that comes with the vision of Christ's ultimate victory for God's kingdom. For that reason, the Christian, even in the midst of great darkness, can still behold the vision of that day and declare: "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."

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**NOW IS THE TIME . . .**

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**To Control Muskrats**  
Farm Pond owners will find that muskrats can do considerable damage to the bank structure of a farm pond if left uncontrolled for several years. This would be the best time of the year to trap these rodents in order to receive some income from their pelts. Muskrats will dig into the banks of the pond and over a period of years will drain the water from the pond. Invite the youth of your family or of neighbors to trap these muskrats if the owner does not desire to do so.

### To Control Internal Parasites

All types of livestock are likely to possess stomach worms that will reduce their vitality; this is usually more severe in young animals, under a year of

age, than in more mature livestock. Samples of the feces from the animal submitted to your local veterinarian will determine the amount of infection. Don't expect high production or efficient gains from worm-infested animals.

### To Evaluate Farm Records

This would be a good time of the year to spend some time analyzing farm records; not only to determine the extent of profit or loss, but as a means of planning future enterprises. Expansion programs should be founded on accurate records of the particular line of production over the past several years. Good farm records are very important and should be evaluated in order to do better farm planning for the future.