

# From Where We Stand . . .

## Farm Show Time

Next week, all roads lead to Harrisburg — that is if the usual bad Farm Show Weather doesn't close them.

Farmers and their families and friends along with a host of their city cousins will gravitate toward the capitol city of the commonwealth for the state's annual mid-winter extravaganza.

Billed as showing the "Quality and Efficiency in Pennsylvania's Agriculture", the 53rd annual staging of the show will portray many of the changes taking place in the farming industry that keep it abreast with other space age industries.

The Farm Show is assured of another "full house" when it opens officially on Monday. A total of 1,740 head of livestock and 2,268 poultry entries were accepted by closing date. The leading department from the standpoint of entry numbers is once again the dairy cattle division with 474 open entries and 203 junior entries slated to compete for more than \$20,000 in premiums.

New additions to the show this year cover a wide variety of items, from the addition of Charolais beef breeding cattle to the expansion of horse competition to include a six-horse hitch class with premiums.

The expanded poultry exhibit of last year's show proved so popular it will again be featured with an added kitchen staffed by home economists to demonstrate the preparation of egg and poultry dishes throughout the week.

A new parking lot identification system will be in effect with the names of Pennsylvania counties placed on the light standards to identify areas of the huge 45 acre parking lot. But don't worry if you can't get into or find the part marked Lancaster County. Officials say the signs don't mean you must park there or even will be able to. They just think you will be able to find your car better by this system when you are ready to head for home.

If you think the place is crowded when you get there, just think about the 96 business firms who would have liked to exhibit their products but found space unavailable. Under present conditions, it takes at least four to five years for the application of a commercial exhibitor to reach the top of the waiting list. The minimum space desired by exhibitors on the current list would require an additional structure equal to the size of the hog and sheep barns.

Judging of livestock in the large arena during the day will give way at night to entertainment including a State Police rodeo, folk dance festival and contest, horse pulling contests and 4-H and FFA tractor driving contests.

So, let's go. It should be another great one. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand

### LEAD PHOTO PAGE 1

**GETTING READY FOR THE FARM SHOW.** Across Lancaster County in the past weeks many exhibits were being prepared for the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. The Herr's in the L. F. Photo above, are no exception. Susie, 10 nearest the camera had the Reserve Champion Hereford at the recent 4-H District show so she helps the rest of the family get ready for Harrisburg. Larry, 18, is taking his Shorthorn, Elaine, 16, (center) has an Angus and Nancy, 12, will show a Hereford. The youth's are son and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herr, 840 Penn Grant Road.

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## Be Safe On The Way

On the road to the Farm Show next week it might be a good idea to keep in mind the ten commandments of the road that professional truck drivers throughout the country follow:

—Check brakes, lights and other equipment before starting out, and periodically during each trip.

—Park all personal problems at the curb when starting to drive.

—When on the road, observe all state laws and respect the laws of nature governing momentum, deceleration, centrifugal force and gravity.

—Watch out for children and pedestrians.

—Don't tailgate. Keep enough distance between your vehicle and the one ahead to allow faster vehicles to pass. Make every proper effort to permit following traffic to pass on long grades and permit delayed traffic to pass at the top of a long grade.

—Never debate the right-of-way — give it!

—Never take a drink while on the road or before starting a trip.

—Don't fight sleep. If drowsy, get off the road and take a short rest.

—Don't hesitate to slack off and be ready to stop the instant potential danger appears. Drive so that your vehicle is under control at all times.

—Give other motorists the breaks that you wish he'd give you.

You will have a better chance to get safely to Harrisburg and home again if you do. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

## From Sublime To Impossible

It must be recognized that all people are not the same, certainly not males and females. Between these two, there has been a fairly well recognized difference for quite a number of years, and it is doubtful if anyone, even a federal bureaucrat, would really want to change the situation. Nevertheless, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has ruled that newspapers may no longer separate classified job advertisement under male and female headings. The American Newspaper Publishers Association has joined a major newspaper in bringing suit to set aside this ruling, which would quite obviously make it more difficult for a person seeking employment to scan job listings and find positions for which he could appropriately apply.

There remain broad fields in which special qualifications are needed and justifiable. If a hotel wants a 6-foot doorman because he would best fill the job and the need, there is no reason why the company should be made to consider an airline hostess for the job. And if a farmer wants a hired man we don't see why he must consider a hired girl either. We think the boss should at least have some rights.

As one spokesman for the newspaper industry puts it, "If one government bureau is able to declare there is a common labor market for a common sex, some other bureau surely will declare there must be common or desegregated rest rooms." And so bureaucracy moves inexorably from the sublime to the ridiculous to the totally impossible.

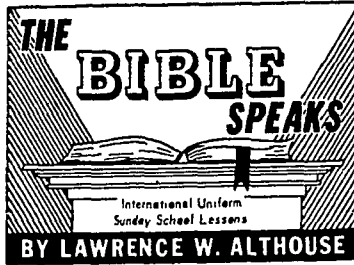
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## Local Weather Forecast

(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 much below normal with daytime highs in the 20's to low 30's and overnight low readings from 5 above to the teens. Quite cold throughout the period. Normal high-low readings are 39-24.

Precipitation may total one-fourth inch water equivalent as snow about Tuesday.



## THE AUTHORITY

Lesson for January 12, 1969

Background Scripture Mark 1:21-45  
Devotional Reading Mark 1:35-42

Several years ago a local church youth group invited an ear-eye-nose-and-throat specialist to speak on the subject, "Cigarettes And Health." The physician cited impressive statistics which indicated that smoking is injurious to health. He quoted leading medical periodicals and journals and displayed charts and graphs that illustrated what he was saying.



When he was finished with the presentation, there followed a question-and-answer period. One youth asked a question that seemed quite foolish: "Do you smoke?" he wanted to know. The doctor hesitated for a moment, a sheepish smile creeping across his face. At last he said, "Yes, I do, though I know I shouldn't." No more questions were asked. That one query had damaged his authenticity.

### How can you be sure?

There are many authorities to whom we turn for help in our daily living. Yet how often we are dismayed to find that these people lack authenticity and credibility. In a court trial it is not uncommon to find both the plaintiff and the defendant employing authorities representing the same profession to substantiate conflicting interpretations of fact. Which authority is the jury to believe? Which is authentic?

This is no less true in our search for a valid faith. People often ask: "The Buddhist says this, the Moslem says that, and the Christian says something else: how do we know which is the true faith?" When authorities cannot agree, how can we find the truth? And, having found it, how can we be sure it is really the truth?

The answer, of course, is that we cannot be certain beyond all doubt. It is truly said that you can often "prove" anything with statistics if you know how to

manipulate them to your own advantage. As we search for truth, then, we look, not only for those who can give us convincing data, but authorities who can also communicate some degree of authenticity.

### . . . And not as Scribes

This explains the otherwise strange comment in Mark 1:22, "And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." (RSV) The scribes should have been the authorities. Educated in the intricacies of Hebrew scriptural law, they supported their teachings and pronouncements by quoting the learned scribes and professors who were acknowledged as authorities.

Jesus, on the other hand, had not the impressive training and education of the scribes. He could not cite learned rabbis as the sources of his interpretations. Yet it was his teaching that astonished the people. There was in him an authenticity which the scribes, for all their certification, could not muster.

### The power of truth

An American philosopher once posed this question to himself: "If Jesus and Plato were to return to earth for just one hour and were scheduled to lecture on the same campus, which one would I go to hear?" After wrestling with the question for a while, he concluded that he would forgo hearing even so great a man as Plato speaking on the truth, when he might listen to One who was the Truth.

There are many authentic voices that speak for truth in our world, but there is but One who is the Truth. His voice is authentic and authoritative because he is the embodiment of all that he teaches. Thus, when the amazed people say of him, "What is this? A new teaching!," they are awed, not only by his words, but by his power.

The words of Christ are impressive, but it is the power behind them, the matchless example of his own life, that makes them authentic and gives them the ring of truth.

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## Attend The Church of Your Choice Sunday



## NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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### To Order Quality Seeds

The time is here when all types of seeds should be ordered in order to get quality and adapted varieties. Certified seed is usually the best buy even though it may cost more at the beginning, quality seeds will be more free from weeds and diseases and have the bred-in ability to produce maximum yields. The time for making the broadcast seeding of alfalfa or clover in winter grain is only 6 to 8 weeks away. Place seed orders early in order to get the best.

### To Ventilate and Insulate

Barns that are filled to capacity with livestock may need both ventilation and insulation. The exhaust fan system of ventilating is recommended to remove the moisture and the foul

air. Insulation in both the ceiling and side walls may be needed to prevent condensation and dripping. When warm air strikes a cold surface moisture is deposited, and both the production of the animals and the life of the barn are reduced.

### To See You at State Farm Show

The Pennsylvania State Farm Show is the largest indoor agricultural exhibits of its kind in the country. There's something there for every farmer and for every person in this part of the country; if it's not the livestock or the crops for the farmers, it is the new machinery; for the non-farm folks we suggest the many commercial exhibits topped with a hoggie and a baked potato. See you at Farm Show.