



Mother's Day, May 14th

We still have today to go out and get something special for Mother. For tomorrow we once again will pay tribute to that wonderful symbol of security and understanding -- Mother!

It was Amos Bronson Alcott, the father of four daughters so quaintly and endearingly pictured in his daughter's novels, who said "Where there is a Mother in the house, matters speed well." The statement must have been particularly applicable in the Alcott household, for the father was more visionary than practical and matters would have been perpetually at loose ends had it not been for the good sense of the wife and mother. But he spoke a truth that is universally applicable, it is indeed a sorry house where there are children and no mother.

Mother is the symbol of security and understanding. If the truth were told that is the reason that Mother's Day is celebrated. We love our Mothers sometimes for their other memorable traits, but in the main our thoughts go back to the time when they were our shield against a cruel and baffling world, when they understood what no one else--father, brother, sister, grandparents or beloved

friend-- was able or willing to understand.

On the basis of the security and understanding which awaited one upon his arrival at his Mother's door it became possible to go ahead in the rough world encompassed by the backyard, the house next door, the playground and the school room. Through her understanding it became possible to understand others and thus to take one's own place in the world.

Another American man of letters said, "The Mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." It is possible that if all the education a child receives were totalled up as to its sources, the sum in the column headed "Mother" would be the greatest. There are so many things a child has to "know," so many things he asks, so many things he accepts from the lips, the direction, the attitude and the example of his Mother. These are the things he takes through life with him.

There was a line in an old play which ran: "The Mother in her office holds the key of the soul, and she it is who stamps the coin of character, and makes the being who would be a savage but for her gentle cares, a Christian man! Then crown her Queen of the World."

It's Dairy Princess Time

Young ladies in Lancaster County who are on dairy farms, have completed their junior year in high school and are under 21 years of age, who are single and never married, should seriously consider entering the 1971 Lancaster County Dairy Princess pageant, which will be held June 15 at the Farm and Home Center.

Dairying is Lancaster County's largest farm income producer, accounting for nearly one-third of gross farm income.

The Dairy Princess Contest is one way for the local farm community to advertise its most important farm product. In today's highly competitive world, it is vitally important that farmers keep the general public alert to their existence and their needs.

Any appeal to young women to enter the contest, however, should not be based on milk industry needs. It should be based on the young woman herself and what the contest can do for her.

Not only does the contest offer the opportunity for many material rewards, more importantly it offers young women experience which money can't buy - an opportunity to meet people and to develop their own personalities and character. In this regard alone, every contestant will be a winner.

The ability to appear in public with confidence is to be highly prized. And the young woman who assures herself she couldn't possibly face it is the one who most needs to enter the contest. She might surprise herself and win. And if she doesn't win, what has she lost?

It's time to pick up the challenge again by contacting Mrs. Robert Gregory, Box 248, Lititz RD1, 733-7584, or the Extension Office, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, 394-6851, or any committee member. Deadline is Friday, May 26.

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Control Weeds

The control of weeds is everyone's responsibility and has been a problem throughout the history of our country. A weed has been described as any plant that is out of place and unwanted. Alfalfa in a corn field is a weed to the corn grower, but not as serious as many of our common weeds that are allowed to grow and mature. I can be especially critical of land owners with idle land that permit all of their vegetative growth to grow wild and pollute the neighborhood with weed seeds and with pollen. Real estate developers and contractors are often guilty of doing nothing with their weeds until a neighbor complains and get local authorities to mow the weeds. The best control is to have the area sprayed during the month of May and not permit the weeds to grow and develop seeds. Township supervisors are urged to adopt weed ordinances and enforce them in order to stop this nuisance. Why should this beautiful Garden Spot county be dotted with uncontrolled weed growth and development?

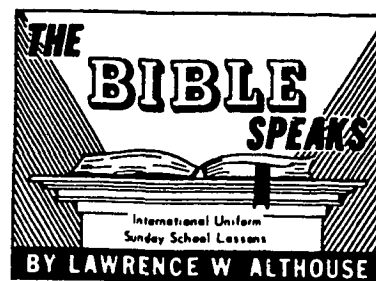
To Beware of Poisonous Weeds

Livestock producers are urged to beware of the large number of poisonous weeds and plants that may be in the pasture area. This is particularly true in woodland areas. It is hard to understand how some animals will crave these plants and consume all they can find, while lush grasses are allowed to go uneaten. The presence of wild cherry trees in a pasture is a warning that if the

limbs are broken off or the tree blows down during a wind storm, the wilting or the wilted cherry leaves are poisonous. Owners should make frequent inspections of their fields during the pasture season.

To Wilt Forage Crops for Silage

The cutting of forage crops for hay or silage will soon compete with corn planting chores if the weather continues to be wet. Any forage crop may be made into silage, as well as into hay, providing the farmer can use the silage to an advantage. In most cases more feed nutrients will be preserved if the crop is made into silage rather than trying to fight the weather when making it into hay. The proper stage of maturity is very important when knowing when to cut the crop; in many cases the forage is allowed to get too ripe before being cut. When making into silage it is very important that the crop be conditioned (crimped or crushed) in order to expedite the removal of the excess moisture in the field. A wilting period should follow the conditioning so that the quality of the silage will be better; direct-cut forage usually ends up with dark-colored, strong-flavored silage. Wilting down to the 60 per cent moisture level is suggested for best results in most silos. When allowed to get below this moisture figure field losses are higher and more heating occurs in the silo; when this happens less of the protein is digestible. Careful supervision of the wilting time is necessary in order to get top quality silage.



YOU, THE PREACHER

Lesson for May 14, 1972

Background Scripture Luke 4 16 21, Romans 10 14-18, Ephesians 3 7-13
Devotional Reading Ephesians 3 7-13

"The best way to revive a church," said evangelist Dwight L. Moody, "is to build a fire in the pulpit."

Sometimes building "a fire in the pulpit" does more than reviving a church; it may also renew a community or even a whole nation. There are many evidences in the Old Testament of the far-reaching effects of proclamation by the prophets of Judah and Israel. There are more contemporary illustrations available to us, too. A little more than a century ago, Alexis de Tocqueville, a French writer, visited our nation and made this observation: "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbours and her ample rivers, and it was not there, in the fertile fields and boundless prairies, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America, and heard her pulpits aflame with right-



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eousness, did I understand the secret of her genius and power.

Proclaiming the good news

Think of how the preaching of Jesus changed, not only Judaism, but the world as well. Jesus saw in himself the fulfillment of Isaiah 61:1, 2:

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

St. Francis of Assisi one day said to another monk, "Brother, let us go down into the town and preach." So they set off for town, conversing as they went. When, at last they had walked through the length and breadth of the town, the other monk inquired, "Father, when shall we begin to preach?" "My son," replied St. Francis, "we have been preaching; we were preaching while we walked. We were observed by our fellows, our behavior has been remarked, and thus we have delivered a morning sermon. My child, it is no use that we walk anywhere unless we preach as we walk."

Preaching as we walk

One does not have to mount a pulpit in order to proclaim the Good News. There are a number of men and women in my church who preach from the pulpit when I am absent—and very convincingly at that—but their words from the pulpit would matter little if they were not equally convincing in the silent preaching they do in their everyday walk through life.

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