

## From Where We Stand...

### 54th Farm Show

They usually say farm show time brings out the snow and bad weather. That should be next week, but by the looks of things outside the barn door, the weatherman couldn't wait — with the blowing snow and all.

We don't know what the weather will be like next week but we are sure the farm show will be another big one. Going under the heading of "Discover The New Pennsylvania Agriculture", officials expect another grand exhibit of the best of farm produce, livestock and poultry to appear in competition for the prize money.

It doesn't matter if you are a showman, product exhibitor or just a spectator, you can enjoy yourself at the 54th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. So go have yourself a good time. We'll see you there.

### Looking Ahead

A minister was being transferred from a rural community in Texas to a large city. He owned a horse that he had to sell, so he advertised and soon had a potential buyer. He took his prospect out to the corral to look at the horse and soon had him in the saddle. The minister slapped the horse on the back and said, "Praise the Lord!" and the horse ran around the corral at a good clip. The prospect was a bit scared and shouted, "whoa! whoa!" but the horse wouldn't stop. He yelled to the minister, "How do you stop this horse?" and the minister shouted back, "Say, 'Amen.'" He did and the horse stopped. Turning to the minister, he asked, "What's with this horse, anyway?" The minister smiled and said, "One little idiosyncrasy. . . . I trained him to go when I said, 'Praise the Lord,' and to stop, when I'd say, 'Amen.'"

The minister walked over and opened the corral gate. "Praise the Lord," the rider said and off they went. The horse was moving at a fast gallop when the rider, looking ahead about 100 yards, saw that they were heading straight for a cliff. He realized suddenly that he had forgotten what to say to stop the horse and was frightened. So, he thought, "Maybe if I pray . . . I guess that is my last resort," and he said, "Please Lord, stop this horse. Amen." The horse slid to a stop about two feet from the 100-foot drop off, and the man looked over the edge, gazed upward, and said, "Praise the Lord!"

At the moment, we are in the same situation as our horse riding friend before he uttered those fateful words. It is time to choose one's words carefully as we look ahead into 1970.

According to William H McConnell, Chairman of the American Society of Agri-

### Farm News This Week

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cultural Engineers, the latest edition of Accident Facts shows that the 1968 death rate per 100,000 farm residents stands at 69.8, a decline of 1.4 from the preceding year. For this, after an annual increase in the last six years, we are thankful and grateful. Maybe we have reached a turning point in this game of agricultural accidents. We hope so.

But certainly, it is no time to rest on our laurels. Rather we must dedicate ourselves anew and with increased vigor to improving the safety record and the quality of living for farm people. And we must make it a personal, dedication that it will not be anyone in our family or on our farm who is hurt or killed by our carelessness in 1970.

At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

### A Poor Self Regulator

Visualize, if you can, the plight of a private company engaged in providing an essential monopoly service to the nation, enjoying revenues of over \$6 billion annually and employing 750,000 people, that could no longer carry out its responsibilities to customers. In this day of consumer protectionism, congressional investigations and tight regulation of private enterprise, such a company would be brought on the carpet forthwith.

As a matter of fact, there is such a "company". It is the Post Office Department. Two years ago mail service was so poor that the Postmaster General said the post office was in "a race with catastrophe". A presidential commission made a searching study of the nation's postal system and recommended drastic changes, including the formation of a government corporation to take over mail service. President Nixon has proposed post office reformation along the lines recommended by the commission. Many others have also urged postal reform. Yet, the issue lies dormant in a mass of conflicting political interests to which the welfare of customers are secondary.

The incident is a vivid illustration of the distinction between government in business and private enterprise. There is no regulatory commission looking over the shoulder of a government enterprise — and government is a mighty poor self regulator.

### Across The Fence Row

#### THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

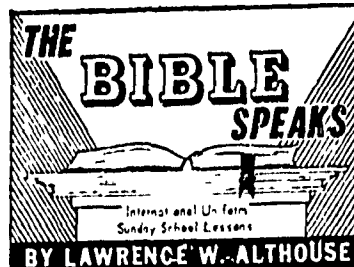
Of 202 mil. Americans, 180 mil. make up nation's 49 million families. Remainder either live alone or in homes of others. 45% married . . . 60% can vote . . . 3% college students . . . 30% in households with \$10,000-plus-a-year or more income. All are customers, potential customers, for someone with something to sell . . . water skis, real estate, Beagle records, autos and, oh yes, food. — Meat Board Reports

You've reached middle age when you suddenly realize that few things are more precious — or less valued — than time!

### 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 30's and overnight lows in the low to mid 20's. Cold over the weekend and gradually moderating thereafter. Precipitation may total one-fourth to one-half inch water equivalent with rain or snow Wednesday.



**UNTIL THE ANGELS COME**  
Lesson for January 11, 1970

Background Scriptures: Matthew 4:11; Genesis 3; Psalms 91; Romans 7; Hebrews 2:14, 4:14-16.  
Devotional Readings: Psalms 91.

When Jesus had successfully withstood the temptations that came to him on the Mount of Temptation, Matthew tells us: "Then the devil left him and behold angels came and ministered to him" (Matt. 4:11). All of us



want that part—the ministry of the angels—but what do you do until the angels come? Let's see what Jesus did. The temptation of Jesus is not simply an interesting event in the life of Christ, but it is relevant to us in a way that few historical events can ever be. The writer of Hebrews puts his finger on it when he says: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning" (4:15)

#### ALSO OUR STORY

It was a time of testing for Jesus, but the same kind of testing that comes to us today. Thus, it is not only a story about Jesus, it is also our story. What we see in this story is a reflection of, what Robert Leslie has termed, "the basic choices that confront every man as he steps from the shelter of the family into the arena of life" (from Jesus And Logotherapy, Abingdon Press, 1967).

These temptations, then, that came to him in the wilderness should not be hard to identify in our own lives. First of all, there came to him the temptation of the body or material things. Having fasted forty days and forty nights, Jesus was a natural target for the Temptor: "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." Use these powers of yours,

use them to satisfy the urgent call of your own body! Indeed, why not use them to satisfy the material desire of all men and thus win their allegiance and loyalty? It must have been a strong temptation but Jesus knew that men do "not live by bread alone" and refused, as someone has put it, to "forsake a Cross for a bake-shop."

#### THE USE OF POWER

The second temptation should also be familiar. Obviously, to throw himself down from the pinnacle of the temple and then to be saved by the intervention of God's angels would be an impressive display of power that would win the admiration and support of many. Yet Jesus knew this temptation was a clever deception. For though people are impressed with power, they are not won to the kingdom by it. They will soon ask for a bigger, and better demonstration of power. Jesus himself was later to say: "Neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead." Naked power has never won anything in the long run. It wins the battles, but loses the wars.

In the third temptation, the Temptor is more direct. I see you have a job you want to do, he says to Jesus, all right, I'll show you how you can get the job done quickly and easily: All these (the kingdoms of the earth) I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." All he would have to do would be to compromise his loyalty, to employ unworthy means for the sake of worthy ends.

#### THE RESOURCES OF FAITH

It must have been a great temptation to Jesus. It is also a great temptation to us. We permit injustice to insure the prosecution of lawbreakers. We bear arms and kill in the interest of "saving life." We lie for the sake of an election or cheat in what we decide is a "good cause." We justify the making and selling of an inferior product for the sake of providing for our families. We forget that the ends cannot be separated from the means.

What did Jesus do until the angels came and ministered to him? He reached back into the resources of his faith and resisted temptation, holding fast to his ideals and standing firmly upon his loyalty to the Lord. If we do that too in the midst of our temptations, the angels will come.

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## Read Lancaster Farming For Full Market Reports



**NOW IS THE TIME . . .**

By Max Smith  
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**To Place Seed Orders**  
Weather conditions during the past several weeks do little to remind us of the spring planting season, however, the good snow cover and added soil moisture could be a very important asset to agriculture in general. It is not too early to place your order for corn and garden seeds, if this has not already been done. Many adapted varieties will perform so much better than by waiting later and then having to take what is left.

#### To Support The 1969 Agricultural Census

The United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, has already mailed out the census questionnaires. This will be a mail census and all farmers are urged to fill out the papers and return as requested.

The agricultural census has great value and is used in many ways; we hope that every farmer will make a special effort to answer the questions accurately which will help make the census more worthwhile.

#### To Attend Farm Show Meetings

People attend the State Farm Show for many different reasons and no doubt many farmers go to see the new farm machinery; others go to see the livestock and eat baked potatoes and hoagies. I'd like to urge all active farmers to attend one or more of the educational meetings or banquets held in each line of production. Many of the events are very educational and are intended to help the commercial farmer. Farm Show Programs are available without cost.