

From Where We Stand...

That Mean Old Mother Of Mine

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs, or toast. When others had Cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat sandwiches. As you can guess, my supper was different than the other kids, also. But, at least, I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother I did.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour or less — not one hour and one minute. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us. Not once, but each time we did as we pleased. Can you imagine someone actually hitting a child just because he disobeyed. Now you can begin to see how mean she really was.

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up early the next morning. We could not sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept — my mother actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted upon our telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth even if it killed up — and it nearly did.

By the time we were teen-agers, she was much wiser and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until age 15 and 16. Fifteen, that is if I dated only to go to a school function. That was twice a year.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us ever has been arrested for beating his mate. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of this country. Who do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. Look at all the things we missed. We never got to march in a protest parade, got to take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one things our friends did. She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because you see, I thank God He gave me the "meanest" mother in the world — Lewis Miller, in Guernsey Breeders' Journal.

Farm News This Week

Bankers Honor Youths; Hear Ag Change Called "Fantastic" — Page 1

Meat Inspection Law Meeting Set For Monday — Page 1

Inter-City Students See Rural Life At Co. Farms — Page 1

LANCASTER FARMING

Lancaster County's Own Farm Weekly

P. O. Box 266 - Lititz, Pa. 17543
Office: 22 E. Main St., Lititz, Pa. 17543
Phone: Lancaster 394-3047 or Lititz 626-2191

Everett R. Newswanger, Editor

Robert G. Campbell, Advertising Director

Subscription price \$2 per year in Lancaster County, \$3 elsewhere

Established November 4, 1955

Published every Saturday by Lancaster Farming Lititz, Pa.
Second Class Postage paid at Lititz, Pa. 17543

Member of Newspaper Farm Editors Assn.

Faulty Drivers

An ugly year for Americans was 1968. Tragedy of spectacular magnitude became a frequent front page occurrence. But a quieter national calamity took its dreadful toll on all the days before, during and after the Tet offensive in Vietnam, the riots, the assassinations.

It was "quiet" only because it was not concentrated in a single place at a single time. There was no focus to put this misery on the front pages. To the families and friends of 55,300 men, women and children killed in auto accidents, however, it was the ultimate calamity. To the 4,400,000 victims of injury, it was hard core agony. The economic loss, about 13.5 billion dollars, was an appalling waste.

This view of 1968 is contained in the annual booklet of highway accident statistics from a national Insurance Company. Statistics in the booklet were compiled from records of motor vehicle departments throughout the country.

The 1968 highway toll followed a year that saw a leveling off in the number of highway deaths and injuries. In 1967 approximately 53,000 lives were lost in motor vehicle mishaps — 4,200,000 persons were injured.

Why the increase? Was it because Americans were lulled by the "improvement" of the preceding year?

There are, perhaps, as many reasons as there are people to voice opinions.

Whatever the reasons, the tragedy remains. More than 55,300 persons were killed and 4,400,000 injured.

Mr. Driver, it's up to you to help make 1969 beautiful! At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Don't Sell Profits Short

Business and political leaders the country over are only too well aware of the gravity of the problem posed by dissenting groups of students and others who have increasingly turned to violence to gain their ends. Industries are working night and day to broaden the base of jobs and opportunities that they feel will bring people together and restore stability. However, the task is made immeasurably more difficult by the prevalent notion among many of the dissenters that profits and human rights are mutually antagonistic.

Many young people have fallen prey to the communist dogma that human rights in some mystical way must take precedence over the idea of private profit when in fact the right to private profit is one of the most fundamental of human rights. Commenting on this subject, Mr. Robert G. Dunlop, president of the Sun Oil Company, observes, "History, our own experience, and comparative studies of living standards in the nations of the world tell us that this kind of criticism of the profit system is not valid. Instead, the profit system is not only the most effective incentive to economic effort, but also the one that provides the maximum amount of economic freedom for individuals and the means for economic and social progress."

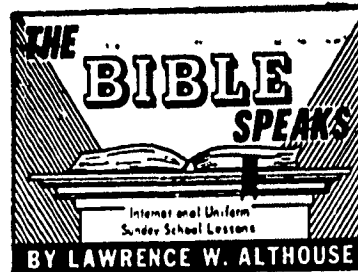
When the right to profit from one's own endeavors is eliminated from the list of human rights, those rights become no more than an empty phrase. When the profit incentive is removed, the whip of slavery is just around the corner.

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 below normal with daytime highs in the 60's and over-night lows in the mid 40's. Normal high-low for the period is 73-50.

Rain may total one-fourth to one-half inch as showers about Monday.



SOUL'S DELIGHT

Lesson for May 11, 1969

Background Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3; Habakkuk 2:2, Acts 2:1-12.
Devotional Reading: Romans 8:28-39.

Several years ago while attending a conference in Denver, Colorado, I saw a church bulletin board that advertised: "Bible-Burning Ceremony Tonight!" Upon inquiry I found that the pastor of this church was conducting a one-man war against the Revised Standard Version of the Bible because he opposed any "tampering with the Word of God."

I have heard others loudly denounce this version or that on the grounds that "to depart from the singular beauties of the King James version is blasphemous." Some people seem convinced that the Bible was written to inspire mystery rather than understanding. Still others maintain that the Word of God is degraded when translated into common language.

"They gave the sense"

This line of argument is not only illogical, but unscriptural as well. In Nehemiah we find that Ezra not only read the scriptures to the people, but placed a high priority upon understanding them: "... and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading" (8:8).

In Habakkuk the Lord tells the prophet, not only to write down his message to Israel, but to "make it plain upon tablets so that he may run who reads it" (2:2). The message was to be made so understandable that even the man in a hurry could understand it.

On the day of Pentecost when the multitude began to testify in the power of the Spirit, the writer of Acts emphasizes that the purpose of this outpouring was communication, not confusion: "And how is it that we hear, each of

us in his own native language?" (2:8)... "telling in their own tongues the mighty works of God" (2:11). When the amazed multitude sees this, it asks: "What does this mean?" and Peter stands up and gives an explanation. The gospel is intended to be understood.

Beauty or understanding?

This is the purpose of the various translations of the Bible. They attempt to communicate the imperishable truth of the scripture in terms that men can understand. To forsake beauty for the sake of understanding is no offense against the scriptures; it is the fulfillment of their purpose.

A woman in a Bible Store exclaimed, "I'm sick and tired of all these translations; I just want the Bible the way Jesus and the saints spoke it." What she didn't realize, of course, was the impossibility of her "wish." To understand the words of Jesus as he spoke them, she would have to be conversant in Aramaic. To read the New Testament in the language in which it was first written she would have to have a working knowledge of ancient Greek. In Jesus' day most people read the Hebrew scriptures in Greek, but they had originally been written in classical Hebrew.

Everyday language

The early church read both testaments primarily in Latin. It was only during the times of the Reformation that the Bible began to be widely translated into the common language of the masses. In the King James Version the Bible was translated into Elizabethan English. Today, however, except for performances of Shakespeare's plays, we do not use Elizabethan English and need versions which render the Bible in the language we speak in our everyday lives.

If it is argued that in doing so we lose some of the beauty of the Bible, we must remember that the true beauty of the Bible has always been, not in its words — beautiful as they have been in some versions —, but in the truth behind these words. Though at times we are blessed because the Bible is a delight to our ears and our minds, it is the delight of the soul of man that was God's primary intention.

(Based on outlines copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service)

Read Lancaster Farming For Full Market Reports



NOW IS THE TIME...

By Max Smith
Lancaster County Agent

To Clip Pastures

In the next two weeks most of the common pastures grasses will be shooting seed heads and many of the weeds will also be coming into bloom; this is the best time to mow the pasture areas to encourage new growth from the grasses and to control the spreading of the weed seeds. The excess first growth will dry and be eaten by the grazing animals. Good pasture management requires clipping every 4 to 6 weeks during the growing season.

To Control Tent Caterpillars

Infestation of these caterpillars is supposed to be heavy this year and soon the silken webs and tents will be noticed in the branches and forks of trees. These fuzzy worms have a black head and body with a white

stripe along the side; they will feed upon the foliage of trees in the area of the tent. They may be controlled by spraying with methoxychlor or sevin inside the webs and the web area; not necessary to spray the entire tree.

To Control Poison Ivy

This unpopular plant is very common and may be controlled by spraying with either Amigo Triazole or 2,4-D; the plants will be killed quicker when growing rapidly with plenty of leaf surface exposed. If the plants are growing in flower beds or near other shrubs, then hand grubbing is the safest method of control. All users of these materials are urged to read the instructions carefully and follow accurately in the spray application.