

## Going to Market



## Grassroots Opinion

MOVILLE, IOWA, RECORD: "It isn't the people who want something for nothing causing all the trouble . . . it's the ones that have succeeded in getting it."

BLAIR, NEBR., PILOT-TRIBUNE: "What would you guess, if someone asked you to name the single category of goods or services that Americans spend the most on? Food? That would be a popular guess, right now. Or perhaps housing? Well, get ready for a shock. In 1971, we spent a total of \$332.6 billion to purchase food, clothing, housing and automobiles. The same year, we spent \$338.5 billion on local, state and federal government."

ACTON, MASS., LITTLETON INDEPENDENT: "Salvation for this country's economic system and its way of life does not lie in increased federal government expenditure, more programs, and more controls. Instead, it lies in individual initiative and desire to produce. Every effort must be made to stimulate a desire for quality and excellence. Rewards should be for those who perform, rather than for those who shirk. Money should be invested in the free enterprise system, rather than in the sink of government inefficiency and carelessness where it is all too easily washed down the drain. If the voters demanded an end to wasteful government spending, loud and clear, there might still be a chance of bringing about a reversal of the tide of welfarism which threatens to engulf this country. Will they speak out in time?"

## A Calendar of Fact and Opinion

"The average taxpayer probably finds it difficult to comprehend the size of the 1974 federal budget," comments CIPSCO News, a Central Illinois Public Service Company publication, "of \$268.7 billion. But broken down to what such spending costs each family in the United States more than \$3,800, the huge budget is viewed in a more personal perspective. The average American

ALTOONA, PA., MIRROR: "Deficit sharing and guaranteed annual tax increases, that's about what the Democrats and Republicans are both promising us, more or less."

ST. MARYS, MO., WEEKLY REVIEW: "Who is going to sacrifice to ease the gasoline shortage? Are you going to cut down on gas usage, drive a smaller car, walk, ride a bicycle, forego a trip, adjust your poor driving habits, etc.—or is it going to be the guy down the street? But he's thinking the same thing about you . . ."

CROOKSVILLE, OHIO, CROOKSVILLE-ROSEVILLE MESSENGER: "The soaring rise in prices reminds us that inflation is like flirting with a girl . . . By the time you become alarmed, there doesn't seem to be anything you can do about it! . . . The price of beef is so high, for example, that cows are no longer being branded: they're being engraved."

BARNESVILLE, MINN., RECORD-REVIEW: "We have been told that the government is going to put a lot of money into a new rocket and . . . rumor has it that it will be named the 'Civil Servant' . . . you can't fire it . . . it won't work . . . and it'll cost the taxpayers a fortune."

WIBAUX, MONT., PIONEER-GAZETTE: "... if some of the 'dead wood' were rusted out of Washington, D.C. and honest, hard-working people were allowed to run our government, maybe . . . freeze (s) wouldn't be necessary."

household's share of the 1974 budget is \$3,811, which is more than 76 percent higher than federal spending per household just 10 years ago. Even the cost of spending all this money keeps going up. Every household would have to cough up \$85 this year just to cover the cost of operating the government, an increase of 130 percent over the 1964 cost of \$37."

## NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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### To Apply Lime

Fields going into winter grain and then to be seeded down next spring, should be checked for lime before seeding. If Lime is needed, it is best to work the lime into the ground before the seeding this fall. The practice of putting the lime on top of the grain field this winter or next spring is not getting the best use of the lime. Most stands of clover and alfalfa will do best if the soil is close to the 6.5 to 7.0 pH range. Growers are urged to have their soil tested soon and incorporate the lime into the soil this fall. It takes from one to two years for ground limestone to do full value to the soil.

### To Manage Dairy Herd Carefully

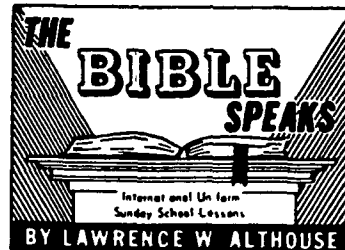
Good herd management is always important but milk producers that are grazing their cows on final growth of clover or alfalfa must be careful to avoid off-flavored milk. The cows should be allowed to graze the area only after the milking period and be taken from it at least four hours before the next milking. On some farms the clover and alfalfa fields are grazed late into the fall to utilize the maximum amount of forage; this can be done with careful management. The cows should be allowed to graze the legume plants only when the plants are dry and never when covered with frost. Severe cases of bloating may occur when these practices are not followed.

### To Rodent Proof Grain Bins and Cribbs

The corn harvest is at hand and it appears to be a good crop. Proper storage is very important and this means protection from both the weather and rodents. Many cribs do not have any protection from rats and mice and if the corn is to be stored for any length of time, they will do considerable damage. The use of concrete, hardware cloth, and metal sheets will prevent the rodents from climbing into the stored corn. A rat poison control program can be used in order to keep down the rat population. All broken floors and open stone or concrete walls should be filled in order to prevent nesting. Every farmer should put on a rat control program in order to protect his stored grains and other products.

### To Beware of Frosted Forage Crops

The time is here when we could be getting a killing frost; this makes little difference to most grasses and forage crops; however in the case of sudan grass, sorghum, or the sudan-sorghum hybrids, it could mean the development of prussic acid in the plant and toxicity to animals. Growers with these crops should prevent the fresh eating of the frosted crops until one week has passed; when dry the frosted plants may be consumed without danger. Also, the making of the frosted sorghum into silage and permitting to ferment for at least 30 days is another method of utilizing these crops. Careful management is needed after a killing frost.



## EXCHANGING GLORY

Lesson for September 24, 1973

Background Scripture: Romans 1:1 through 2:16  
Devotional Reading: Romans 1:1-12

A man who worked at the exchange desk of a large department store once told me, "You wouldn't believe some of the people who come to me!" Although there are many legitimate exchanges, he said, many times people want to exchange merchandise simply because they find it difficult to be satisfied with what they have.



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I do not find that difficult to believe for I have observed many times that one of our most pervasive human personality traits is our constant dissatisfaction with what we have. The old proverb, of course, is that "The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence." Who has not chuckled at the ridiculous sight of a cow, her head through fence staves, chewing earnestly at grass just outside her pasture and ignoring the equally appealing grass upon which she is standing?

### The truth for a lie

Of course, the reason we chuckle at dumb animals is frequently in that we know that people often behave in much the same way. People often seem to have the same difficulty in seeing what is valuable in their own midst. As

Paul put it to the Christians at Rome, "... they exchanged the truth about God for a lie" (1:25).

For some strange reason, the truth is often less attractive to us than a lie or an error. Most people believe lies because they have a desire to believe easy lies rather than hard truths. If the truth is challenging, if it requires something of us, we will tend to embrace a lie that asks nothing of us. Very often, then, people will exchange the truth about God for a lie because the lie is more comfortable in the short run. We give up eternal truth, exchanging it for untruths and half-truths because of the lure of temporary gain or benefit.

### A poor exchange

Thus, what may seem a good deal now may very well turn out to be a poor exchange, the worst of deals. Is it in one of Aesop's fables that a dog with a bone in his mouth stares fascinated at his reflection in the water. Thinking his reflection to be another dog with a bigger bone, he opens his mouth to growl and claim the prize below. In doing so, of course, he loses the bone he has and gets nothing but the shattering of an illusion.

So it is with men. Paul says it simply, but eloquently. "Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man" (1:23).

Of course, technically speaking, we no longer worship idols, god-like figures. But idolatry goes beyond that and means accepting something less than God as a substitute for him. Thus defined, idolatry is still with us! How often we pass up the Creator for a creature or a created thing, exchanging it and letting go the glory of God.

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