

# Enthusiasm Makes A Difference

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# Fuel for Railroads

Just before Congress adjourned last December, it passed the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973. A measure aimed at reorganizing the country's railroads that had received the endorsement of the American Association of Public Transportation Users. The act was passed by a vote of 77-19 in the House and 93-5 in the Senate. The act is a landmark in the history of the railroads and the transportation industry. It provides for the reorganization of the railroads into seven regions. The act also provides for the creation of a new agency, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, to provide passenger rail service. The act is a major step towards the modernization of the railroads and the improvement of the transportation system.

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## "Grassroots Opinion"

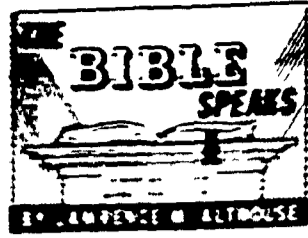
**NASHVILLE APN NEWS** What happened to the pride and honor of yesterday is a question asked by our grandparents but left unanswered by this generation. We are undergoing changes everyday as if a constant metamorphosis has taken over the world. People take the shapes of shooting stars that burn brightly and then fade out. Stopping to the level of decency of today is a common cause among many unknowing individuals. They don't see what fault there is in what they are doing and are herded like sheep into every new phase of the game that comes along. People need to have an open mind about new ideas but they must look to themselves not to others, on which way they want to go.

**DU QUOIN ILL. EVENING CALL** In Arizona highway clean-up crews couldn't keep pace with litterers until roadside signs were changed a few years ago. Before them, anti-litter posters read "Deposit litter ahead one fourth mile." Many motorists took the signs literally and scattered garbage over the next quarter-mile. The roads are much cleaner officials say since the signs were reworded. Litter container one fourth mile.

**NORWICH CONN. BULLETIN** The United States was unable to get a cease-fire in Vietnam in ten years. It was able to get one in the Middle East in only two weeks. Which proves once again, the old adage. Unless the major powers agree the U.N. is unworkable. And if they do agree then it is unnecessary.

**LAKE CRYSTAL, MINN. TRIBUNE** "Where else but in America could you get an advertising piece that costs \$50,000 to design, \$500,000 to print, offers \$2 million in prizes -- and what is it called? Junk mail!"

**WILLIAMSTOWN N.J., PLAIN DEALER** "Not many complain about the loss of personal liberty involved in stopping for red lights."



## THE LAST BEATTITUDE

Lesson for February 24, 1974

**Background Scripture:** Luke 11:1-13  
**Devotional Reading:** Luke 11:1-13  
The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a central theme of the Christian faith. It is the event that proves Jesus is the Son of God and that He has conquered death. The resurrection is the foundation of our faith and the source of our hope. It is the power that gives us life and the promise of eternal life. The resurrection is the greatest miracle of the Christian faith and the most important event in the history of the world.

Since people who read this story occasionally inquire as to what is being done to make it more interesting, they seem to assume that if somebody would be resurrected, this would add greater weight to the belief in the resurrection of Christ. He came and stood among them.

What are we to make of this apparent discrepancy? The answer is "Nothing!" For one thing, a stimulating religious experience and the resurrection at its least was that which defies explanation and communication. This was evident on the occasion of one of Jesus' trips to Jerusalem (John 12:27-29). The Evangelist tells us that God spoke to Jesus. But, says John, "The crowd said that it had thundered. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'" Men divinely inspired will usually vary greatly in perceiving and sharing with others the nature of that inspiration.

Beyond certainty. Secondly, the proof of the pudding" as far as the resurrection is concerned is to be found, not so much in what the disciples said about the resurrection experiences, but what they did about it. Although they could not fully agree on all the details of their inspiring experiences, they found in those experiences the power to become flaming witnesses for the Risen Lord.

## NOW IS THE TIME...

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### TO EVALUATE SOURCE OF FERTILIZERS

The fertilizer needs of a plant can come from organic matter in the soil, livestock manure, plant root nodules or from commercial fertilizers. This year all producers are urged to take a hard look at their actual fertilizer needs per crop and determine the cheapest source of these elements. Due to the scarcity and higher price of most commercial fertilizers, it is quite likely that many growers can use less commercial fertilizer providing the manure applications are at the proper time and the manure has been stored without much leaching. A ton of cattle manure contains about 10 pounds of nitrogen, 5 pounds of phosphorus, and 10 pounds of potash. Poultry manure contains 20 pounds of nitrogen, 16 of phosphorus, and 8 pounds of potash. Don't overlook the fertilizer value of manure this spring. Store and handle it wisely.

### TO PLAN FOR ALFALFA SEEDING

Alfalfa is still "queen" of the forage crops and one of the best sources of protein and minerals for most species of livestock. Local growers who are needing more acreage are urged to consider a straight alfalfa seeding early this spring. In fact, these seedings could be made just one month from now in the southeastern part of the state. Some chemical weed control will be needed since there will not be a nurse crop. Many growers have harvested two cuttings from this new seeding the first growing season. Certified seed, a well prepared and limed seedbed is needed.

and the use of the seeding method is strongly recommended.

### TO INSPECT PASTURE FIELDS

The littering of rural ways and fields continues and no doubt this thoughtless practice will be a burden for years to come. Livestock producers should take the time to go over their pasture lands near a road or highway and remove all types of junk and empty containers. Some of these may contain poison that will kill the animals. Don't think that the animals will not find them because this has often led to the loss of livestock. On cropland this same junk should be removed because it may damage machinery and any bottles or glassware may cut tractor tires. This might be a good community service activity for youth or civic groups.

### TO ARRANGE FOR FUEL NEEDS

According to my understanding of existing laws farmers are to get 100 percent of their current needs for agricultural production. This might be a good time to contact your fuel dealer and inform him of your needs. This is especially true if you have expanded your farm operation since last year. It may be necessary to complete forms for additional fuel if you are not assured of your needs. The local Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Office in the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, has been delegated the responsibility of assisting in providing the proper forms and in making the proper contacts. Don't delay in looking into your fuel needs until the week that you will be needing the fuel.

# Farm Calendar

- Monday, February 25**
  - 7:00 p.m. - Stoverstown 4-H Crafts Club meeting, York Co. 4-H Center.
  - 7:30 - Pa. State Grange regional conference, Grange Hall, Kutztown.
  - 7:30 - Glen Rock-Loganville 4-H Tractor club meeting, at Gus Farm Supply, Seven Valleys.
  - 7:30 - Spring Grove 4-H Horse club meeting, York Co. 4-H Center.
  - 7:30 - Octorara Young Farmers meeting on Diesel and Gasoline Engine maintenance and tune up, C. B. Hooper and Son shop, Intercourse.
  - Feb. 25-27 - Farm Credit Conference, focus on financial needs of Young Farmers, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Tuesday, February 26**
  - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Vegetable Growers meeting, Holiday Inn, Kulpsville, Bucks Co., Feb. 26 and 27.
  - 7:30 p.m. - Hedging with Commodity Futures, Merrill Lynch Seminar, Livestock Exchange Room, Lancaster Stock Yards.
  - 7:30 - Chanceford 4-H Community club meeting, Chanceford Elementary School.
  - 7:30 - River Hill 4-H Horse club planning meeting at the home of Elmer Sueck, Airville RD1.
  - 7:45 p.m. - Crop Management meeting, Corn Production, Garden Spot High School, vo-ag room.
- Wednesday, February 27**
  - 7:00 p.m. - York County 4-H roller skating party, Roll 'n Way Rink, E. Market St., York.
  - 7:30 p.m. - Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmers meeting, Clean Streams Law and the (Continued On Page 16)

We may sometimes feel the disciples had a great advantage in experiencing the Risen Lord in such dramatic fashion, but Jesus himself indicates that the highest blessedness of all is for those of us who "have not seen and yet believe."