

From Where We Stand...

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Runners And Keepers Of Farm Tractors!

THOU SHALT diminish thy speed when approaching ditches and upon turning corners, thereby smiting prospects of thee having to support the weight of thy tractor with thine neck.

THOU SHALT proceed slowly on rough or slippery ground or roadways, for otherwise thy tractor may land most painfully atop thee.

THOU SHALT hitch drawbar loads low and forsake wrapping chain or cable about the axle, lest thy tractor wrap itself around its own axle and smother thee beneath.

THOU SHALT without fail present thyself to thy tractor fit and ready to operate it well and safely, and thou shall reap a handsome day's work and good health for the evening meal.

THOU SHALT implore and require thy small sons and daughters (and they neighbor's off-spring) to keep themselves apart and distant from farm machinery.

THOU SHALT refuse to heed the begging of thy small sons and daughters to accompany thee on the tractor, and neither shall thou invite them to so travel.

THOU SHALT not require nor permit thy son to perform tractor tasks without first ascertaining if he is capable enough in body and temperament, and thus satisfied, that he is sufficiently and properly trained to operate a tractor without risk of his precious life.

THOU SHALT without fail interrupt the flow of power before exploring, reaching or poking about to unclog or adjust machinery, particularly if thou treasures thy limbs.

THOU SHALT temper thy speed when crossing slopes and when going up or down hill.

THOU SHALT faithfully cause thine eyes to remain open to discern precisely where thy tractor and thee are going, and furthermore, to spy hidden obstacles and other dangerous hazzards so thou can avoid them before thee and thy tractor suffer misfortune.

THOU SHALT mind thy manners on the roadway, acting with courtesy to highway travelers by not entering the roadway until after thou has halted and established that the way is clear, by always signaling what thou art contriving to next do, and by decorating the rear of thy machinery with a Slow-Moving Vehicle emblem to proclaim to thy brethren behind thee that thou art proceeding slowly along the way.

THOU SHALT render thy tractor out of gear and stoutly set the brakes before dismounting.

THOU SHALT pluck the ignition keys for safekeeping to thwart a curious child from giving life to thy tractor's engine at the risk of his own life and that of others.

THOU SHALT never permit a gear to

turn nor a wheel to roll until all guards and safety devices are in place for, verily, they mean to shield thee from grave harm.

THOU SHALT weight the front of thy tractor to balance it should the drawbar be heavily burdened with such as a two-wheel spreader, and also place upon the rear sufficient weight to effect balance when thy tractor is encumbered with a front-end loader.

THOU SHALT manage thy tractor and front-end loader with skill, traveling about with the bucket low, and forsaking jerky starts and stops and wild changes of direction, for otherwise thy travel may amount to nothing more than a side-ways flop.

THOU SHALT respect thy tractor and keep it well, and not demand more from it than it can deliver, nor require that it labor under burdens better suited to a huskier steed, lest it repay thy maltreatment with low performance, mechanical troubles and accident.

THOU SHALT contain thy temper, even should the day go foul and everything at tempted conspires against thee, as robust anger not only makes the look foolish and exclaim unkind sentiments, but also multiplies thy prospects of coming to grief by accident.

THOU SHALT snuff out the fire of thy tobacco before refueling, and be it known too, that the wise man doth mount upon his tractor a fire extinguisher and first aid kit.

THOU SHALT enlist a protective frame or crush-resistant cab to assist thee in surviving should thy tractor tumble over despite thy good intentions to avoid that predicament.

Tax Loopholes

Taxpayers sweating over income tax forms today might like to read a speech by Rep. Bertram Podell, the Brooklyn Democrat who replaced Abe Multer and his law firm in the House of Representatives.

"Did you pay an avrage tax rate of 25 per cent of your income last year?" asked Podell. "Shed a tear, ungrateful wretch, for persecuted Shell Oil Co. which paid 13.1 per cent of \$342,022,000 in 1967 in the form of federal taxes. Weep for Union Oil Co., who paid 6.3 per cent tax.

"Or how could we forget the terrible fate that overtook Getty Oil Co. in 1967? It earned \$132,762,000 and paid 2.8 per cent in federal taxes. Shall we expand the food stamp program to include starving oil company executives and their ragged families, huddle in pitiful groups on the Riviera and in the Caribbean?

"How can they keep polluting our beaches, killing our wildlife, keeping out cheap foreign oil and taking that 27½ per cent depletion allowance on a pitiful diet of filet mignon, pate de fois gras and 10-year-old whiskey?"

Podell also noted that, in 1967, Standard of New Jersey paid 7.9 per cent tax on net income; Texaco, 1.9 per cent, Gulf, 7.8 per cent; Mobil, 4.5 per cent; Standard of California, 1.2 per cent; and Atlantic, none at all on more than \$145 million of net income.

Across The Fence Row

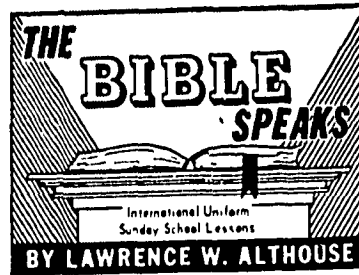
Most teen-agers cannot realize that, in another 20 years, they will be as ignorant as their parents are now.

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 60's and over-night lows in the 40's. Little day to day change is expected. Normal high-low for the period is 65-42.

Rain may total one-fourth to one-half inch as showers Saturday and Sunday.



THE PARTNERSHIP

Lesson for April 20, 1969

Background Scripture Luke 1:14, 1 Corinthians 2:9-16, 2 Corinthians 4:7, 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21, Revelation 1:14.

In his book, *That Other America*, John A. Mackay tells of a church that came into being without any contact whatsoever with any other congregation, denomination, or organized church group. It began almost fifty years ago when an illiterate Negro selling Bibles passed through the Coffee Mountain area of Brazil. Although he could not read the Bible himself, the man's heart had been set afire by the messages he had heard preached from this book. Deeply desiring to share that message with others and knowing that he could not be a preacher, he decided that his mission would be to put the Bible into the hands of as many people as he could.



Rev. Althouse

Without a preacher

As he visited the Coffee Mountain area, he told everyone about this wonderful book and its powerful message. So moving was his testimony, that several farmers were persuaded to buy copies so that they might see what it was all about. In this manner, then, the Bible was introduced into an area where its message was quite unknown. The farmers began to read the Bibles and as they did they began to talk over with one another the meaning of what they had read. Soon they began to meet together for the purpose of discussing what they read. This, in turn, led to the beginning of weekly services of instruction and worship.

A strong little Christian community church developed and years later these people, approximately one hundred and fifty altogether, became part of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil. Because a man's heart was set afire with the Word of

God, he shared it with others, and through the Bibles he sold, God was able to speak to a whole people, even without a preacher.

Both God and men

This story illustrates the kind of partnership between God and man that is so important if the Word is to be communicated. It is the same kind of co-operation that brought the Bible into being in the first place. Without God, men could not have written the Bible. Without men, God would not have brought it forth.

So the Bible is of both God and of men. In 2 Corinthians 4:7, Paul speaks of both the "treasure" and the "earthen vessels." The "treasure" is God's truth which he imparts to men in their experiences, their thoughts, their dreams, their relationships with others. The "earthen vessels" are the words, the ideas, the concepts with which men seek to set down, record, and pass on to others the "treasure" of God's truth. Both are important, yet we must never forget that the "earthen vessels" are always subordinate to the "treasure." The means by which men express the truth that the Spirit has placed within their hearts and minds are sometimes confused with the truth itself. We must not forget that the Bible contains the words of men through whom God is able to communicate his Word. We hold these writings "sacred", as it is put to Timothy (2 Timothy 3:15), not because they themselves are an object of reverence, but because they bring us into communion with God whom we do revere.

Priceless treasures

What a variety of "earthen vessels" the biblical writers use to convey the treasure of God's truth: stories, poetry, drama narratives, collections of wise sayings, laws, legends, parables, prophecies, visions, letters, etc. The whole range of man's creative powers is used to record and pass on the Word, God's self-revelation. By themselves, men's words and ideas are poor and fleeting, but God has "breathed into" (inspired) these his own lifegiving breath.

So, "Is the Bible of man or of God," the arguers ask. And the man who has found in this book the life-giving treasure of God's truth, can only reply: "It is of both, for that's the way God always works: men's 'earthen vessels' to carry his priceless 'treasure.'"

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THE TIME...

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To Prevent Fly Infestation

Good fly control around the home and the farm begins with a program of good sanitation; the removal of fly breeding materials such as manure, wet straw, and any type of filth is a prerequisite to a fly control program. With clean premises there will be fewer flies and control made much easier. Cygon or diazion can be used to soak box-stalls or other fly breeding places to eliminate fly maggots.

To Protect Milk Quality

Dairymen are urged to practice very careful herd management when the herd is turned to pasture early in the spring. The forage is lush and strongly flavored; some areas may contain wild garlic. The milking herd should be permitted to graze only a few hours after the

milking period and be removed from the area at least 4 to 5 hours prior to the next milking time. Barns should be well ventilated during the spring grazing season.

To Aim For Maximum Yields

In light of current costs of production every food producer should place special effort toward obtaining maximum yield per unit of farm enterprise. Efficient production is essential and usually goes with high production per unit. The use of quality seeds, the proper kind and placement of fertilizer according to soil test, doing things at the proper time are all good management items that will pay dividends. Farm planning is needed to get the greatest return per unit and the best use of land, labor, and capital.

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