

## From Where We Stand...

### Closing The Generation Gap

We are deeply concerned with what is going on at our agriculture college — Penn State University — in the way of riots. In the depression years of the early and middle 1930's, a college education was a privilege, often reserved for those with the stamina to work and go to school at the same time. It is exceedingly difficult for people of that generation to view with a great deal of tolerance, the riots and vandalism that are making a shambles of college campuses today — a condition that seems to go along with the assumption that higher education is an inalienable right. How inalienable this right remains may depend on the course of inflation.

The cost of going to school is soaring, and education is among all the other fine social goals threatened by the declining value of the dollar. For example in Oregon, the State Board of Higher Education has revised upward the cost estimates of building projects proposed in 1967. Rising construction costs caused the Board to boost its recommended outlay by hundreds of thousands of dollars in the space of one year, and eventually these additional outlays will be reflected in higher tuition fees and other costs of going to college.

Present day affluence may partially explain the generation gap we hear so much about. But, rising costs of inflation may help close that gap as young people begin to learn that a college education is something to be respected, treasured and earned — not taken for granted.

### Re-examination Needed

One thing President Nixon has done which has met with favor has been to re-examine matters such as welfare payments from top to bottom. Instead of giving snap judgment on these matters, he has his task force re-examine the system from beginning to end.

And that is what we need in Harrisburg today! For if Governor Shafer would do nothing more than re-examine some of the vast expenditures which continue from year to year, he would likely find funds to make up the supposed deficits of today without the need of discussing an income tax along with boosts in other taxes on the books.

And while most of us are concerned over the possibility of a state income tax, a move is on foot to give state legislators a pay boost of from \$7,200 to \$12,000 a year plus an increase in their expense accounts from the current \$4,800 non accountable expense allowance to \$7,000, but the recipients be made to account for every penny.

This salary hike is the substance of recommendations of the Commission for Legislative Modernization, whose 12 members were hand-picked by the legislature, an-

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nounced at Harrisburg earlier this month. A 60 per-cent pay hike seems to be the commission's version of "modernization."

The recommendations were among 56 contained in a report based on a five-month study of the legislative branch of the state government. The commission also recommended that:

1. Legislators give full accounting of all their reimbursable expenditures.
2. A special citizens commission be formed to recommend future salary raises for legislators, judges, the governor and cabinet members.
3. Legislators be required to disclose relevant financial or occupational interests and that lobbyists report their expenses.
4. The number of standing committee in the House and Senate be reduced to 13.
5. Safeguards be taken to insure against legislators voting for absent colleagues.
6. That the legislators' work week be kept at least to or above a three-day minimum for legislative sessions.

The added compensation would cost about \$1.8 million, only a small share of Governor Shafer's budget which was \$493 million in the red.

Most lawmakers stated ways would be sought to cut proposed spending and hopefully, avoid new taxes.

We fail to see how a legislature could now turn around and vote its members the proposed increases.

The Commission admitted that the current salary received by Pa. Lawmakers compares favorably with that paid to legislators in other states. The report said Pennsylvania ranks sixth from the top.

Last year, the Senate was in session only 61 days, the House 54, although, time is spent in committee work, etc.

A more REASONABLE increase may be justified and certainly more easily understood by the electorate.

### Across The Fence Row

Failure is the line of least persistence.

"I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past." Patrick Henry.

Lots of people know a good thing the minute another fellow sees it.

If you think the world owes you a living, hustle out and collect it.

A man who drives while drunk, should carry his coffin in his trunk

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain . . . and most fools do.

"Postage in the past few years has soared, while the quality of service in the post office has deteriorated to a point where customers have every right to be infuriated" — Adams, N.Y., Journal.

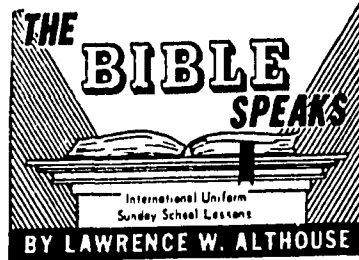
"We Americans have learned we can make a lot of money by charging one another too much for goods and services, but we are making little progress in learning that this kind of money isn't worth much" — Alamo, Texas, News.

### 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 near normal with daytime highs in the 30's to low 40's and overnight lows in the 20's. Little day to day change

Precipitation may total less than one-fourth inch with snow flurries about Tuesday.



### THE MYSTERY

Lesson for March 2, 1969

Background Scripture Mark 8:27 through 9:50.  
Devotional Reading John 16:25-33.

In a sense, the first half of the Gospel according to Mark is a mystery story. Have you noticed? Let me refresh your memory with some of the clues that have appeared along the way.

(1) Up to this point, only the "unclean spirits" of those who are sick in mind have hinted at Jesus' true identity:



And immediately there was in the synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out . . . "I know who you are, the Holy One of God." (Mark 1:23, 24 RSV) (See also Mark 3:11; 5:2-7.)

(2) Whenever he is recognized, Jesus orders the unclean spirits to keep secret his true identity: "But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent and come out of him!'" (Mark 1:25 RSV)

And he strictly ordered them not to make him known. (Mark 3:12 RSV)

(3) He frequently requested silence of those whom he had healed: "And he sternly charged him . . . 'See that you say nothing to anyone.'" (Mark 1:43, 44 RSV) "And he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not even enter the village.'" (Mark 8:26 RSV) (See also 5:19, 43; 7:36)

(4) People frequently wondered who he was, as though they suspected that he was someone more than he appeared to be: "And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?'" (Mark 4:41 RSV) (See also 1:27; 2:12)

Who is this man?

The writer of Mark, then, has been building up a sense of suspense, an aura of mystery so that the reader will ask, or even demand, Really, who is this man? When we reach Mark 8, we have come to the point at which he is ready to begin to shed some

light upon the mystery. The setting is Caesarea Philippi, a less populous area north of Galilee. The disciples, probably assumed that Jesus was taking them there for one of the periodic rests they took when their energies were depleted. There would be no crowds here to follow them about, no scribes and Pharisees to snipe at them with their cynical questions. In this gentle city nestled at the base of Mount Hermon they could catch their breath before going back to their arduous tasks.

If this is what they thought, however, they were wrong. Their sojourn here was to be the climax of Jesus' Galilean ministry. The course of his mission in the days ahead would depend upon their conversations with him in this place.

#### Two questions

Light is shed on the mystery as Jesus asks and the disciples answer two questions. The first of these is the easier of the two: "Who do men say that I am?" (Mark 8:27) The disciples easily remember some of the suggestions that they have heard from the crowds. Some believe him to be a resurrected John the Baptist. There was a similarity in what these two men said concerning the kingdom of God. Others, remembering that Malachi had promised that Elijah would return before the "terrible day of the Lord comes" (Malachi 4:5, 6), identified him thus. Still others saw him as one of the other great Hebrew prophets.

Then Jesus asks the most important question of all: "But who do you say that I am?" It was natural that impulsive Peter should have spoken for all: "You are the Christ (Messiah or 'anointed one')." "How welcome Peter's words must have been to Jesus. He had penetrated the secret; now they were ready to begin the last half of their preparation.

"And he charged them to tell no one about him!" (Mark 8:30) "But why?" the disciples must have wondered. This is the kind of news that one should shout. Why keep it a secret any longer? For the time being at least, they have traded one mystery for another.

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### Attend The Church Of Your Choice Sunday

### NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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#### To Broadcast Legume Seeds

Farmers who are going to make a spring seeding of alfalfa or clover in winter wheat should be planning for this work soon. Research work along with experience indicates that late February or early March seedings have a better chance for a good stand than late March or April seedings. This is with the broadcast method. The seeds should be inoculated and broadcast early in the morning when the air is still and a more uniform seeding should result.

#### To Be Careful With Pesticides

The growing season is approaching when many supplies will be accepted and stored for later use. All food and feed producers are urged to keep all types of chemicals and spray materials away from food and

feed supplies, away from field and garden seeds and most important, out of the reach of children and farm animals. Pesticide safety is very important and all members of the family should be cautioned against the dangers.

#### To Remove Livestock From Pastures

Some pasture fields are used as exercise lots during the winter months; all of these fields become very soft and muddy during the early spring livestock should not be permitted to run over them and damage the grass roots. They will make the area very rough and decrease the grazing capacity of the area later this summer. Keep the animals confined until the frost gets out of the ground and the topsoil becomes firm, and actually producing forage growth.