



Our Greatest Resource

In this age of stiff competition between nations, it doesn't make sense to waste effort and resources. When thinking of resources, most people conjure up visions of oil wells and forests, rivers, farmland, mineral deposits and the like. This overlooks the fact that the most valuable resource which any nation has is the intelligence and ingenuity of its citizens, combined with the ability of its economic system to produce the goods and services that people need. It is hardly advantageous to have trees in a forest unless someone can make boards out of them to build

homes. Oil in the ground, unless there is some way to transform it into gasoline at the local service station pump, is of little use. U.S.-style private enterprise working with the incentives, as well as the disciplines of the free market, is the greatest device ever created when it comes to providing jobs and turning out things people need to live reasonably comfortable and pleasant lives in the midst of relatively hostile natural surroundings. It is the greatest resource the nation has. We should take care of it.

A Year to Remember

Any fortune-tellers peering into the mists of the future would be forgiven if they felt a little disheartened at first by visions of unemployment, Mideast tensions, shortages in everything from gasoline to bathroom tissue and prices which move ever-upward -- seemingly at the speed of light.

Life has never been easy, and it doesn't promise to blossom into a paradise for quite sometime. But no matter how tough the going gets, we are confident the American people

will pull through. The brand-new pages of yet another year have barely been creased, and while the story it has yet to tell will not be without unhappy moments, surely the U. S. system of free enterprise and justice under law will overcome any temporary setbacks to emerge triumphant. If we will just have faith in ourselves and our country, 1974 can be a year of accomplishment to remember.

"Grassroots Opinion"

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 "Many things in our life-style will be changed if and when gas rationing goes into effect. One industry that has been booming will feel a tremendous pinch, that being the far-flung and many-faceted industry of tourism. With airlines cutting back flights, and with the threatened shortage of gasoline, diesel fuel etc, it makes you wonder if you'll see a resurgence of rail travel with the reappearance of the steam locomotive. This may be impractical, but it may come to pass as we explore alternate means of travel rather than

jumping into the gas gulping, high powered family auto, and zoom 70-80 miles an hour over 4-lane highways. We may still be able to go places, but it may be at a much slower pace."
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"Des Moines zoo director Robert Elgin has a roaring good idea," notes an American Mutual Insurance Alliance publication, "on how to discourage vandals. Following a costly incident where vandals sprayed zoo animals with paint and set some species free, Elgin provided the zoo community with a roving watchdog. A lion was allowed to patrol the enclosure after dark."

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
 International Life from Sunday School Lessons
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PENTECOSTAL PURPOSE
 Lesson for March 3, 1974

Background Scripture: Acts 1 through 2.
 Devotional Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8.

If what happened in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost happened in your church, your minister, your congregation, or both would probably be in trouble. There is little room for the pentecostal experience in the lives of most churches. Most church worship services are designed to be the very opposite of the experience of the Jerusalem Church on Pentecost. Our services are, for the most part, intended to be unexciting, undramatic, and certainly not spontaneous.

Filled with the Holy Spirit
 The rise of the so-called "pentecostal" groups today has helped many of us in the "standard-brand-denominations" to realize that we have been too contemptuous of the pentecostal experience and have therefore been too restrictive to the work of the Holy Spirit. As John the Evangelist indicated, the Holy Spirit is like the unpredictable wind: it cannot be manipulated and controlled. We cannot schedule it through an order of worship or liturgy.

Young people have often become disenchanted with the churches because they have found them largely devoid of power. They are convinced of the validity of religion, not so much by argumentation, but by demonstrations of spiritual power to heal and mend broken lives and communities. Many of us are rediscovering the need for pentecostal power in our Christianity.

At the same time, it is very evident to some of us that the pentecostal experience may be misused. For some people the ecstatic experience is an end in itself. They seek the experience because of the way it makes them "feel." The pentecostal experience for some is a continual search for "spiritual kicks" or "fireworks." Religion of this kind becomes self-centered, a never-ending quest for spiritual excitement. "And they devoted themselves..."

Consider, by comparison, the account of the first Pentecost experience in Jerusalem. Acts does not tell us that the result of Pentecost was a pentecostal binge, but changed lives that were devoted to Christian growth, fellowship, and worship. Because of the first pentecostal experience, Peter preached a mighty sermon that brought conversions. There was a pentecostal purpose behind that pentecostal experience.

Once the Day of Pentecost was over, the writer of Acts does not tell us that the old and new followers of Jesus spent their time trying to repeat the pentecostal experience. The writer does not indicate that they spent their time trying to teach people to speak in ecstatic tongues. Rather, he says, "... they

NOW IS THE TIME...

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TO BROADCAST LEGUMES

Red Clover and Alfalfa growers who are planning to establish new stands in winter grain by the broadcast method should be getting this done during the first week of March. When the ground gets a "honeycomb" condition due to alternate freezing and thawing the seeds will be worked into the topsoil at about the proper planting depth. Early seedings have been more successful than those made during late March or in April. If the band-seeding method is to be used (a better method than broadcasting) then the grower should wait until the ground dries out sufficiently for the tractor and grain drill to travel over the area.

TO PROTECT PASTURES
 Some livestock men will permit their herds or flocks to roam over the pasture area at all times during the winter and spring months. This will do little harm during the winter months, but when warmer weather arrives and the sod fields and pastures get soft, it is best to remove the livestock to give the grass plants a chance to grow. Heavy livestock traffic on a grazing area during March or early April could do considerable

harm and make the area rough and full of tracks.

TO PREPARE FOR SEEDING SPRING OATS

One of the very early crops to be planted in this part of the country should be spring oats. Granted they will not yield as well here as in cooler climates, but if spring oats are to be grown, they should get into the ground late in March or the first week in April. Feed grains are scarce and expensive this year and some growers may want to sow oats for their livestock and for the straw crop. The Agronomy Guide will give some guidelines for adapted varieties.

TO PERMIT SOIL TO DRY

When nice spring weather arrives many folks are anxious to get into the garden or field and start the spring planting job. In clay-type soils, or other heavy soils, this could be a serious mistake. Soil worked too wet in the spring may never become in proper condition for many crops; it will stay hard and clumpy for the entire season. With heavy mechanical equipment it is more important that the soil moisture is low enough not to pack it too hard when ground freezing may not come along to make it more mellow and workable.

Farm Calendar

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| Monday, March 4 | Harrisburg. |
| 7:30 p.m. - Royster Company, Stauffer Chemical and Pro-Lix meeting, Bird-in-Hand Fire Hall. | 6:30 p.m. - Wrightsville 4-H club meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wrightsville. |
| 7:30 p.m. - Glen Rock-Loganville 4-H Tractor club meeting at the home of C. Harry Miller, Glen Rock RD2. | 7 p.m. - Chester County Extension Service annual dinner meeting, Alert Fire Company, Downingtown. |
| 7:30 p.m. - York County 4-H Baby Beef club meeting, York Co. 4-H Center. | 7:30 p.m. - Hedging with Commodity Futures, Merrill Lynch Seminar, Livestock Exchange Room, Lancaster Stockyards. |
| 8:00 p.m. - Board of Directors of Lancaster County Poultry Association meeting, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster. | 7:45 p.m. - Swine Meeting, Garden Spot High School, vo-ag department. |
| Octorara Young Farmer fifth annual banquet, Octorara High School Cafeteria. | 7:45 p.m. - Ephrata Area Adult Farmer farm buildings course, Ephrata vo-ag department, first meeting on Farm Building Layout and Foundation Construction. |
| Tuesday, March 5 | Beef Cattle Conference, College of Agriculture, Penn State University, March 5, 6, 7. |
| Lancaster County Dairy Day, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster. | 1974 American Pork Congress, March 5, 6, 7, Des Moines, Iowa. |
| 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Southeast Penna. Soybean Day, Holiday Inn, Kulpville, Bucks County. | Wednesday, March 6 |
| 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. - Penna. Organic Farmer-Consumer Organization meeting on Soil Fertility, Room 309, Dept. of Ag. Bldg., opposite Farm Show Building, | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., March 6, 7 - Farm Financial Management two day clinic, Stone Barn, Unionville. |
| devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). | 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - March 5, 6 - Farm Financial Management Clinic, Municipal Building, Lebanon, Room 201. |
| The churches may still need at times the pentecostal experience, but let us remember that behind that experience there is always a pentecostal purpose. | 8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Waste Stabilization Ponds informational meeting, (Continued On Page 11) |