

A Calendar of Fact and Opinion

"There's some good news," reports the National Association of Manufacturers, "for the one-and-a-half million Americans who are hard of hearing. American Telephone and Telegraph Company has developed a portable adapter that will make all hearing aid devices compatible with all types of phone receivers. In the past, the incompatibility between hearing aids and new telephone designs created a serious problem, particularly for those with severe hearing loss. Their hearing aids cannot adequately pick up sounds from the receivers of certain new model phones. However, now the new portable adapter can be one answer to this problem. The adapter will be available by fall, according to a report to representatives of consumer groups for the hard of hearing... The AT&T adapter, which is a small acoustic coupler, can be attached to any telephone receiver. It will be offered to consumers at cost, which at present is estimated at about \$5 or \$6. The coupler is small enough to fit into a pocket or purse for easy carrying."

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As The Wall Street Journal notes, "Serious crime diminished last year but the most violent kinds became more numerous, the FBI said. The report, coming just a week after Attorney General Richardson disputed the accuracy of such statistics, showed a nationwide 2 percent decline in seven kinds of serious crime but increases for rape, assault and murder. The FBI agreed with Richardson that many crimes aren't reported and don't make their way into the statistics."

Grassroots Opinion

CENTREVILLE, ALA., PRESS: "Excellence in education is not so much teaching a child what to think, but how to think, so that he goes on seeking, choosing, and thinking, so developing the persistent habit of inquiry and reasoning, and if, years later, the knowledge he has acquired in school has become irrelevant to his purpose, dated or forgotten, he still has the ability to acquire new knowledge, to understand events more clearly and to adapt himself to new circumstances. Quality education is not just providing information, it is developing wiser minds."

BASTROP, LA., DAILY ENTERPRISE: "... an American newsman who... visited Red China... (has) noted that the workers there get no vacations, paid or otherwise. They do get a few days off for special holidays, and Sunday, but they never heard of three or four weeks, even one week off work. In our country there is a tendency to take off more and more days, give longer vacations. The

"We have been telling the Administration and the Congress for decades, 'Let us operate as a business while there's still a business to run.' We might just as well have been whispering down a well."--Mr. Louis W. Menk, chairman of the board, Burlington Northern Inc.

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"Among the novel bumper stickers beginning to show up on... car bumpers," observes the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, "is one which reads: 'Stamp Out Farmers--Stop Eating!'"

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In case you hadn't noticed, the California Taxpayers' Association says, "Family budgets in the past five years have increased 31 percent on housing, 26 percent for food and 25 percent for clothing, the Bureau of Census reports. But the greatest increase has been for government, 60 percent, or double any of the other items."

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"Apparently a bureaucrat can write a regulation about anything, regardless of how insignificant it may appear to others... We are reaching the point that every time a businessman tries to make a move to hire a new employee, develop a new product, market a new product, expand his plant, move into a new city, merge with another company, negotiate a labor contract, ship his goods, or raise new capital he is confronted by a regulation that says he cannot do it unless a federal agency approves."--Representative James M. Collins, Texas.

Communists, whom our liberals so idolize, don't believe in paid vacations. How about that?"

DUBLIN, GA., LAURENS COUNTY NEWS: "There are problem people and there are people problems; and it is these problem people who regardless of race, creed, or national origin may be involved but are not interested in getting people problems solved, but rather are determined to create and escalate people problems. That's why they are our problem people. Why we have people problems."

LAKE CITY, S.C., NEWS: "Have you ever noticed that when a group of adults are called upon to line up for food or tickets or anything else, they push and shove and act unbelievably rude? I always stand back in unhappy amazement and watch. It seems that by the time adults reach the old age of 21 they should know that pushing and shoving is not necessary. People really do show their ugly side when they line up."

Letters to the Editor

Editor, Lancaster Farming: The editorial of October 20th issue of Lancaster Farming on a county fair should have stirred up some thoughts, interests, and probably some disapprovals. But, I feel the time has come that Lancaster County agriculture should bring this subject out into the open and discuss it before it falls by the wayside.

Our farming today is going through a period of rapid change. New laws are being passed and new farming practices are being introduced to improve the wholesomeness of the products we produce, to reduce the pollution from our farming operations and to improve our conservation practices.

Also, Lancaster County is an area of unusual combination of interests. There are not many areas in the United States which have combinations of industry and business, tourism and

agriculture.

People may say what does this have to do with a county fair? I think a lot. I have been pleased by the way that farm fairs have supported the youth of our communities, for they are the foundation of the future of our business. But there should be more to it than that. All of the agriculture in our county should have the opportunity to exhibit in competition the products they produce. Secondly, one fair for all agri-business people would give better representation and advertisement for us farmers. Thirdly, the educational force this event would provide for us and our consuming public (industry and tourism) might be the most important part of a county fair. It scares me when I hear how much of our farm land leaves production annually, especially when I read about one of our reputable county farmers

saying that by the time his grandson reaches his age there will only be a few farms left in our county.

Available space is becoming a problem at a couple of our community fairs. This will be hindering future expansion of certain fairs. Also, different communities of the county are not represented in fairs, so a county farm show would have a fairer representation.

Personally, I would like to see the agricultural leaders of our five fairs and communities give this thought of a county fair some consideration. I feel we can use this fair as a tool for more recognition to Lancaster County agriculture and for better education for ourselves and our neighbors. The cost may be high, but where there is a will, there is a way for success.

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Handle Frosted Forage Carefully

There have been several frosts in this part of the state but most of them may not have been killing frosts. Questions have been presented about the using of frosted sudan grass or one of the sudan-sorghum hybrids. Some producers may want to graze this forage until freezing weather. If the plants are entirely killed by the frost and one week has been allowed for them to dry out, then it may be safely grazed or green-chopped. However, if only some of the plants have been killed and the others are still green, then it will be risky to use the forage in that condition. The danger of prussic acid is present until the plants are killed and dry. The making of the partly killed plants into silage and allowed to ferment for a month is another way to utilize this crop.

To Have Proper Equipment

The handling and treatment of livestock requires loading chutes, holding pens, cutting gates, sick pens, and catch gates or stanchions. To try to treat animals without this equipment often costs the farmer money and time. We have plans for the making of this equipment in our Extension Office. Sick animals should be segregated from the others and treated with the least amount of stress and excitement. Good equipment will pay for itself in a few years. The use of implants for more efficient gains and the numerous injections against infection presents the need for holding equipment so that the animals can be quickly and

safely treated. Don't delay this investment, if needed.

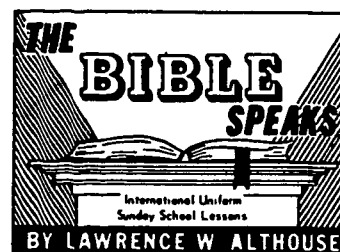
To Prepare Soybeans For Feeding

The soybean harvest is underway and many growers plan to use them as a protein supplement. In most cases raw soybeans do make the best protein feed unless cooked, roasted, or extruded. In particular swine should not be fed the beans in the raw condition. Some research work in Minnesota resulted in the decision that whole dry roasted and extruded soybeans slightly increased both daily gain and feed conversion over soybean meal; raw soybeans were very unsatisfactory in swine feeding. For cattle beans may be fed up to not more than 25 percent of the grain mixture; raw beans should not be fed in a mixture containing urea. Soybeans are high in oil and fat and excess feeding may upset the digestive system.

To Plan For 1974

Weed Control Program

Our Extension weed specialists inform us that now is the time to start planning for a better weed control program next summer. A survey of the fields this fall will detect the weeds that were not killed by the herbicide used this season; if these weeds are identified, then a different herbicide should be used next year. It is difficult to get one material that will eliminate all weeds and not hurt the current field crop. It is possible that different herbicides should be used in alternate years to keep down the infestation. Weed identification assistance is available through our local Extension Office, or from custom spray operators.



"DOING YOUR OWN THING"

Lesson for November 4, 1973

Background Scripture: Romans 12:1-13, 1 Corinthians 12:1 through 13:13
Devotional Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Somebody has said that "This is the era of 'Every man for himself.'"

It is true that there is a great emphasis today upon discovering and developing our own selfhood. Individuality is greatly honored, if not greatly practiced. We are encouraged to "forget what others say and do your own thing."

Conforming and transforming

Paul supplies a good text for that thesis: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..." (Romans 12:2). We can either let the world put its mark upon us, or we may determine to make our mark upon the world.

But isn't it audacious to think of putting your mark upon the world? No, says Paul, because that mark is distinctively you, is God's gift within you. It is his image appearing in you and you must never allow the world to blur the divine image, to obscure its features. Our individuality is our most precious heritage from God.

We are different, Paul points out, and we all have different

"things" to do. In the early church there were a diversity of gifts, prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, etc. Each person is differently and individually endowed and does not belong in any kind of conforming mould.

At the same time, though we are diverse in what we can contribute, we are one in that we all have something we can give and which is needed by our fellow Christians. "Doing our own thing" is intended to enrich, not only our own self-estimation, but the lives of others as well.

A living sacrifice

To some people, "Doing your own thing" means carving out a personal existence quite unrelated to other people. That, however, is not what Paul is speaking of. For one reason, "your own thing" is not just yours; it came from God, belongs to him. For another, regardless of the magnitude of "our own thing," we still need what others can give to us. "Our own thing" by itself is incomplete, inadequate. What others have, I need; what I have, someone else needs.

Our freedom means that we do not have to conform to other people. Yet, Paul calls us to voluntarily (not under compulsion) dedicate our gifts, our talents to God as an offering. We do not have to do so in order to win his love, but having been given his love as a gift of grace, we may in gratitude voluntarily put ourselves at his disposal.

Thus, we will "do our own thing," not to assert our independence, or to live unto ourselves alone, but as a thank-offering to God who gave us our gifts in the first place that we might serve one another.

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