

Across the

Editor's Desk

Genesis of Press Freedom

Mr. Stanford Smith, president and general manager of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, put freedom of the press in proper perspective when he said "... History teaches us many lessons if we will but learn. The genesis of freedom of the press under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution is an example. The important point which is sometimes ignored today is that the original demand for a guarantee of press freedom came not from those who

were then engaged in the business of publishing newspapers or other types of publications. The demand came from persons in all walks of life who knew from recent experience the threat to all individual liberties if there is not freedom of the press and no freedom of speech.

"We need to emphasize that point continually. Freedom of the press is embodied in our Constitution for the benefit of all the people and not as an exclusive prerogative of those who are engaged in the business of news dissemination..."

Tree Farming

According to the Public Service Company of Colorado, "Tree farming in America started in 1941 with a tract of 120,000 young trees in western Washington. Today more than 33,000 tree farmers are growing forests on over 72 million acres. Forty-five million of these acres are in the South, which expects to double its wood volume

production by the year 2000. This will be accomplished by extension of sound forest management to small private ownerships, new tax incentives, and increased federal and state financial assistance for tree planting, timber stand improvement, and fire control."

Words To Live By

Mr. John W. Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, writing in The Reader's Digest, asks, "Suppose that you could offer one word of advice to a young person living in the year 2000. One word! What would it be?" Mr. Gardner has posed this question to many friends over the past several years. He found the most frequently mentioned word was "Live." Live ranked among the three words most often mentioned for first place. The other

two words were "Love" and "Learn".

After these first three words, Mr. Gardner found that agreement breaks down for choice of a fourth, a fifth and so on. However, after much searching and meditating, he arrived at what he calls, "Seven Words to Live By." He placed them in the following order: "Live, love, learn, think, give, laugh, try." As a final observation he asked: "Can you pack better advice into seven words?"

The Bedraggled Taxpayer

Bedraggled American taxpayers are having another record thrust upon them

Each household will average \$4,530 in state, local and federal taxes for fiscal 1972, according to the Tax Foundation. That's up \$200 from 1971 and is, once again, an all-time high.

This year's hike is due to boosts in social security taxes and state and local taxes,

which will more than devour some relief we all will enjoy in our federal income tax load, the Tax Foundation said.

In the past ten years estimated total taxes have increased 77.5 per cent per household. Total current tax payments at all levels, (Federal, state, and local) amount to \$295 billion—6.5 per cent above fiscal 1971.

The spending side of the picture is even more startling. The Foundation predicts total spending to rise by 12 per cent from \$363 billion in 1971 to \$405 billion in 1972. This means, of course, deficits at all levels of government and, probably, higher taxes in the future to help pay the interest on money governments must borrow to pay their bills.

This accelerating tax burden is very nearly out-of-hand. It is estimated that 71 per cent of the federal budget is "uncontrollable"—that it involves spending already committed by previous Congresses. If Congress won't call a halt, others will have to by refusing to send the "big spenders" back for another spending spree.

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By Max Smith
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To Use Proper Pesticide

The growing season is here and many food and feed producers will be using various kinds of spray materials. We urge growers to be very careful in what materials they use; some are illegal to use and some are not recommended but are still legal. Our Penn State Extension Service is very careful in suggesting materials that are safe to use. We are aware that some may still be permitted by law but in the minds of the Penn State pesticide committee should not be used due to the possibility of a crop residue; examples would be Aldrin and Dieldrin for soil insect control. All growers are urged to read the label carefully and follow the directions. Always keep accurate records of the spray application relating to date, amount, and materials used.

To Ventilate Barns

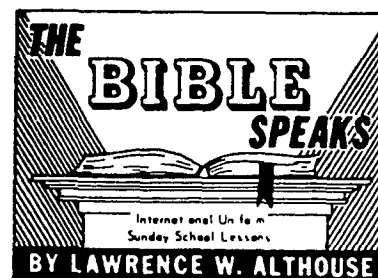
Warm weather has arrived and more will surely come; livestock and poultry suffer from high temperatures along with the high humidity the same as humans. Barns should be opened in order to get cross ventilation unless there is an automatic controlled air system. Windows should be opened or removed in order to get air movement through the building. In some cases large fans may be used to keep the air moving. Animal comfort is very important in order to get efficient gains or production. Animals that are outside should have shade in order to get away from the hot sun. Fresh water is very important at all times.

To Inspect Lightning Rod System

The thunderstorm season is here and severe electric storms are always a threat to buildings. Owners with lightning rod installations are urged to inspect them at this time of the year to be sure they are in place, remove any objects that may be hanging to the wires, and be certain the system is grounded deep into moist soil. The idea of the rods is to carry the bolt of lightning from the building into the earth; all connections must be free and be tight. We are aware of some cases where the ground cable has been broken or taken out of the soil, and when the strike happened, the rod system was of no value. Another case blamed the ground cable for not being placed deep enough into the soil and in times of extreme dry weather during the summer, the cable was not down into moist soil. Be sure that the rod system is in good working order because lightning strikes very suddenly.

To Stay With Corn

During the past year we have heard numerous discussions relating to the place of corn in our present cropping system since several kinds of blight and some insects seem to be causing a problem. I'm of the opinion that some of the substitutes mentioned, such as grain sorghum and soybeans, will not give the yield of total feed nutrients that corn will give. The major blight problem may have been solved with resistant strains and with the use of insecticides the insect problem can be controlled. With good corn growing practices I feel that this crop is still one of the most important and will give the most beef, or milk, or pork per acre of any of our feed grains.



A STEP UPWARDS

Lesson for April 23, 1972

Background Scripture: Acts 8:4-40, 18:24-28, Mark 5:1-20
Devotional Reading: Acts 8:26-35

What were they to do with these followers of Jesus of Nazareth? They had tried imprisonment, threats, intimidation—but these had all failed. Finally, thwarted at every turn, they resorted once again to violence—



just as they had with Jesus. Saul and his cohorts seemed to work on the principle: when in doubt, use violence!

An unexpected result

Rev. Althouse The world has not changed very much, has it? Many people today still operate on that same principle. Yet history has shown us again and again that violence not only fails to achieve its objectives, but often brings about the very opposite results.

Violence was used to silence Jesus, but they failed to silence him or remove his leadership. Furthermore, they found that they now had, not one spiritual revolutionary, but many. This is also what happened when violence was used against Stephen and persecution broke out against the church.

So the disciples learned two important facts. First, they learned that the will of God cannot be defeated by violent opposition. Just as it had not really stopped Jesus, persecution could not stop the mission of the church.

Secondly, they learned that when they are truly open to God's power and purpose, he may sometimes carry them further than they intended going. In this case, it meant carrying the gospel to Samaria, hardly an attractive prospect for most Jewish Christians, for the hostility between Jews and Samaritans was traditional.

Beyond the good arguments

God made it very clear in sending Philip into Samaria that the age-old barrier between Samaritan and Jew was to be broken down. If Philip had had any doubts about carrying the gospel to these people, he soon found reassurance as Samaritans listened to him and responded in faith. On these people, just as on the people of Judea, signs and wonders were performed at the hands of Philip. The Samaritans had well-reasoned arguments to suspect anyone who came to them from Jerusalem, but the sheer power evident in his life overpowered both prejudices and arguments.

Imagine the amazement with which the people of Jerusalem heard the news from Samaria! Their traditional enemies had received the Gospel and were ready for baptism. So Peter and John "came down" (8:15) to Samaria. Actually, they came down in more than one way. They came down from their perches of prejudice and suspicion.

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