

Congratulations, Princess

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful year are certainly in order for our new Lancaster County Dairy Princess. She is Donna Jean Book, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Book, Ronks RD1.

The Book's are well-known in Lancaster County Holstein circles.

Being named Lancaster County Dairy

Princess in competition at the Farm and Home Center last week was a particular honor because of the caliber of competition. We think the judges were right in stating that any one of the 12 contestants would have made a fine representative for the Lancaster County dairy industry.

Again, our congratulations to the new dairy princess.

Independence Day

This July 4th marks 196 years since the initial Independence Day of 1776 when our forefathers adopted the Declaration of Independence and launched the United States of America as a free and independent nation. This is not long in the history of nations. Yet, many of us seem already to have forgotten some of the basic tenets upon which our country is based. We hear those who demand their rights without bothering to exercise responsibility and ask for the fruits of labor

without working and honor without perseverance and a willingness to stand on principle. It is time that a respectful salute to a passing U.S. Flag came back in style.

Let July 4, 1972, serve as a reminder to each of us that the ideals of freedom, liberty and justice, upon which this nation was founded, are not to be taken lightly. They remain now, as always, the pillars of our strength. But, they are only as strong as they are secure in our hearts.

Lead-Time--A Growing Shadow

Lead-time is the interval between the planning and the completion of a project. The more complicated the project the longer the lead-time. With respect to energy, a great many people act as if the factor of lead-time did not exist--that an oil well can be discovered and brought into production with the dispatch of establishing a popcorn stand.

The president of a leading oil company has warned of the growing menace of the lead-time factor in meeting future energy needs. He says the United States is simply not "keeping up with the game" in finding new sources of oil and gas, constructing new refineries, deep-water terminals and pipelines. By 1980, he declares, the U S will need additional manufacturing capacity equivalent to 58 medium-sized refineries, yet only one is currently under construction.

Developing oil fields, building refineries, tankers and pipelines requires years. In fact, as the oil company executive stresses, "it takes from between two to ten years to fully develop a major oil field." During the past 10 years, the number of oil wells drilled in the U. S. has dropped 40 per cent. Everyday's delay in reversing this trend increases the lead-time that is casting an ever-longer shadow over the prospect of meeting future energy needs. In the petroleum industry, the oil company official warns that reversal of the trend, "... will only be forthcoming if there is a totally different public attitude towards drilling and an economic climate encouraging risk investment."

That harmless sounding expression--lead-time--could be the Achilles' heel of our energy-based civilization. Our people had better wake up and learn what it means.

A Realistic Solution

Congress ins on the threshold of another mandatory increase in the federal minimum wage. But raising the minimum wage is an empty gesture so far as the untrained and unskilled people walking the streets looking for a job are concerned. As the minimum wage rises, certain types of unemployment increase as employers find they can no longer afford to pay artificially high wages to those unqualified for the jobs that need to be filled

Nevertheless, despite its inflation-breeding, job-killing propensities, a sharp increase in the mandatory minimum wage is virtually certain. Equally certain is the disruptive impact it will have on the stabilization program. A 25 percent increase in the minimum wage should be accompanied by adjustments in the rate of other employees who are now above the minimum and whose pay rate is related to the

minimum. Proper and justified differentials should be retained, but this will not be possible if adjustments above the minimum are subjected to a 5.5 percent ceiling. Since retailers operate on extremely narrow profit margins a congressionally mandated increase in wages must be offset by price adjustments.

In anticipation of a substantially higher minimum wage, a measure has been introduced in Congress called the "Fairness Amendment". It requires that if the minimum wage is increased there must be reasonable relief given by the Pay Board and the Price Commission so that increases in payroll costs can be recovered by price increases. The Fairness Amendment provides a realistic solution to the impossible arithmetic of price stabilization and rising minimum wage requirements.

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Have Stand-by Generator
Farmers with large mechanical operation depending upon electricity for power should have some emergency source of electricity. We are often warned by the power companies of possible shortages of electricity in case of extreme hot weather for any length of time. This same outfit can be used in case of severe storms during both summer and winter. Automatic feeding systems, milking machines, water pumps, and many other vital machines must be operated and must have electricity. Farmers are urged to obtain emergency generators that can be operated by a tractor or gasoline engine that will make it possible to continue operations.

To Provide Fresh Water
Fresh water at all times is very important for efficient production at all times of the year but is extremely important during the hot, humid summer months. Many animals that are confined must have water in order to survive. Some animals such as swine may not be able to live through extreme heat periods without ample water for intake as well as spraying into the pens. Some heavy producing dairy cows may drink as much as 30 gallons of water per day and may come to the water trough or bowl eight to 10 times in any 24-hour period. Animals on pasture should have free access to water at all times and should be easy for them to reach; protection from the hot sun will keep the water supply cooler and livestock will consume more of it. Liberal intake of water is very important in efficient production.

To Beware of VEE in Horses
Last summer in Texas and Oklahoma an outbreak of Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis, commonly known as sleeping sickness in horses and named VEE in everyday language, caused severe losses in that part of the country and brought about a mass vaccination program. To the best of our knowledge there has not been an outbreak in this country yet this summer. However, there is danger of such an outbreak and every precaution should be taken to prevent the spread of this disease. The private vaccination of horses, mules, and ponies is available from the local veterinarians. Horses that are transported to shows, sales, and public events should be vaccinated in order to reduce the danger of infection. Some states require all horses to be vaccinated. Local horse owners are urged to give this program some thought and perhaps discuss it with their local veterinarian.

To Practice Good Management
Today's farmer must give some attention to good farm management if he is going to be successful. This is important from his own financial standpoint and also, from the environmental aspect in the community. Farm producers must realize the growing pressure to reduce both water and air pollution; both public officials and the general public are quite active in this area and will report many pollution practices that the farmer may have to defend. We realize that many of these may not be justified and may not hold up if taken to court. However, I'm sure that the farmer will have a much stronger case if he is a good farmer, a good manager, and one that practices the best known methods of sanitation.

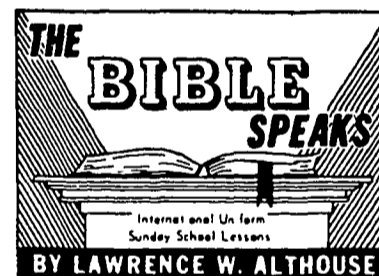
a snug little hide-away, but on the cross.

When the psalmist cries: ". . . for in thee my soul takes refuge, in the shadow of thy wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by" (57:1), we can be sympathetic. It is human to want to hide, but he is much closer to the facts of life when he says: "I lie in the midst of lions that greedily devour the sons of men . . ." (57:4). God has not hidden him from dangers of life, but he has given him security in the midst of them, so that, surrounded by evil on all sides, the psalmist still manages to sing "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth" (57:5)

"In the midst of lions"

This is the true security that God offers his children. The psalmist began with a pleading cry for escape, but he ends up extolling the goodness of God even while he is in the midst of great danger. I once heard a man ask "It will be a miracle if I come out of this all right and I'm frightened to death. How can I pray?" The answer he was given: "Don't concentrate on your problem, just praise God and thank him for his goodness"

What is security? It is not a gilt-edged guarantee from God that we will not have to face danger and testing along the way. It is the confidence with which Paul wrote to the Romans: "I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord: (8:38-39).



WHAT IS 'SECURITY'?

Lesson for June 25, 1972

Background Scripture: Psalms 57, 90
13-17, Isaiah 61-6, Romans 8 28-39
Devotional Reading: Psalms 90 13-17.

"All I want is security."
This was the answer given to me by a man whom I had asked, "What do you want out of life?" His answer was not surprising; many people today would say the same thing. They want security above all else.

The problem is: what is security?

A place to hide
For some people, security means a place to hide, shelter from the problems, concerns, and dangers that confront us in life. For them, Christianity often turns out to be a great disappointment, for they find that it does not hide them from these things. The epitome of this attitude is the man or woman lying in a hospital bed and protesting "What did I ever do to deserve this?"

What they have overlooked along the way is the fact that Christianity never promises to give us a place to hide from life's storms. They forget that Jesus himself did not finish his life in



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