

# From Where We Stand...

## Lost Proclamation

The first official Thanksgiving Proclamation, Oct. 3, 1789, written by William Jackson and signed in Washington's boldest handwriting, was mislaid and lost for some 132 years.

In 1921 the document showed up mysteriously, and it was pronounced authentic by Dr. J. C. Fitzpatrick, at that time the assistant chief of the manuscripts division of the Library of Congress. The owner was paid \$300.

A resolution came up, soon after our new government was formed, calling upon the president to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer," etc. A number of congressmen opposed the resolution, but it passed with a strong vote.

However, there was no other national Thanksgiving Day proclamation until President Lincoln's proclamation in 1863. Since then it is a national holiday and the date is fixed by law as the fourth Thursday of November.

What did the first Thanksgiving Day proclamation by George Washington say? Here it is:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection, aid, and favors:

"Now, therefore, I do recommend to assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, Who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various factors which He has been pleased to confer upon us."

Thanksgiving Day is almost here again. Next Thursday as we sit down to our special dinners on this day of thanks, we should pause for a moment to visualize the first Thanksgiving of that small band of Pilgrims huddled in the forests of a bleak American wilderness on the threshold of winter. Measured by today's affluence, comfort and expectancies, their prospects were something less than hopeless. If they became ill, they died or got well. There were no health services and no medicare or medicaid. There was no transportation. There was no handy source of supplies such as the corner supermarket. There was no benevolent board, bureau or government agency to fall back on. There were no government consumer protectors.

We should also pause and remember George Washington's Proclamation of "duty." At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

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## The Glory Of Work

Bandleader Lawrence Welk, well known for his "champagne" music, believes "... A human being grows and prospers through the dignity of work. Rather than give a man money, simply because he exists ... let us educate him to the glory that can be found in work ... and then bend every effort toward helping him find and hold a job."

Mr. Welk also has a word to say on the effect of a guaranteed annual income on our children. He believes: "... A child raised in an atmosphere of defeat and apathy, and taught to expect that his every need will be taken care of whether he works or not, stands little chance of developing a strong character. His own natural eagerness to learn and to grow and to excel is cut off at the very beginning of his life, and he may never know the thrill of achievement on his own. A child who is encouraged early to earn extra pennies by shining shoes or selling newspapers or doing household tasks, stands a much better chance of achieving his goals than a child who is taught to do nothing."

These words of wisdom from a man of music and entertainment come as a refreshing break in the daily litany of security without effort that we hear on every side.

## No Illusion

There is one agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that has no illusions about the type of campus disorders that caused more than \$3 million of damage to colleges and universities between September 1968 and April 1969. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the FBI, reports, "Those who rally to the support of the New Left and participate in activities championed by SDS do so under no illusion. The issues are now clear ... The youthful idealism of 'participatory democracy,' so frequently espoused by SDS while striving for student approval, has been cast aside. The Marxist dogma is in full command. SDS now calls for outright revolution.

"Inasmuch as breaking the law is a customary part of revolutionary tactics, many enforcement agencies will become involved in campus strife. In most instances, the nature and degree of involvement will depend on whether school authorities desire to protect their institutions and the rights of the majority of students who would rather study than riot, or forsake their responsibilities and give into mob rule."

## Across The Fence Row

### Try Thanksgiving

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:1-5).

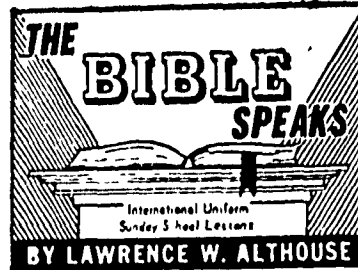
When you do somebody a good turn, forget it; when somebody does you a good turn, remember.

## 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 40's and over night lows in the mid 30's. Seasonable Saturday and Sunday. Colder the remainder of the period. Normal high-low for the period is 48-31.

A few showers may fall Sunday and rain is expected again Tuesday and Wednesday.



## NO ENDING

Lesson for November 23, 1969

Background Scripture: Ezra 1, 3, 6, Nehemiah 2:11-20, 4:6, 15:16  
Devotional Reading: Ezra 9:6-9.

How often do we at last reach the end of something, only to find it is just the beginning of something else?

The long-awaited graduation day arrives and we leave high school behind and find ourselves confronted with college, our first job, or the armed forces.

Finally, our wedding day comes and we put the single life behind us, only to find that the new life also has its problems, concerns, and obstacles.

The day of parenthood is experienced at last and a whole new life of responsibility enfolds before us.

### Mingled with the joy

So it is with most of those eagerly-awaited events that seem to promise the end of something we are anxious to put behind us. It comes as a day of celebration, but with the joy there is mingled the challenge of some new course to run.

I remember so vividly the wild celebration of V-J Day, the day when Japan surrendered and ended World War Two. How we had longed for and looked forward to that day when the terrible conflict would be over. It would mean that war itself would be obsolete. (It did not!) It would mean that fathers, husbands, brothers, and friends would be coming home to stay. (They did not stay!) It would signal the reality of a one-world community. (It was not for long!) It would bring the end of rationing and shortages. We would once more enjoy the luxury of wasting things and be released from the obligation of bending every effort and resource to "the cause."

### Time for fulfillment

## Read Lancaster Farming For Full Market Reports



## NOW IS THE TIME...

By Max Smith  
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### To Study Milk Marketing Program

Local milk producers should be interested in learning all details regarding the proposed milk referendum. The four meetings recently held in the county were rather poorly attended and we sincerely hope the producers are aware of the importance of the program regardless of attendance. We urge all producers to become acquainted with this program and vote in the December election.

### To Mulch Shrubs

All property owners should give some attention to placing some mulch around evergreen trees and shrubs; this is especially true with plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, and hollies. The purpose of the mulch is not

So the day came and the world rejoiced ... for at least a day and perhaps a week or two. Then we settled down once more to living in a still imperfect world and fastened our eyes on some new Utopia just over the ever-receding horizon.

It was like this with the exiled Jews. During the long captivity in Babylonia, the people are kept going with prophetic promises of eventual liberation and return to their beloved homeland. Now at last, with the rise of Cyrus and the demise of the Babylonians, that day had come. The prophecies are about to be fulfilled!

The writer of Isaiah 45 had hailed the coming of Cyrus and called him "God's anointed." For Cyrus was quite different from other conquerors. Wherever he spread his empire, unlike the Babylonians and Assyrians, he sought to allow displaced peoples to return to their native lands, thus establishing outposts in his empire that would remain friendly to him. Furthermore, he encouraged most of these displaced persons to re-establish their former places of worship. In some cases, he even gave financial assistance to this end. He was a far more skillful ruler than his predecessors.

### A new day

Yet, there was more to it than this, for Ezra says: "... the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus. Thus, the enlightened approach of Cyrus was due also to the purpose of God at work within him. God stirred his spirit and Cyrus responded with an approach that was to make a better world and give a special blessing to the Jews.

So, Cyrus made his great proclamation and the great day finally arrived. The people of God in exile could now return to their homeland. When the first Jews reached Jerusalem, however, they found the city much as they had left it: a shambles to which had been added the weeds, stagnation, and dust of the intervening years.

The time of exile had ended. The day of rebuilding was at hand. The exile had been a trial of patience and loyalty. The reconstruction era would be a challenge to their ability to prevail over new obstacles. The return was no ending, but a new beginning.

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only to hold moisture, but to maintain more uniform soil temperature in the root zone. When these plants are not mulched the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil near the roots may do permanent damage.

### To Exercise Livestock

All species of livestock will give better performance if they are allowed daily outside exercise; this is particularly true with dairy cows and with the breeding females in hog, sheep and beef cattle herds. The general health of the herd or flock will be much better if they are allowed outside, as compared to total confinement. Liberal amounts of quality roughage should make up a large percentage of the daily ration for sheep and beef breeding herds.