

## Overdone



## The Spirit of Thanksgiving Day

This November 23 is Thanksgiving Day—one of the most thoroughly American of all our holidays. It celebrates the very beginnings of the United States, and the mere mention of this holiday conjures up memories of the traditional turkey dinner.

In our seemingly dissentious nation, we tend to lose the real relevance of Thanksgiving — we have the feast without remembering its reason. The importance of Thanksgiving has increased with each passing year. The first settlers in our land found the time to offer thanks for their lives, the meager food on their tables and the chance to live in freedom and hope on the hostile shores of an unknown land. Let

us pause for a few minutes this Thanksgiving to contemplate the many good things we enjoy and offer our thanks for them. In doing so, we shall gain a renewed strength to tackle our difficulties and imperfections with faith and good spirit.

With gratitude for the strength, purpose, charity and pride of our forebearers to which we owe the freedom and opportunity that bless us today, let us bow our heads this Thanksgiving Day. It is indeed a day to count our blessings. And it is a time to renew our care of them for the sake of generations yet to come.

## Grassroots Opinions

**LAWRENCEBURG, KY, ANDERSON NEWS** "In Falls Church, Va., awhile back, a popular mayor was defeated because most of his supporters assumed he would be re-elected and did not vote. Feeling guilty, they gave an 'appreciation picnic' in his honor which was attended by a clear majority of the townspeople. So, if we have candidates we are supporting in the coming election, it might be well to remember his brief remarks to the picnic assemblage: 'I am greatly honored that so many of you have come out to wish me well. But, if I ever seek office again, please let's all get out and vote and skip the picnic.'"

**REINBECK, IOWA, COURIER** "If we had no cars on the street, there would be no automobile pollution. If we built no power plants, we would have no pollution from utilities. If we had no phosphate detergents, we would have no pollution of our waterways, and so on. But what kind of country would we have left?"

**ALTOONA, PA, MIRROR** "Never before in our history has irresponsibility been so socially acceptable."

**TOWNSEND, MONT, STAR** "Everybody gets a share at government expense' is much more appealing than 'you have the freedom to make your own share'."

**NEW YORK, N.Y., EDITOR & PUBLISHER** "The Arizona legislature has before it a bill which would impose a 1 - cent per copy tax on newspapers printed by a publisher not having a paper recycling program. It is discriminatory, of course... Why not tax the automobile manufacturer for not picking up those abandoned cars he produced?"

**MYRTLE CREEK, ORE., MAIL**: "Much has been made of the greater exemptions and lowering of income tax rates for the U.S. taxpayer. Unfortunately, not so much attention is devoted to the fact that his social security rates keep advancing, which, even if inflation were completely halted, would nullify net gain. And now a national magazine headquartered in Washington warns that it is a certainty that shortly after election this year, proposals will be made in Congress for a type of national sales tax. Such a tax would hit the taxpayer for more than the so-called savings he is making via the income tax proposals. It would be no favor. Maybe it would be well to quiz the candidates for this year on such a probability and get a commitment before deciding where to mark our ballots this fall."

## NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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### TO IMPROVE FARM-CITY RELATIONS

Everyone throughout Pennsylvania is urged to recognize the week of November 17 to 23 as Farm-City Week—a time when farm folks and urban folks can get better acquainted. The distinct line between farm and city no longer exists in most communities. It is desirable for all folks in a community to work together regardless of their vocation. Farmers are urged to invite their urban neighbors to visit their farm and learn more about the production of food and fiber. Urban families with children are especially urged to take the time and effort to get their youngsters on a farm and learn more about animal and crop production.

### TO STORE FARM MACHINERY

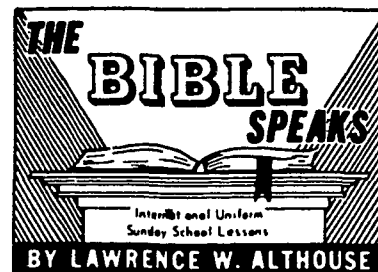
The season is practically over for most pieces of farm machinery and they should be properly stored until the next growing season. As we travel the roads of the county, we continue to see too much machinery still sitting outside in the weather. We urge farmers to get the machinery under cover. Moisture and the resulting rust is the main enemy of most farm machinery. Good management suggests that a special barn or shed be built for this machinery. The original investment is high and when kept in the dry during the off-season, the life of the machinery can be lengthened. Don't store it out "under the sky".

### TO ALLOW COWS OUTSIDE EXERCISE

This is not a new suggestion but continues to be an important one. Dairy cows need exercise at least once a day if they are to stay in a vigorous, healthy condition. The outside exercise lot should be free of large boulders, stumps, logs, mud holes, or junk piles where the cows may injure their udders or legs. Outside exercise gives the dairymen a chance to observe sore feet on his cows, and to detect proper breeding times. When they are turned out each day for 15 to 20 minutes weather conditions should not harm them unless there is a severe blizzard or freezing rain. Some dairymen resist daily exercise for their milking herd because of the time required; dairy authorities agree that this time is well spent and will pay good dividends.

### TO CHECK BATTERIES

Cold weather is hard on batteries in service or in storage. We suggest that the battery terminals be cleansed with soda water and then coated with petroleum jelly or light grease. Be sure the battery is tight in its holding cradle. Keep the water levels high during the winter but be certain to operate the machine for a period after adding additional water. When starting the engine hit the starter in brief contacts; continuous grinding will do little good. Batteries are very important to all of our cars, trucks, and tractors; cold weather increased their work load; try to keep them in the best condition. It will save time and delay.



## NOT ENOUGH CHRIST

Lesson for November 19, 1972

Background Scripture: 2 Kings 14:8-14; Psalms 33:13-7; Isaiah 31; Jeremiah 21, 27; 2 Peter 3:18-13. Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 32:16-25.

During the Second World War, after a grueling battle in the South Pacific, a chaplain stopped to comfort an American soldier fatally wounded by an enemy flame thrower. Near death, the soldier gasped: "I guess - - - we have - - - too much chemistry - - - and not enough - - - Christ."



Rev. Althouse

It might be argued whether or not we have or had "too much chemistry," but it seems evident that much of the miseries of warfare reflect the fact that we have "too little Christ." Perhaps it wouldn't matter how much chemistry and physics and aerodynamics we have, if we had enough Christ to go along with these.

### The war horse—a vain hope

This may seem to be a problem that has its origins in our contemporary times, but, in actuality, it is a very ancient problem. Before there was chemistry and physics, guns and airplanes, there were swords and chariots. The weapons may change, but the problem remains the same.

The psalmist puts his finger on the issue:

A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.  
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its might it cannot save. (33:16, 17)

The problem, says the psalmist, is the foolishness of looking to armaments for security. Men have always relied upon bigger, better weapons, yet often the bigger, better weapons have increased, rather than decreased the danger and destruction.

The prophet Isaiah also picks up this theme:

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses,  
who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong,  
But do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord (31:1).

### "Things that are unseen"

What Isaiah is saying is that the true security of Israel is to be found in God, not warriors, horses, chariots, swords, or even military alliances. The leaders of Israel depended upon their military alliances with Egypt to protect their nation, but Isaiah calls attention to this fallacy. "The Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses are flesh, and not spirit" (31:3).

History has proven correct these prophets again and again. Despite great armies and better weapons, despite grand alliances and diplomatic maneuvering, again and again nations have tasted the bitter cup of war in all of its destructive power.

What we need today, as ever, is not less technology, but more Christ.

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