

Farm Safety Week

National Farm Safety Week will be observed starting next Tuesday, July 25.

It's good time to take a safety inventory around your farm. Pinpoint the dangerous spots and eliminate them.

Uncovered wells, broken windows, unmarked low doorways, broken ladders — all can lead to broken bones, lost manhours, disruptions in personal lives, even lawsuits under the new stringent regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

It would be a good idea to inventory your working habits, too. Do you leave the engine running when you get off the tractor? Do you allow passengers on the

tractor? Do you use SMV emblems and are they clean and properly mounted?

Sometimes safety demands new methods, sometimes equipment alterations, maybe even new equipment. Whatever needs to be done, should be done. Not just during Farm Safety Week, but all year long.

The best piece of safety equipment you own is permanently mounted on your shoulders, and it's called a head. Use it properly — to think about safety — and it'll keep you out of a lot of trouble. Use it improperly — or not at all — and you may lose it.

Beautiful Arnie, Terrific Tillie, and the Good Use Vegetable Growers

Tuesday night was hot and humid, kind of hazy, and filled with bugs. A bad night for a picnic.

But we were at a picnic that night, and we didn't mind the heat, the dampness, the mosquitoes and beetles. We didn't mind any of that, because this was a special picnic. It was an event which proved once again that the Lancaster County farming community is chock-full of nice people.

The Good Use 4-H Club is an inner city nutrition education project described in an article which begins on page one of this week's paper.

Lancaster City has its share of low-income minority families. Certainly, the southern part of the city isn't equatable with ghetto areas in larger cities. But the existence of an area like that, means that there are people in our midst who, for one reason or another, need a helping hand.

Now, in this day and age there are all kinds of helping hands for disadvantaged people. And sometimes the helping hands offer money, sometimes advice and sometimes empty promises.

On Tuesday night, the helping hands offered brotherhood. For at least one impressionable newspaperman, the picnic was, quite frankly, an emotional experience. It was heartening to see the cooperation and the friendship which made the Good Use Club possible.

For their work in this project, we would like to here commend the members of the South Christian St. Mennonite Church, the seven volunteer leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weaver, the Good Use club members, Mrs. Tillie Gibson and Mr. Arnold Lueck.

We salute you, we thank you and we hope your efforts will be an inspiration to other groups.

Grassroots Opinions

BRIDGEPORT, ILL., LEADER "Regardless of the amount of funds Congress appropriates to help people there will always be those who are unhappy and insufficiently provided for as shown by the following story as related by Congressman Harold R. Collier (R-of Berwyn, Illinois). In the home of a rich, childless couple, there was a young housekeeper. One day she came to her employers and said that she would have to quit, because she was about to become an unwed mother. The wealthy couple said she could keep her job, that they would adopt her child and raise it as their own. A year later she came to them with the same story, and they adopted her second child. Later they adopted her third child. One day she again handed in her resignation and when the millionaire couple asked if she was in trouble again, she said, 'No, it's just that I'm sick and tired (of) having to cook for such a large family.'"

GLENDIVE, MONT., RANGER-REVIEW "You can criticize the President. You can criticize the Vice-President. You can criticize the Congress. But you've got to hand it to the Internal Revenue Service!"

NASHVILLE, ARK., NEWS "A vacationer from back East was jolted by a mail delivery. A batch of litter the family left on a corner of an Arizona rancher's property was shipped express, collected by the understandably outraged rancher. The bill was for \$33 which made littering quite expensive. According to a story in a Soil Conservation magazine, the uninvited campers left the scenic ranch spot strewn with newspapers, cans, bottles, paper plates and napkins, plastic spoons and

forks, cardboard boxes, milk cartons and comic books. The rancher poked through the mess and found an envelop with the name and address of the unwanted guests. He wrote the campers to explain they had left some 'personal belongings' behind and advised that he would be happy to send them if they would pay shipping charges. They accepted, and deservingly got hanged with a \$33 bill, for littering. Sort of a long-range fine."

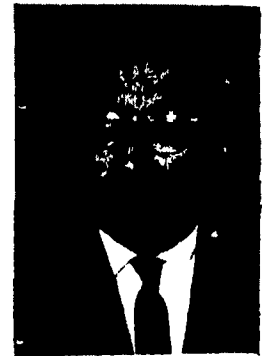
MOVILLE, IOWA, RECORD "It is said that national health insurance will cost every family about one thousand dollars a year. Blue Cross and Blue Shield is currently about \$400 per year. Why, in the name of common sense do we want national health insurance at \$1,000 per year when the present cost is \$400? Most programs taken over by federal control usually have a much higher price tag than those operated by private business."

PAWTUCKET, R.I., TIMES: "Nationalization is repugnant to many in this country and there's no guarantee it would be an improvement. . . . It would be far better for labor and management to work together in developing an efficiency that would prove the free enterprise system can work if people really believe in it."

MOVILLE, IOWA, RECORD: "One snowflake doesn't amount to much, but a whole skyful of them falling can stop a train. Successful lives. . . and even empires have been built on the same homespun philosophy."

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Take Time To Be Safe

The week of July 25 to 31 has been declared Farm Safety Week by the National Safety Council. This is a time when everyone should focus their attention on the many farm and home practices that assure safety rather than hazards and accidents. The subject of Farm Safety is not very appealing to farmers until after there has been a serious accident; we usually think that the accidents will always occur to the other fellow. Farmers are urged to stress the importance of taking time to be safe to all of their family and to their employees. Haste and taking chances have been the cause of numerous farm accidents. Farm machinery will not be the cause of accidents if the operator practices safety measures and practices. Become acquainted with the causes of many serious accidents and try to prevent them from happening on your farm and to your family.

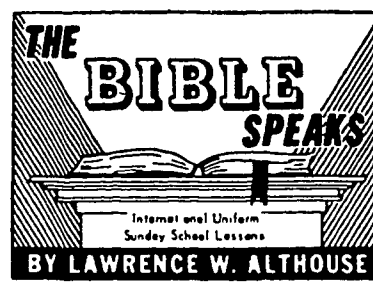
To Combat Basement Odors

Many basements were recently flooded and the poor drying weather since the flood has resulted in musty basements with foul odors; these odors may not be harmful to health but they are very unpleasant; in addition the dampness and high humidity in the basement area may do severe damage. The first step is to get maximum ventilation; open doors, windows, and use electric fans to move the air. Bleaching powder sprinkled over the floor area until it is dry and then swept up will help reduce odors: use

caution with the bleaching powder because it is poisonous and can irritate the skin. Another material is dry lump charcoal that may be spread liberally throughout the basement to remove odors. Good sanitation and good ventilation is the place to start.

To Grow Emergency Feed Crops

Some dairymen may need to make some adjustments in their feeding program due to the heavy rains and long periods of wet ground. Some crops have not been able to be harvested in top quality condition and others have not been planted due to the extended wet weather. Livestock and dairy producers may want to plant some emergency crops for extra fall feeding or grazing. If that late corn or tobacco was not able to be planted, it might be possible to sow sudan grass, or a small grain crop in order to get something from the ground which would produce a feed forage crop later this fall. Sudan grass may be used for either grazing, green chopping, hay, or silage; small grains such as rye or spring oats may be seeded in August to make extra forage this fall and in case of the rye will give early growth next spring. For immediate feeding perennial hay crops may be made into silage when weather conditions do not favor making them into hay. With extra moisture some feed additive or ground grains such as corn, oats, and barley should be used to take up the moisture and improve the feeding value.



WHEN WE CONFESS

Lesson for July 23, 1972

Background Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:1-15, Psalms 18:9, 1 John 1:8, 9
Devotional Reading: Psalms 32:1-11

A friend of mine says he can't accept Christianity because, as he puts it, "It's obsessed with sin!" People would be a lot healthier emotionally, he says, if the church were not "all the time telling how sinful they are."



Yet, I have come to the conclusion that it is not the church that is obsessed with sin (though some Christians have been), but the human soul. The gospel of Christ does not create a sense of sin and guilt, for it seems the human soul, in one way or another, is aware of these realities and is very sensitive to them. What the gospel does is to help us identify sin and guilt and deal with these realities in the only possible way.

Truth in the inward being

Unrecognized and unconfessed sin is like a splinter we pick up from a wood floor. We may be quite unaware (consciously speaking) that we even have a splinter in our foot. But as the days go by, the splinter begins to fester and finally the foot gets sore and we are aware that something has happened to our foot. Only when that foreign body is taken out can

the foot begin to heal once again.

So it is with sin. Very often we may be quite unconscious of what we have done (we manage often to hide these things from ourselves). Yet, an unrecognized sin seems to fester within us until at last we begin to realize that there is some foreign body disturbing us from within. Thus, the psalmist is a most realistic man when he prays:

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. (51:6)

Something inside us knows when we have sinned. We feel unclean. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity. . ." (51:2). The deed haunts us. ". . . my sin is ever before me" (51:3). We sense a broken relationship with our Creator. "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned. . ." (51:4). There is a sense of brokenness: ". . . let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice" (51:8).

A new and right spirit

Yet, it is never enough for God to "forget" our sin: "Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities" (51:9). To cancel out the sinful deed is futile unless there is also a change of heart: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me" (51:10). If God forgives the sinful act and does not find us willing to change the heart that gave birth to that act, our confession is meaningless.

Many of us want forgiveness, but we must also want "a clean heart," and "a new and right spirit" within us. When we confess it is not enough to ask God to take away our sin, unless as the hymn, "Love Divine," puts it, we can say also: "Take away the love of sinning."

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