

# From Where We Stand . . .

## Many Points Well Taken

The Honorable D. Elmer Hawbaker, Senator of the 33rd District of Pennsylvania, made some comments in his speech to the 40th Annual FFA Convention in Harrisburg this week that we think are worth recording here. The Senator referred to the recent demonstrations in the capitol building of people on welfare who thought they should have an extra \$50 for Christmas. "We were not too impressed," he said.

But he said he did wish these people could live next door to some 4-H or FFA members for awhile. "They would be better citizens if they did," he said.

"Most people get into trouble because they are bored and have nothing to do," he commented. Referring to his childhood, the senator said his mother taught him that an idle mind was the Devil's Workshop. "You fellows," he said, referring to the FFA youth's crowded into the Forum, "have the chance to put the classroom teaching into a practical learning experience. And you learn the effect of earnings in relationship to effort.

Giving the illustration of a cow having a calf and the resulting decision to sell the calf and take a vacation or raise the calf for another cow, Hawbaker said a lot of people in our country have been selling their calves and now they are looking around at those who have raised their calves and see the resulting wealth. So, now they are going to government to say, "Give me something. After-all, every one is equal."

Quoting Jefferson, the senator said the only function of government should be to keep people from hurting one another. "If our state government limited itself to this," Hawbaker said, "the only tax we would need would be the one on cigarettes and we would still have a large sum left over."

"But government is used to distributing wealth and that's when you get into trouble," he said. "You can't distribute what hasn't been produced. The only way to do away with poverty is not spelled M-O-N-E-Y," the senator said. "It is spelled W-O-R-K," he said.

The senator concluded by giving a formula for success that was handed down through his family for four generations. It is: 1, Live close to God; 2, Be a good neighbor; 3, Work hard; and 4, Save your money. The senator had a very appropriate message with many points well taken. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

## Preserve Land For Agriculture

The following statement by the local Soil and Water Conservation District was presented in Harrisburg this week at the Preservation of Ag Land Hearings We agree with and support this text and present it here for your consideration

"The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District considers land a most important natural resource. Nearly all future growth depends on land.

"In the future, the manner in which land is used will, to a great degree, determine the quality of our environment.

"Forward looking planning at all levels is needed to assure future growth to be channeled in proper directions to avoid the problems of urban sprawl, helter-skelter

suburbia, and horrendous traffic congestion presently besetting our urban society.

"The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District recommends the development of a "Land-Use Policy for Pennsylvania". It is further recommended that this policy should be implemented by new State enacted legislation.

"Development of such a land-use policy should include the thinking of representatives of real estate brokers, home builders, manufacturing and transportation interests. In addition, counsel should be sought from professional planners, others engaged in the professions, those engaged in agriculture and from sportsman associations.

"The contribution of agriculture needs to be given careful study. Agriculture's role in providing open space, recreation, and the total value of agribusiness to the economy of an area, needs to be given careful consideration.

"Agribusiness is Pennsylvania's second largest industry amounting to 14 billion dollars annually. Agribusiness provided jobs for 2.1 of the 4.6 million Pennsylvanians employed. Agribusiness pays in wages 9.5 billion dollars annually in Pennsylvania. We have in Pennsylvania a 4 billion dollar food processing industry providing jobs for 8% of the manufacturing work force in the State.

"Land used in agricultural production can be quickly and cheaply converted to some future vital use not now recognized. Agricultural land provides open space and many recreational possibilities.

"For these reasons it is important to provide a favorable social and economic climate to encourage farmers to continue farming and make the heavy investments and take the risks necessary to keep their businesses viable. A zoning ordinance could label an area "for farming only", but this would not guarantee that the land would be farmed.

"In conclusion let us always bear in mind that, unlike people or even fish, land does not breed, it can be killed by human activity by the building of houses, roads and airports, because it is cheaper, quicker, and less trouble than to explore the alternatives."

## Farm Calendar

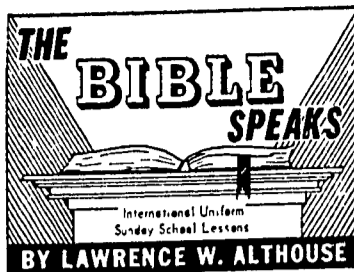
- Monday, January 20**  
1 00 p m—Lehigh Valley Farmer Co op meet, Blue Ball Fire Hall.
- Tuesday, January 21**  
12 Noon—DHIA Annual meet, Farm and Home Center.  
7 30 p m—Manheim Young Farmer meeting, School Vo-Ag Room  
7 30 p m—Ephrata Young Farmer meeting, School Vo-Ag room  
7 30 p m—Central Area Tractor Club meet, Farm and Home Center  
7 30 p m—Farm and Home Foundation Directors meet, Farm and Home Center
- Wednesday, January 22**  
6 30 p m—Farm and Home Foundation completion Fund Kick Off' Farm and Home Center  
7 30 p m—Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program Lincoln Independent School Building  
8 00 p m—Farm Management Meet Farm and Home Center
- Thursday, January 23**  
7 30 p m—Farm and Home Foundation Ed meet, Farm and Home Center  
7 30 p m—Garden Spot Young Farmer meet, School Vo-Ag Room
- Friday, January 24**  
8 00 p m—Northern Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation meet, Hinkletown Church

## 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 above normal with little day to day change. The daytime highs are expected in the mid 30's to mid 40's and overnight lows in the 20's to low 30's. The normal high-low is 39-23.

Precipitation may total one-half inch as rain over the weekend and again at the end of the period.



## BAD COMPANY

Lesson for January 19, 1969

Background Scripture: Mark 2:1 through 3:6.  
Devotional Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14.

A young minister was asked to leave his congregation for what local church officials termed "conduct unbecoming a minister of Jesus Christ." This "unbecoming" conduct was a reference to the clergyman's attempt to minister



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to some of the "disreputable people" of the community. He had been seen in the company of some who were known in the community as "the roadhouse crowd." Some of these people had been noticed entering the parsonage and a few had even come to church on a few occasions (until it became apparent that they were not wanted).

### "That kind of people"

First the pastor was given a warning and then an ultimatum. Either he would cease this work or he would no longer be welcome. The pastor, the officials said, represents the congregation and cannot afford to do or say anything that might bring discredit upon it. A "Man of God", they said, would not associate with that kind of people, lest he set a bad example or fall victim to their influence.

These arguments seem reasonable enough. Yet, when we turn to Jesus, we find that he himself was criticized for his association with known sinners and other disreputable people. Not only did he refuse to shun these people, but he went where they were and sought them out. He visited in their homes and sat with them at their tables. It often seemed that he preferred their company to that of the respectable people and religious authorities.

"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" demanded the scribes of his disciples, (Mark 2:16 RSV). A respectable Jew was to have no social contact whatever with known sinners or Jews who were not exacting in their observance of the laws of

Judaism. If one associated with people such as these, he contaminated his own righteousness and purity. To enter the house of or break bread with such a person was unthinkable. Thus we can understand why the scribes were so shocked and outraged at Jesus's actions.

### Who needs physician?

He rejected their criticisms, however, and refused to alter his ministry to these people. True, they were sinners, but he had come to save sinners. You do not send a physician to someone who is well, but to someone who is ill. How could he reconcile these people to God if he could not associate with them and go where he could find them? On the other hand, he said with tongue-in-cheek, his critics did not need him, for they regarded themselves as righteous men and he had no ministry to the righteous!

The scribes could not help but notice that the words of Jesus were more than just a defense of his own actions. They were also an implied condemnation of their own hypocrisy. If they were really as righteous as all that, why weren't they ministering to sinners? Seeing Jesus sit with sinners, they asked: What are you doing in there? But in effect Jesus replied by asking: What are you doing out there?

Jesus implied that these pious people actually enjoyed condemning sinners rather than in reconciling them to God. Condemnation is always easier than redemption. It helps us to feel more secure if we can find someone else to condemn. Yet even Jesus, who of all men had the right to judge others, came "not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17).

### Not to condemn

Professor Wilson of Edinburgh said that he frequently thanked the Lord that he never lost his taste for "bad company." In that he was like his Master, who never, despite the threats and opposition of his critics, swerved from his ministry to those who needed him and the Good News.

Many Christians and churches today seem to have lost their taste for "bad company," and with it their mission to those who need the Master. What of you and your church?

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## NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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### To Do Farm Planning:

Modern farming is a business and requires careful planning months ahead of time of action. During the next month all plans should be made for the 1969 cropping season and other farm enterprises. The 1968 farm records should be utilized as a guide for what to do in the future.

### To Buy Machinery Carefully:

And, now that many farmers have inspected the new machinery that was exhibited at the Farm Show this past week no doubt the urge to trade the old model for a new one is getting quite strong. This might be the economical thing to do in many cases, but let's be sure the new machinery is needed, that it is the proper size (not too big).

and that it will pay for itself in the next ten years.

### To Increase Production Per Unit:

Many farmers are increasing the size of their business in order to increase net profits. This might work in some cases, but more volume does not always mean more profit. Good management toward efficiency and maximum production of present units is necessary on all farms before expansion may be expected to give greater net returns. Good management must exist on any size farm before maximum returns may be realized.

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