



GIVE PRAISE

Sing Halleluia! Christ is risen... and joy fills the hearts of men, lifting our spirits, raising our hopes. The miracle of rebirth surrounds us.

Especially now, at Easter, we long for peace and brotherhood...let's pray for it. And work for it. Together.

Grassroots Opinion

"In an attempt to prepare its readers for the eventual switch to the metric system of weights and measures," reports "News Digest," an Associated Oregon Industries publication, "the Better Business Bureau of California's publication, 'Report' calls attention to hearing soon: 'A miss is as good as 1.6 kilometers; there isn't 0.06gram of truth in it; he felt 3.05 meters tall, he was wearing a 455 43 litre hat.' And, in the same line of thinking, those with inferiority complexes might be inclined to hide their lights under 0363 hectolitres. Experts in metrication have been telling us the new system will take some getting used to "

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Illinois Secretary of State Mike Howlett is quoted as saying, "If God meant us to have a permissive society, He would have given us 10 suggestions instead of 10 Commandments"

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Dr Israel Kirzner, professor of economics at New York University, wrote in an article in the Freeman magazine, "Ultimately in a free market, consumers tend to get what they want. The kinds of products produced will reflect the desires of the consumers. Advertised communication is part of the total package produced and made available to consumers. The kind of advertising we get reflects the kind of people that we are"

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"Man must live with nature but he has the intelligence to improve on it, to enhance his living circumstances in the total environment, if he will but use wisdom. Granted sometimes we do not have that wisdom and overdo things. That is why we are now facing crises in pollution of our

biosphere."—Mr. Ellis L. Armstrong, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior.

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The Federal Power Commission says this country's shortage of natural gas this winter has been the largest on record, almost twice as large as the deficit last year. The gravity of the shortage will depend on how cold it is and for how long. The most vulnerable parts of the country are Southern California and the states east of the Mississippi, according to the Commission.

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The National Association of Manufacturers has urged both business and labor to "make every effort to live within the voluntary standards" of President Nixon's Phase 111 program for wage and price stabilization. This will serve as an important means to the earliest possible elimination of controls, the Association stated. Reliance for protection against inflation should be placed on sound government fiscal and monetary policy and on strict limits on federal spending. And American industry should unleash a greater effort to increase productivity in the manufacturing and services industries of the nation in order to improve our competitive position both at home and abroad.

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It costs millions of millions of dollars a year for government paperwork, according to Representative Keith Sebelius of Kansas. He said that in the Office of the National Archives a fulltime worker has been assigned to find out how many federal forms exist. "He is at 700,000 and still counting," the Congressman is quoted as saying in a National Association of Manufacturers editorial.

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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TO CONSIDER STAGE OF MATURITY

Harvest time is approaching and in a few weeks some forage crops will be ready to cut; usually, the first is winter rye used for silage and will give best results when cut at heading time. By this time next month many of the grasses and, no doubt, some alfalfa and red clover fields will be nearing the bud stage; weather conditions will control the speed of maturity. We urge growers to go by the stage of maturity and not by the calendar. The Penn State Circular "Silage and Silos" cover the proper time to cut most crops for best feeding values. Stage of maturity is one of the most important factors in quality roughages. Make a special effort to harvest the crop at the right

TO INSPECT LIGHTNING RODS

The thunderstorm season is here and buildings with rods should have some protection, if the rods are in good condition. Property owners are urged to go over the rod system and check for breaks and obstacles that would interfere with the conducting of the lightning bolt into the ground. Be sure the rod system is grounded deeply into the moist earth. Some have been broken or pulled out of the ground, and in dry weather a shallow ground may not be sufficient. Lightning rods are regarded as a good in-

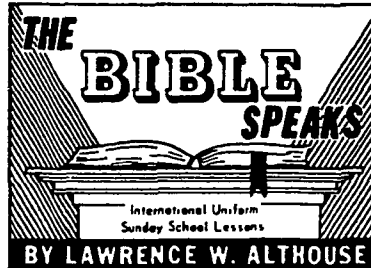
vestment but should be carefully inspected several times during the summer months.

TO BE CAREFUL WITH MOLDY FEED

We are aware of many cases of mold in stored corn cribs and bins; the moisture content was too high when picked last fall. It is difficult to suggest that unsound corn be fed to any group of animals but fattening cattle and hogs seem to be able to handle it as good as any. Breeding animals of any kind should not get any of the moldy corn or other grain. A number of cases of decreased fertility have been reported that could point to corn with even small amounts of mold being fed to breeding stock. The reproductive cycle is very sensitive so don't tempt fate by taking a chance of feeding moldy grain to breeding stock.

TO PLOW DOWN MANURE PROMPTLY

"Whether it be for the sake of reducing air pollution or for the sake of added fertilizer value, it seems a good idea to get the manure incorporated into the topsoil as quickly as possible after it is spread on the fields. As weather permits in the next few weeks, many barns and feedlots will be cleaned out and some complaints of livestock odors may be made. However, this is a vital part of agriculture in this section of the country and with good management and other sanitation practices, no serious charges need to be made. The quicker the manure is plowed down or worked into the soil after spreading, the better it will be for all concerned.



THE EASTER FAITH

Lesson for April 22, 1973

Background Scripture: John 11:17-44,
1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 51-57.
Devotional Reading: Psalms 118:15-24

Did you ever stop to think that without Easter there would be no Christmas? What point would there be in joyously celebrating the birth of a man like Jesus unless he did, in fact, conquer death? Without Easter faith,



Rev. Althouse

Christmas would, at most, be celebrated like the birthdays of other great men, Washington, Lincoln, Columbus, with banks and post offices closed and the rest of society in the midst of "business-as-usual."

More than a memory

Without Easter there would likely be no Christian Church either. His disciples might have revered the memory of Jesus, but that memory alone would not have been sufficient cause to brave humiliation, hardship, and torture to carry his message throughout the world. The sermon on the mount, the golden rule, the parables of Jesus, none of these would have been worth dying for if it were not for Christ's victory on the first Easter Sunday.

If Jesus were no more than another good man who died a martyr's death, there would be no reason for the world to keep

alive his teachings for almost 2,000 years. Some of those teachings are hard to follow and I wouldn't try to practice them at all if I thought that Jesus had really been defeated at Calvary. There are enough sincere failures in this world and I am certainly not going to link my life to another one.

Yes, Paul, writing in 1 Corinthians 15, is right: if there is no resurrection, if Easter is just a fictitious "happy ending," then Christianity is a "pipedream" and we are all wasting our time with the church and the so-called Christian way of life. Cut the resurrection out of the Christian message and the "good news" of Jesus Christ becomes just another sad, old story.

A resurrection faith

This is what Paul is saying in 1 Corinthians 15: "Now I would remind you brethren in what terms I preached to you the gospel. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received. . . ." The whole heart of the gospel as it was presented to Paul and proclaimed by him was the centrality of Christ's resurrection. It was, Paul said, "of first importance."

Paul goes on to make the case in even stronger language:

... if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain . . . and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. (1 Corinthians 15:14-19).

A noted Biblical scholar, Bernhard Anderson, reminds us that the disciples did not go into the world "preaching an ethical code, or a system of philosophy, or a utopian gospel of social improvement." The Church was then as it must be now: established on the Easter faith.