

# The Democratic Way

Never underestimate the power of the American people, especially when it comes to safeguarding one of their democratic birthrights, a free and diversified press.

In a heartwarming display, according to an AP dispatch from Lander, Wyoming, not long ago the public rallied round the dying High Country News, a biweekly circulated nationwide, devoted wholly to the conservation cause and funded by subscriptions alone. The paper was forced to announce that with a \$7,500 bank loan due it would have to

stop its presses for good, "barring a miracle." The miracle came. Contributions flooded the office, causing the editor to happily comment, "We are on a stronger footing than we ever have been."

Let this incident serve as a warning to those who think the U.S. weakened because its people constantly question and criticize the very institutions which hold their country up. When it really counts, Americans have always been able to "get it together" -- just ask the editor of the High Country News.

## "Grassroots Opinion"

**MCCOMB, MISS., ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL:** "There are some problems which the public knows little about but which affect people personally. An example is the devaluation of the dollar. Now it is being said that food prices have been affected by the dollar devaluation. Certainly this would mean that dollar devaluation is close to people personally. But the monetary system is a specialty. Only the specialists understand it. It is comparable to a surgical problem. No one would argue with his surgeon about how he should perform an operation. And by the same token few of us are in a position to argue with the economic specialists, even if the problem is personal."

**GENESE, ILL., REPUBLIC:** "It is small wonder that international problems are so great when you consider the generation gap, the communications gap, the hassles over national issues and local issues, dissension in our churches, on our streets and between neighbors where there isn't even a language barrier. The real wonder is that the world is in as good shape as it is!"

"Americans will put up with a great many things before they will put up with a shortage of gasoline or the inability to drive their automobile. When we start infringing on that freedom, then the energy crisis will manifest itself to Americans" -- Mr. J. Bennett Johnston, U.S. Senator from Louisiana.

According to Ms. Caroline Bird, a feminist leader and writer, the "equal pay for equal work" doctrine still has not received wide enough application in the U.S. The job scene is looking up in some respects, though, for she notes, "Many -- perhaps most companies are complying voluntarily (with the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission) and there is a commendable trend toward more women executives. Court decisions and new legislation are correcting many old inequities that operated against women but we still need the Equal Rights Amendment and hope Illinois will ratify in January. Thirty states have approved it and only eight more are needed. In fairness, it must be said that earnings of the 33 million women who work as a whole are less than those of men not so much because of discrimination but because they work in the overcrowded education, secretarial and stenographic fields where the wages of all are lower. The law of supply and demand is as strong as the Equal

Pay Law. My advice to women seeking well-paid jobs is to go where the men are."

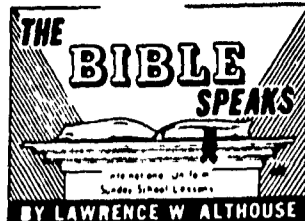
**HARRISVILLE, W. VA., RITCHIE GAZETTE AND CAIRO STANDARD:** "The game of life is very much like the game of football. There's the goal we all strive to reach; there are times when combination pays better than individual brilliance; there are big men -- and big jobs -- to tackle, penalties for those who break the rules, applause of the crowd for clever headwork and spectacular play, unfeeling jeers for failure that, with just a little luck, might have been a success, there are trips and falls -- and fouls. Life might be a game of football for many. The trouble is that we are sometimes the ball -- kicked and buffeted about. Instead of being the player, we are (the) one to be played with. And it hurts."

As a Highway Users Federation publication reports, "Traffic accidents resulted in 56,600 deaths, 2.1 million disabling injuries and a total of \$194 billion in costs to the American economy during 1972. This report on highway transportation losses last year is included in 'Accident Facts' published by the National Safety Council. The publication also notes that the motor vehicle death rate for 100 million vehicle miles of travel decreased last year to 4.53 as compared to 4.61 in 1971."

**ABILENE, KANS., REFLECTOR-CHRONICLE:** "Every time they 'reorganize' some phase of the Postal Service the service seems to get worse. One of the big deals was centralizing mail to the big centers, taking away the mail from smaller, more efficient offices. This hasn't helped much -- except passing the buck clear out of everybody's reach."

**COVINGTON, TENN., LEADER:** "Some fear that in the not-distant future people will stop asking, 'What is happening to the dollar?' and start asking, 'What happened to the dollar?'"

"According to native legend," it is noted in an information sheet entitled "Forest Facts and Features," published by the National Forest Products Association, "mahogany trees that are cut by the light of the moon are sounder, freer of sap, and of a richer color at night. The National Forest Products Association reports this has no basis in fact, but the belief persists."



### ANOTHER DIMENSION

Lesson for February 10, 1974

**Background Scripture:** John 18:12 through 19:15.  
**Devotional Reading:** John 18:1-11.

A few weeks ago, I stood in the church that, tradition tells us, is built upon the site of the house of Caiaphas, the high priest at the time of Jesus. On a lower floor there is a dungeon in which it is believed Jesus was kept for a while during his last hours. As I stood and looked down into that hole, I was overwhelmed with a sense of psychic depression that stayed with me for hours.

**Who had the power?**  
Yet, as I toured the ancient city of Jerusalem, it occurred to me that there was great irony in the confrontations between Jesus and Caiaphas and Jesus and Pilate. Both Caiaphas and Pilate were men of great power and stature in Jerusalem in the days of Jesus' ministry. Standing before the high priest, Jesus was cruelly struck by one of the officers because it was deemed that he did not show the proper respect for Caiaphas. Later, questioned by the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, Jesus was once again upbraided for his seeming lack of respect for the power of Pilate. "Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?"

Jesus could scarcely deny that these men had great power. Yet, though he knew they had the power to kill him, he said to Pilate: "You would have no power over me unless it had been given to you from above..." (19:11). Jesus was intimating that there was another, higher source of power than either Pilate or the Roman Empire he represented.

**The kingdom of truth**  
This was not the first time that Jesus had indicated such a thing. When first brought to the praetorium and Pilate, he was asked by the Roman governor, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus' response makes it clear that Pilate doesn't understand the nature of the authority that belongs to Jesus. Finally, he explains: "My kingship is not of this world..." (18:36). His level of power and authority are on another, higher dimension than any temporal power. "So you are a king?" Pilate wants to know, and Jesus answers: "You say that I am a king. For this was I born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth" (18:37).

The Caiaphases and Pilates might hold sway in the temporal world, but in the dimension or kingdom of truth, the level of eternal realities, there was an authority that transcended that of all temporal rulers. It was because of this level or dimension of life, that Jesus, though he stood captive in chains, was still in control of the situation, still could and would wring a victory out of what otherwise would be a tragedy.

Today Caiaphas and Pilate

## NOW IS THE TIME...



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### TO PREPARE FOR DORMANT SPRAYS

Many fruit and shade trees, or other ornamental shrubs, may need a dormant spray during late February or March to control scale insects and other pests. This is a very important spray and producers should be preparing by getting the material on hand. The timing of the spray will depend greatly upon weather conditions in the next 6 to 8 weeks. Many kinds of scale can be controlled more successfully by proper dormant spray applications; the winter or dormant oil sprays are the ones that give good control.

### TO GET CERTIFIED LEGUMESEED

Alfalfa or clover growers who are planning to make a broadcast seeding into winter grain could be getting ready. Top quality seeds are needed and the proper inoculation should be applied. If certified seeds are not available, and home-grown seeds are used, then samples should be sent to the Seed Testing Laboratory at Harrisburg to find the purity and the germination rate. Some growers may start broadcasting the last week in February with part of the seeding rate and apply the other half of the seeds two weeks later. Experience reveals that with the broadcast method the earlier seedings are more successful.

### Farm Calendar

- Saturday, February 9**  
8:00 p.m. -- Postponed meeting of the Lancaster County Pomona Grange officers and committee at the home of Jesse Wood.
- Monday, February 11**  
7:30 p.m. -- Plain Streams Act and the Farmer, meeting, at the Russellville Grange Hall, Russellville. First of a series of meetings planned for Feb. 11 - 14. Manheim Young Farmers monthly meeting. "Fertilization and the Supply". Manheim vo-ag department.
- Annual Vegetable Conference, Penn State, Feb. 11-13.
- Tuesday, February 12**  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. -- Tax Workshop to help farmers on the Penn State Farm Records program and completing tax returns, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.
- 1:00 p.m. -- The Clean Streams Act and You, Honey Brook Grange Hall, Rt. 10, Honey Brook.
- 6:45 p.m. -- Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association annual meeting, Farm

are barely remembered; when they are, it is because of their relationship to Jesus who once was their victim, but now is their victor and ruler in a dimension that transcends this life on earth.

### TO IMPROVE FARM MANAGEMENT

No doubt every farmer has been told that good management is far better than all of the chemicals or antibiotics that can be assembled. Since we are in the early part of the 1974 year, it might be a good time for every producer to evaluate his own farm management practices. It appears in the future that management could make the difference between success or failure. With so many changes coming along and the extremely high cost of all inputs, farm planning and the proper handling of capital, labor, and materials is essential to a profitable enterprise. We hope that every farmer will make an effort to be a better farm manager in the coming year.

### TO UTILIZE LIMITED FERTILIZER

We are cautioned about the possible shortages of certain kinds of fertilizers this year; also, it seems certain that prices will be higher for what is available. Now would be the time to evaluate where the fertilizer should go that will give the greatest dollar return. For example, nitrogen might be used only on the corn or tobacco crop and apply only phosphorus and potash to the forage crops such as alfalfa and pasture mixtures. Livestock manure might also be used on most crops in place of nitrogen. Again, good planning and proper decisions on the use of available items are very much in order.

and Home Center, Lancaster.  
7:30 p.m. -- Manheim Young Farmers farm wiring seminar number 7. Manheim vo-ag department.

7:45 p.m. -- Garden Spot and Ephrata Young Farmers beef meeting: Beef Cattle Housing, implants and ventilation. Garden Spot High School, vo-ag department.

**Wednesday, February 13**  
6:30 p.m. -- Nutrition meeting for feed dealers and veterinarians. Ingleside Diner, E. Lincoln Highway, 2 miles E. of Coatesville.

Ephrata and Garden Spot Young Farmers Beef Tour: Ventilation and Housing, details at Feb. 12 meeting.

**Thursday, February 14**  
8:45 a.m. -- Chester County Conservation district engineering workshop, West Goshen Township building, Paoli Pike.

10:00 a.m. -- Chester County Dairy Day, Stone Barn, Rt. 842, Unionville. Herd Health Problems and Dairy Feeding programs, afternoon program presented by Atlantic Breeders Co-op.

1:00 p.m. -- DHIA Records Workshop, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

1:00 p.m. -- Susquehanna River Basin commission

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