

The Coming of Autumn

September 22 marks the beginning of that crisp, invigorating Autumn Season when the lazy days of summer must give way to school, football, the carving of jack-o-lanterns and, for lawn-owners, the inevitable raking of leaves. Soon, swarms of little ones will be splashing through mudpuddles and chortling over newly-found treasures such as a bird's nest or a leaf that crackles like a potato chip when it is crushed. As we watch the innocence of childhood in action, we should try to regain

some of the inquisitiveness and wonder which we felt when we were young. We must never be so busy that we cannot take the time to enjoy the simple things in life, such as a colorful sunset or the beauties of a hillside dressed in the brilliant finery of autumn leaves.

So, as we prepare for the faster tempo of this new season, let's keep a receptive and appreciative eye out for the beauties of God's handiwork all around us

Medical Scouts

The American Medical Association and the Boy Scouts of America would seem to have little in common beyond bandaging an occasional cut or scratch. But just as the AMA has always worked to interest young people in medical careers, so have the Scouts continued to prepare youth for the future. Now, one of the goals of the Scouts' Exploring Division is to promote medical and allied health careers, and part of this program is being funded by a three-year grant from the AMA.

The AMA-Scout program is much more than simply a class in first aid. Its purpose is to show young people how the medical profession works and to involve them in its various programs. For example, the members of El Paso Medical Explorer Post No. 1, which is sponsored by the El Paso, Texas, County Medical Society, meet twice a month for programs conducted by

community health professionals. They are also involved in an area Scout drug abuse program, serve as volunteers for two hospitals, attend medical society meetings and tour medical school and hospital facilities. Undoubtedly, this exposure played an important part in the decisions of four ex-Scouts to enter medical school. Another seven are college premed majors, and nine high school seniors are planning to enter a health profession.

The future of tomorrow's medicine rests with the youth of today. Through the AMA-Scout program young people are receiving the best training and orientation possible. With doctors' supervision, they are able to actively participate in medical programs. The AMA-Scout program is one more example of the medical profession doing something extra that will benefit society, both now and in the future.

Breaking the Barriers

Life is hard and demanding for the migrant agricultural worker and his family who follow the harvest, and it leaves little time for mingling with the mainstream of American society. But the Boys' Club chapter of Lodi, California has found time to bring American culture, sports and activities to over 500 Mexican American and Mexican National migrant children in an educational program which combines "love, new knowledge and fun."

Operation Mainstream, as it is called, is a cooperative effort of the local Boys' Club and the Regional Migrant Education Office. It operates five nights a week in the workers' camp and twice a week in the Club downtown. The activities are planned and supervised by a bilingual (Spanish-English) staff, and educational materials are written in both languages. Organized arts and crafts, swimming, library activities and games intrigue the youngsters from May to September. The Lodi Boys' Club Project, as one report puts it, "... made some good friends and definitely broke

barriers of misunderstanding between the migrant community and the permanent population."

Through this project an important segment of the population is becoming a participating part of American society. The sense of duty and voluntarism demonstrated here has been deeply ingrained in the character of the Boys' Clubs of America ever since their inception in 1860 and is reflected in everything they do. Whether it be through a summer work program, athletics, or a recreation-education program for migrant workers' children, Boys Clubs' projects instill qualities of self-reliance, fair play and leadership into over one million youngsters in 1,000 Clubs across the nation.

It is no wonder that the "roll call" of Boys' Clubs graduates includes many of the country's leading citizens—proving that dedication and friendly guidance at the local level will many times do more than any federal agency or law could hope to accomplish.

A Calendar of Fact and Opinion

"Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity and consume your own smoke with an extra draught of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints."—Sir William Osler

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CIPSCO News, a Central Illinois Public Service Company publication, notes, "When various types of people... were asked how much profit the average business makes, after taxes, on each sales dollar, the answers ranged from 21 to 3¢ cents. No group was even close to the facts. You see, the average profit, after taxes, is only about four cents on the dollar. Profits, however, are the key to the success of the U.S. economy. Profits create jobs, build new

plants, develop new products and finance expansion. Business needs profits... and so do its employees"

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The Automobile Club of Oregon advises motorists to observe these precautions as they travel: 1. Drive "on the top of the tank" as much as possible. 2. Fill up in major population centers; avoid running low in remote areas. 3. Don't expect to find gasoline after 8 p.m. as many stations close around that hour, rather than operate till later or on a 24-hour basis as they formerly did. 4. Remember that many stations will be closed on Sundays and holidays. 5. Don't depend on one brand of gasoline as one station may be closed while across the street another brand station will be open.

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THE TIME . . .

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To Check Your Soil "Bank Account"

A lot of farmers are probably wondering whether or not they should fertilize their alfalfa this fall. Well, they should think about this question as they do their bank account. We all like to keep our bank account balanced, and we should do the same to our soil "bank account".

For example: How much alfalfa did you remove this year? . . . Ton tons per acre? . . . Four tons per acre?

For each ton of alfalfa you removed, you also "withdrew" about ten pounds of phosphate and fifty pounds of potash from your soil "bank account". So, if you harvested four tons per acre, you have removed forty pounds of phosphate and two hundred pounds of potash from each acre.

To keep your account balanced, you would have to apply about six hundred pounds of 0-10-30 per acre. If you don't apply these plant nutrients you'll have reduced your soil "bank account" by the amount removed.

It's very important to find out whether or not your account can afford this "withdrawal". The best way is to have a soil test performed.

To Control Cattle Grubs

Cattle grubs can cause animals to lose weight and even ruin hides. By this time of year the grubs have already made their way into the bodies of cattle. Their presence will not be noticed

until late winter when swellings appear on the back.

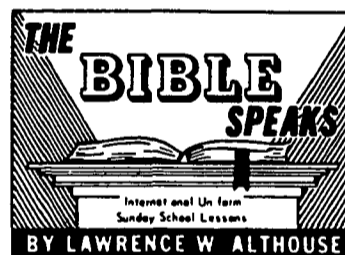
New systemic pesticides will kill the tiny migrating larvae if used in September and October. These pesticides may be poured on the animal or applied as a spray. Absorption of the pesticide material kills the migrating grub larvae; and, at the same time, it kills other blood sucking cattle pests.

To Check Bulk Feed Bins

We have a lot of bulk feed bins on our farms today. At this time of the year and through the winter months, a lot of operators are plagued with the problem of condensation and subsequent caking and mold growth. This condition can be improved by insulating outside bins.

The cold morning, warm noon temperatures and then cool nights will cause moisture to form on bulk bin walls. The feed caking on the walls would likely contain mold. This moldy feed can reduce feed consumption and this will effect production. Also, feed medications may be ineffective in the presence of molds.

It is also a good management practice to thoroughly clean bulk feed bins regularly, especially during this period of rapidly fluctuating temperatures. Insulating the bins will reduce the condensation because it reduces the rapid temperature fluctuations.



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TO US

Lesson for September 17, 1973

Background Scripture 2 Corinthians 5
11 through 6:10
Devotional Reading 2 Corinthians 5:11-15

I once saw a cartoon that depicted a woman who had leaned too far out the window of the second story of her house and fallen into a trash can below. She lay there, dazed but uninjured, while a foreign visitor passed by. Noticing her, the tourist said to himself "Americans are very wasteful; that woman was good for five to ten more years!"



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The cartoon, of course is absurd, but the idea behind it is not: we are often very wasteful with human life. We are much concerned about the ecology of natural resources today — and rightly so — but we need to be even more concerned about the conservation of the most precious of all resources: human life. We waste it, squander it, and our human junk-piles are more disgraceful and unsightly than those that become the final resting place for our cars and other material goods.

Beyond the human point of view

There is a very human, natural tendency for us to spend more effort in trying to decide who are the "good" and "bad guys," than

in trying to change the "bad guys" into something else. Like many of the legalists of the Old Testament and even the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day, too many people would rather be involved in judgement than in redemption.

For the last six or seven years I have been involved as coach of a football project for late elementary school children. The temptation of any coach is to look upon his task as determining which boys have athletic talent and which do not. Those who do, he will try to develop and those who do not he will dismiss from the squad. I have conducted the program, however, with a different goal (of course, I have not had the pressure upon me to produce "winning teams" since we do not have that kind of competition) I have regarded it as my task to try to develop all the boys who want to play. In fact: I have determined to try to spend more time and effort on those boys who are awkward and indicate less potential athletic ability.

His appeal through us?

One of my greatest satisfactions has been to watch a boy who, initially clumsy and unpromising, in time develops some ability and proficiency. He may never play high school football, but the new confidence he gains in himself, the sense of accomplishment, obviously gives him a new lease on life.

This is the way it can be in so many areas of life. Instead of wasting human lives because we think they are spoiled or without promise, Christ calls us to be ambassadors, agents of reconciliation, to reclaim lives for God that seemed unsalvageable to those who never look upon their fellow men with anything but a "human point of view." That is the task entrusted to us.

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