

From Where We Stand...

Happy Holiday?

We all look forward to a pleasant Fourth of July weekend. It can be for those who read this editorial carefully and benefit from it.

More than 1.7 million Americans have died in automobile accidents since 1906, when the Federal government started keeping automobile accident records. This represents a higher death toll than that of all of the nation's wars. Since 1930, more than 79 million others have been injured by cars.

This slaughter and maiming of people on our streets and highways is a blight on mankind and his survival.

In 30 years the economic loss from U.S. traffic accidents has reached an astounding \$175 billion. Last year the economic loss reached a new high of \$14,249,000,000 or an average of approximately \$286 for each family in the United States.

More than \$50 million annually has been invested by industry to educate the public on traffic safety.

However, the real answer is up to each individual. The tremendous loss of life and property must be reversed. The time to start is on this Fourth of July week-end and continue throughout the year.

We all know the rules of the road—obey them. When we are not in condition to drive—don't. We know what seat belts and shoulder harnesses are for—then use them. Always drive defensively. Be careful.

Curbing Free Choice

Mass production and mass distribution are the foundation of the widely distributed abundance that we all enjoy. Both are products of our free market, free choice economic system—a system that permits the consumer to walk into any store of his choice and select items from the shelves at his own discretion. The free market means exactly what it says: No one is looking over your shoulder when you make a purchase. On the contrary, merchants are anxious to please consumers. That is how they stay in business.

But something new is entering the distribution system in the guise of the "boycott." Through the medium of the boycott, every effort is being made to force the nation's merchants to discontinue carrying a certain item on their shelves, thus depriving consumers of the basic right of free choice. In this instance, the boycott is aimed at table grapes. If the boycotters have their way, there will be no grapes on store shelves this summer—or possibly any other summer if the conditions of the boycotters are not met. The controversy is over the

question of unionizing agricultural workers in California. And supermarkets are under pressure to take sides in the dispute. If they are forced to remove grapes from their shelves, they are forced into the role of judge and jury in the dispute.

If this process works with grapes, no one knows what may be next—there are 8,000 items in a modern supermarket. Tomorrow it may be bread, milk, meat or some other necessity. The principle involved in this dispute is simple. It is the principle of free choice upon which mass production and mass distribution rest.

A Citizenship Test

We noted an editorial in the Becker County Record in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, that we believe is worth duplicating. It included a list of questions that might be found on the test given to immigrants desiring to become naturalized citizens.

1. Our form of government as guaranteed by the Constitution is:
 - a. Democracy.
 - b. Republic.
 - c. Monarchy.
2. What is our national motto?
 - a. In God We Trust.
 - b. E Pluribus Unum.
 - c. Liberty and Justice for All.
3. When was the Constitution adopted?
 - a. July 4, 1776.
 - b. Mar. 4, 1789.
 - c. June 14, 1777.
4. How are amendments to the Constitution ratified?
 - a. By popular vote of the people.
 - b. By state conventions or legislatures.
 - c. By U.S. House and Senate.
5. Article I of the Constitution prohibits a levy of tax on income. How then is the income tax legal?
 - a. It isn't.
 - b. Constitution was amended.
 - c. Congress passed a law making it legal.
6. What is the Bill of Rights?
 - a. The first ten amendments to the Constitution.
 - b. A treaty with our allies.
 - c. The Preamble to the Constitution.
7. U.S. Senators have always been elected by the people.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.
8. How many Justices on the Supreme Court?
 - a. 9.
 - b. 7.
 - c. 12.
9. How many Senators are there in the Congress?
 - a. 80.
 - b. 100.
 - c. 196.
10. How many Representatives are there in Congress?
 - a. 435.
 - b. 572.
 - c. 280.
11. How many U.S. Senators has each state?
 - a. 1.
 - b. 2.
 - c. 3.
12. A bill passed by both houses of Congress may become a law without the President's signature.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.

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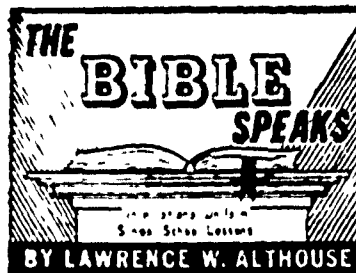
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Answers to Citizenship Test: 1. b; 2. a; 3. b; 4. b; 5. b (Amendment XVI); 6. a; 7. b; 8. a; 9. b; 10. a; 11. b; 12. a (If passed by at least 2/3 vote in each house of Congress.)

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 80's and over-night lows in the 60's. Slight threat of afternoon showers will be in store through the week-end but mostly dry weather conditions should exist.



OUR STORY

Lesson for July 6, 1969

Background Scripture Genesis 1:1-4:15, 6:5, 11:1-9
 Devotional Reading Genesis 1:25-23.

Man has it made! Just take a look at the scoreboard:
 — created in the image of God — God's greatest and highest creation
 — appointed to have dominion over God's whole creation
 — blessed with the power to 'be fruitful and multiply'
 Who could ask for anything more?



Rev. Althouse says that isn't the whole story, is it? Genesis tells us not only the good news about man, but also the bad. In addition to our divinely-given potentialities, there is another side to man's nature, a side over which there is far less reason to be optimistic.

"Some other fellow"
 The story of Adam is not just the story of "some other fellow." It is our story — you, me, all of us. The name "Adam" means man or mankind. Thus, as we think about Adam and Eve, let us remember that we are thinking about our own human nature which we share in common with all men. Adam's story is ours: what went wrong in him is what goes wrong in us. If we understand his failure, we will also understand our own.

It starts out well enough — most things do — as we find Adam entrusted with the task of tending and keeping the beautiful garden in which he has been placed. If Adam is faithful in his task, the garden of God will continue to supply all his needs in abundance.

If Adam really represents all men, how does the picture of Adam-the-gardener check-out with us today? Man is still dependent upon God's good gifts. All that we have — food, clothing, shelter, family, love — all these come from God's hand. We today also have a God-given task of

being, in our own way, the "faithful gardener" over all that God has provided. Also, as with Adam, there are certain things from which God has restricted us. As with the "forbidden fruit" of Eden, there are for us some self-imposed limits.

"Too good to last"
 "It was too good to last," we might say. The wonderful picture of Man-the-gardener was bound to be marred by something. And it was! A serpent, representing all of men's tempters, tears away the best intentions of Adam and Eve and they do precisely what God has expressly forbidden.

Stop and think for a minute. What truth does this tell us about human nature? Does it not remind us of the subtle form in which temptation usually comes? It sows confusion ("Did God say 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?') doubt ("The serpent said to the woman, 'You shall not die'"), selfish pride ("I or God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil").

Just "one more"
 Even though Eve had the whole garden full of trees from which to pick fruit, her appetite led her to seek the fruit of the one tree which she knew was forbidden. Isn't that often true of us too? It is not because we are not given much by God to fulfill our needs, for no matter how well supplied with his gifts, we always seem to want the one more he has forbidden to us.

Eve also disobeyed God because she wanted to step into God's shoes. She wasn't satisfied with being just one of God's creatures, she wanted to stand on the same level with the Creator. Isn't that our problem too? Our rebellion is usually willful, for we know we are rebelling, deliberately choosing to do so. Thus, life is full of conflict and insecurity, not because a man named Adam once lived and rebelled against God, but because every man continues to rebel against his Creator. That's why Adam's story is our story.

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By Max Smith
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To Order Seeds
 The fall seeding period is approaching when the supply of some varieties of winter grains may not meet the supply. Growers are urged to place their orders early in order to get the variety wanted. Summer seedings of alfalfa should be made early in August and this seed should now be on hand or on order. Adapted varieties are very important along with the use of certified seed for top production.

To Provide Fresh Water
 Hot weather requires increased water consumption for both man and beast. Fresh water is essential for maximum, efficient production and weight gains for all animals. Sheep and hogs require 2 to 3 gallons per day, beef

cattle from 12 to 15 gallon, and some dairy cows will drink 30 gallons per day. Water supplies near where the animals eat and loaf will encourage greater consumption.

To Use Care With Herbicides
 Chemical weed killers can do a good job if applied properly; this is a big statement and one that is often neglected. The amount and timing of the spray application is very important. We continue to learn of materials being applied at twice the recommended rate; this is dangerous and costly to someone. We again urge that spray operators follow the instructions carefully. Improper application may ruin the crop and damage others nearby. Don't take chances.