

From Where We Stand . . .

"When Properly Used"

For some years with the advent of the use of pesticides on agriculture, emotional prophets of doom forecast the wiping out of birds, animals, fish and the poisoning of man and his children. Gradually, as the emotionalism subsided, pesticides were recognized for what they were — another evolutionary step forward in the science of agriculture. Education as to the proper use of pesticides goes forward, led by the pesticide industry and appropriate government agencies. This educational effort is worldwide.

An indication of the progress made in teaching people about proper handling of these chemical aids to food and fiber production may be gained from a recent news release in a British publication, the Manchester Guardian. It says: "Five thousand tons of pesticides are used each year in this country but, in spite of their highly toxic nature, there have been no human deaths from occupational pesticide poisoning during the past 10 years . . ."

So far as the U.S. is concerned, an article in a late issue of The Farm Quarterly lays the cards on the table. It says: "Pesticides have an enormous safety margin when properly used." But, "Pesticides, like automobiles and firearms, can be, and are, used improperly." The article further points out that information on proper pesticide use comes from intensive, professional studies made by manufacturers, the USDA, the Public Health Service, the American Medical Association and various state and private organizations.

Many of the conveniences and necessities used by man have always been potentially hazardous — even the horse and buggy. But, we cannot get along without them and, as The Farm Quarterly points out, in the case of pesticides, as in most other implements of modern daily life, safety lies in the key phrase, "when properly used."

The Poor Get Poorer

As government gets bigger in proportion to the growth of the population and the productive capacity of the people, the rising cost of supporting it must be spread over the backs of more and more people. The old saw about soaking the rich is an empty phrase. There aren't enough of them. The poor also pay taxes, and if inflation and the cost of government continue to rise, the ranks of the poor will increase. This is as certain as night following day. The wealth of the rich is like the proverbial fly speck on a barn door compared to current government spending and borrowing. Payment for multibillion dollar government programs must be drawn mainly from the limited resources of the majority of citizens — including those in the lower income brackets.

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published figures showing that taxes take 34 per cent of annual family incomes under \$3,000, because of rising income taxes, social security levies, state and local sales and property taxes. Tax experts, economists and other authorities are now trying to figure out a way to relieve the poor of part of their tax burden. In the meantime, taxes continue to go up as the cost of government continues to grow. Anyone who doubts this has merely to look at the recommendation Gov. Shafer gave the Pennsylvania General Assembly this week. He calls for a 25 percent increase in state spending that would total \$2,521,836,000, an increase of nearly \$500 million over the last budget. And he favors a 3 percent personal income tax.

Isn't it about time we started in the direction of decreasing government as a distributor of wealth? Isn't it time government started living within its means. We can't expect businessmen or farmers to create jobs for the unemployed if even more of their incentive is taken away by a state graduated income tax. Senator Hawbaker recently said the secret of over-coming poverty is work, not money. We agree.

There is only one way to relieve the tax burden for the poor, as for everyone else. And that is to trim back on government spending and debt.

And the only way to trim government spending and debt is to reverse the trend to further decrease the individuals incentive to work as the graduated income tax does. This may mean some people with low incomes (those with only one TV or less) will not get quite as fat a government hand-out check. Instead they may have to work at jobs creative and industrious employers have been able to offer because the incentive to increase profits was present. But that's better than having Pennsylvania or our nation literally taxed to death.

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

Across The Fence Row

A publication of the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation observes, "There are over 200 million Americans in this country, and they are not all bad — as some would make you think. Over 68 million are gainfully employed. There are over 180 million who are not communists. More than 40 million couples will remain married and more than 178 million will not die of cancer. Over 50 million auto drivers will still be alive at the end of this year, and over 2 million new homes are being built to house 2 million happy newlyweds. So . . . CHEER UP . . . your chances of reaching the age of 85 are excellent."

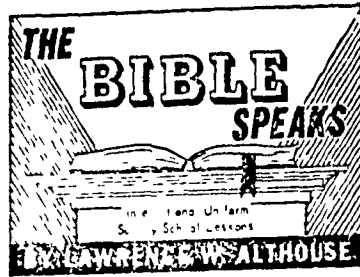
"If talk is cheap, they haven't heard about it in Washington. From Jan. 15 through July 31 of the last session of Congress, a total of 25,098 pages of proceedings and 'extensions of remarks' were printed in the Congressional Record. At \$113 a page, this monument to political baffle-gab cost the taxpayers about \$2.84 million. A lot of it was devoted to speeches lamenting excessive government spending." — Columbia, Tenn., Herald.

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 daytime highs in the mid 40's and over-night lows near 30. Little temperature change is expected except turning colder the middle of next week. Normal high-low is 39-23.

Precipitation may total greater than one-half inch as rain showers Monday or Tuesday.



SMALL EVENTS

Lesson for February 2, 1969

Background Scripture: Mark 3:7-35.
Devotional Reading: Philippians 2:5-13.

A number of years ago on the television program, "This Is Your Life", a man was honored for the influence he had had on scores of lives, particularly upon some people who had become quite prominent. He was overwhelmed by the tributes of those whom he had influenced, for he had never realized the contributions he had made to their lives.

He was particularly amazed at the testimony of a prominent churchman who attributed his vocation to the influence of this man as his Sunday school teacher. "I had no idea . . . no idea," the man said repeatedly.

The end result

Anyone who commits himself to seeking the kingdom of God would do well to heed this story, for it shows how the kingdom operates in our lives. Often we must go about our work for Christ, fulfilling our task, without knowing what will be the end result or even what is the result of that which we have already done.

In his short ministry, Jesus spoke constantly of the kingdom of God (or the kingdom of heaven). Yet, not once can we find him defining that term. He knew how fruitless a definition would be. People could not fully comprehend all that the kingdom meant. Words could not adequately express its meaning. So Jesus spoke of the kingdom in parables, telling stories that illustrated some aspect of the truth about it.

For example, "The kingdom of God," he said, "is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how," (Mark 4:26, 27 RSV). He is saying here that both God and man are essential for

the coming of the kingdom. Man must sow the seeds God gives him, but it is God who causes the seeds to grow. If a man does his part, God will do his. If the Christian is obedient to the task God gives him, he does not have to concern himself with the success or failure of it. It is God who causes the growth to take place.

Humble efforts

The man on "This Is Your Life" did his best to influence the lives of those around him, but he seldom was able to see the results of that work. He might have grown discouraged and given up. But he did his part and left the results in God's hands. Only many years later was he privileged to discover how much good fruit God had been able to bring forth from his humble efforts. Many of us never know what has resulted from our planting.

All of us, then, would do well to remember this, for we too come restless when it seems that our efforts produce no visible results. How often a church school teacher or youth advisor are tempted to quit because they do not seem to be accomplishing anything! Yet, we must remember that it is God alone who does the "accomplishing." As Paul says: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." (1 Corinthians 3:6 RSV).

The greatest

Another parable tells us something else we must know about the kingdom and its growth: "It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs . . . (Mark 4:31, 32 RSV). In other words, Jesus is saying that the kingdom's work may begin in the tiniest form, but, by the grace of God, that humble effort will bear much fruit.

God is not limited by tiny beginnings. Jesus was born in a stable to a humble family; the Church of Jesus Christ began with twelve ordinary men. It is by just such small events as these that God shakes the world and furthers the growth of his kingdom.

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Check That Fire Extinguisher

One thing worse than not having a fire extinguisher is having one and not knowing how to use it or not being sure that it is in good working condition. In case the extinguishers were not checked in the past few months, all farmers are urged to give this some attention. All members of the family and the farming operation should be familiar with the extinguishers and know how to use them without a moment's delay. Don't delay this inspection any longer.

To Use Soft Water

In this limestone section of the county many water supplies are very hard that is they contain large amounts of calcium carbonate. This kind of water requires larger amounts of soap and detergents and the lime deposits will develop in

heater coils. On farms soft water cleans dairy utensils and eggs more economically and the homemakers will be more satisfied with clothes dishes and hand-dos. Water conditioners are available and these concerns will also test water to determine the degree of hardness.

To Use Care With Heat Lamps

During the coming months many swine and sheep producers will be using heat lamps to protect their new born pigs and lambs. This is one economical way to provide heat and eliminate dampness from the pen. Producers are urged to keep the lamp and cord safely away from all animals, support the lamp securely so it does not fall down into the bedding and clean the dust from the lamp frequently. These practices will add to the safety of the heat lamps and prevent serious fire losses.