

How many Crunches before we Crash?

"Grassroots Opinion"

HARRISVILLE, W. VA., RITCHIE GAZETTE AND CAIRO STANDARD: "One of the troubles of our educational system is that young people grow up to get the idea that education is a process that goes on for nine months of the year and twelve years of their lives with intermissions and a conclusion. This is not the way it should be. Education is like a remarkable plant that lives throughout the year and bears fruit every month as it goes along. There should be no intermission or conclusion in the educational process. There is no real end to education. You cannot store up knowledge and use it in the same way you store up money so that you buy everything you want out of this money you have in your possession for all the rest of your life. You can get wisdom only on the installment plan and the installments must go on 'as long as you live'"

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STINNETT, TEXAS, HUTCHINSON COUNTY HERALD "If the value of the dollar doesn't stop dropping and the cost of merchandise doesn't stop rising we may be forced to carry merchandise to buy money."

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LORIS, S.C., SENTINEL: "We think a cautious driver is the finest thing in the world and we certainly don't recommend tearing down the highway in excess of the speed limit. A speeding driver is dangerous. But so is a slow one! When we say slow driver, we aren't referring to someone who observes the speed limit or drives a few miles per hour below it. We mean the driver who insists on chugging down the road at 30 or 35 miles per hour, while the traffic backs up behind him. No doubt these well-intentioned folks believe they are advancing the cause of safety like it has never been advanced before. But we urge those who think that driving 25 miles per hour below the speed limit is a good safety practice to ask any highway patrolman what he thinks of the idea. We think they might be surprised by his answer."

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FLORENCE ALA. HERALD "In modern times man has learned how to split the atom, build planes that

conquer space and distance and bring people the world over within hours and minutes of each other, yet has not been able to find a formula that enables men of different races, cultures, personalities, and religions to live together amicably."

American Viewpoints



We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind. We shall be satisfied when those rights have been made as secure as the faith and the freedom of nations can make them.
—Woodrow Wilson

Courthouse Squares



Editor's Quote Book

Sure, the world is full of trouble, but so long as we have people undoing trouble, we have a pretty good world.
—Helen Keller

Looking Ahead
by Dr. George S. Benson
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GOVERNMENT OUT OF CONTROL.

The nearly half-trillion dollars which the American taxpayers are paying for government in the current fiscal year (Federal, State and Local) grew up out of public apathy and citizen default. The growth — from \$4 billion in Roosevelt's first year — is only indirectly chargeable to the six Presidents the Congresses and State and Local politicians. Primarily it is chargeable to the default of citizens on their responsibilities of citizenship. Nearly every American has said through the years when confronted with his political responsibilities: "Oh, let George do it!"

The "Let George do it" attitude has permitted the rapid creation of small pressure groups. You might say, their name is "George" — all of them. For they are calling the shots for everybody else while grinding their own group axes. They do not care how loudly we citizens squeal so long as we take no action to halt their raids on the Federal treasury and to some extent on State and local government treasuries. Where has this put us — as individuals and as families?

Your Part

If individual taxes were absolutely equal for every citizen in the United States each (including babies) would have to pay \$1,140 in taxes to meet just the current Federal budget requirement. A family of four would have to pay \$5,360, and a family of six \$8,040. That's the tax per person and per family when averaged out. Of course some pay less, and some pay more.

In addition, the \$505 Federal government debt breaks down to an average of \$2,500 per person. A family of four, on the average, would have to assume \$10,000 as its part of the national debt, and a family of six, \$15,000. And don't let anybody tell you "Oh, forget the National debt, we owe it to ourselves." That's ridiculous! The debt is held by individual citizens and institutions, by banks in the Federal Reserve system, and in paper notes in some of the big funds accumulated in Federal Government departments. Individual citizens own about \$50 billion in U.S. Savings Bonds. Holders of these bonds must be paid — and the only source of payment is the taxpayers. The remainder of the indebtedness must also be paid in like manner.

Tapping Social Security Fund

A whopping amount of borrowed money which the Government has arrogated to itself, without the permission of the citizens, has been taken from the Social Security Fund. By 1973, taxpayers were paying \$36 billion 600 million a year into the Social Security Fund. The Fund as you all know, was set up to pay retirement benefits. Every working American pays taxes into the Fund, most of it deducted from paychecks. The book balance of the Social Security Fund now stands at \$36.6 billion.

But there's a catch — a shocking catch! Without your permission the Federal government has dipped into this Fund and borrowed \$36 billion \$296 million — leaving only promises to pay it back. The Government of course, cannot under present fiscal policies pay it back — without piling more taxes on the people. There is only about \$300 million in cash in the Fund. And meantime the taxpayers are being charged interest on the money taken in Federal borrowing from the Fund. In the 1973-74 Federal budget is an item for \$1.9 billion to pay the interest on the money borrowed from our Social Security Fund and spent on various programs which we may or may not approve.

A Dangerous Government Role

If a citizen thinks this is ridiculous, let him recognize the fact that it is his money that has been borrowed, his money being paid in interest, his representatives in the Congress and White House who are borrowing the money — for deficit spending — and for expanding the size and cost of government.

On top of these figures I've given you is another one which should shock every citizen out of his apathy. The American taxpayers are forced to pay in this fiscal year more than \$26 billion just in interest on the federal debt!

It is not my wish to be an alarmist. But with the Federal Government's financial stability as shaky as it is today, a depression or runaway in

NOW IS THE TIME...



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To Control Parasites

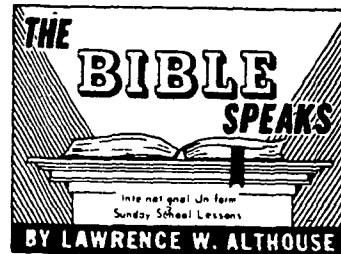
Parasite control should be a regular part of your management program for livestock. With most dairy and beef cattle now in winter housing, external parasites must be kept in check. Hopefully, when the animals were brought in for the winter, internal parasites were taken care of with one of the new easy-to-use worm medicines. Check your animals closely for external parasites such as lice and barn itch. These problems will first appear on the undersides of the animals, eventually working to the top. Sprays are preferred for control since it is difficult to get complete coverage with powders and dusts. Controlling external parasites is more important than just making your animal comfortable. Production efficiency is also a factor.

To Check Feed Mineral Levels

The importance of minerals in livestock feeds

flation or any such crisis could paralyze the economy and wipe out the Social Security payments which now partially maintain 30 million elderly citizens. It could wipe out all financial values. That is why as I have said for nearly 40 years, the Government can provide no genuine economic security for the people — as Thomas Jefferson and our other founding fathers repeatedly warned. Next week more on big Government dangers.

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BELIEVING IS SEEING

Lesson for January 13, 1974

Background Scripture: John 8:12-20
Devotional Reading: John 9:24-33

"Seeing is believing!"

So goes the old saying. It means simply that we will believe only what we see. Show us what you say is true and then we will believe you.

Basically, it is a dubious, cynical approach to life. Unfortunately, some people are so doubtful about life that they are unwilling even to believe what they see. In John 9 we see this type of person. Rev. Althouse Looking at the man born blind and now apparently possessing his sight for the first time in his life, some people, recognizing him, say "It is he," But others, unwilling to accept even the testimony of their own eyes, say "No, but he is like him" (9:9).

They did not believe

Nevertheless, the man born blind says, "I am the man!" Surely now they must believe what their eyes tell them?

No, now their doubts arise at a different point they questioned whether he had actually been born blind in the first place! And when the man's parents affirm that he had definitely been born blind, instead of accepting at last the evidence, they stubbornly

should not be overlooked. Many problems we encounter in dairy herds can be traced to mineral imbalance. Even with the increased prices and potential shortages of some of our feed minerals, they are still one of the best buys you make. Free choice mineral feeding is desirable for all livestock, but with the dairy cow we should include most of the mineral needs in the ration. Obviously, to correctly balance the minerals in a ration, needs must be known. This means forage testing for minerals as well as other nutrients. Minerals may make up a small portion of total ration, but not a portion to be overlooked.

To Give Cows Exercise

The current fad of "jogging" as a form of human exercise indicates the importance of exercise to living creatures. We have recognized for a long time the importance of exercise for the dairy cow. Apparently, many dairymen at this time of year disregard the important practice. Aside from many benefits of exercise, getting the cows out once or twice a day gives you a good opportunity to observe them for signs of heat. Don't overlook this opportunity. This is one of those many management practices that doesn't cost you anything, but a little time, and pays big production efficiency dividends.

cling to their disbelief. . . we know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner" (9:24). No longer able to refute the seeing "blind man," they focused their doubt now upon his healer. No wonder that, on another occasion, Jesus remarked that there were some people who would not believe even if they saw a man rise from the dead! This is true blindness, not a blindness of the physical eyes, but a spiritual blindness. Some of the Pharisees standing near Jesus ask "Are we also blind?" Jesus' reply pinpoints the issue. "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see' your guilt remains" (9:40, 41).

The blind man sees

There is an interesting contrast between the blind man and the Pharisees. Ordinarily, it would be presumed that they have two great advantages over him: (1) they have physical sight, and (2) they are regarded as men of faith and understanding. Yet, ironically, it is the "blind man" who believes without seeing who actually sees both physically and spiritually, while the Pharisees, despite their eyesight are spiritually blind.

So it may be that we, because of our lack of belief, our predisposition to doubt, are unable to "see" what should be obvious in life. Lack of belief robs us of seeing. Dr. O. Carl Simonton, a cancer specialist in Fort Worth, Texas, has found that the difference between recovery and decline in a cancer patient, is often the ability of the patient to "see" himself recovering.

It may well be that believing is sometimes rightly dependent upon seeing, but we must remember that often it is also true that believing is seeing!

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