

Grassroots Opinion

According to the National Association of Manufacturers, "Interest on the public debt cost U. S. taxpayers \$10.3 billion in 1963. For 1973 they will have to shell out an estimated \$23.4 billion."

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Arson is growing at a faster rate than other types of fires and even faster than most other crimes, a Stanford Research Institute report warns. Despite a general slackening of violent incidents nationally, arson is occurring at a rate ten times as high as in 1950 and is spreading to the suburbs, wrote Mr. Kendall D. Moll, a socio-economist and author of the report. The study recommended that investigative efforts in connection with arson be tripled, especially in small suburban and rural communities. According to statistics compiled through 1971 but still valid, arson losses account for possibly 30 percent or more of all building losses -- greater than all the other costs of violence combined. The number of deliberate burnings has tripled since 1960 and jumped by 13 times since 1950 -- a tenfold increase when population growth is considered. "The efforts currently being devoted to arson investigations are entirely inadequate to the needs," the report said. Unless arson squads are increased, said the report, "all areas of the nation will soon be facing an arson problem as serious as the inner cities have confronted during the past five years."

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WEST POINT, MISS, TIMES LEADER "We have no patience with that handful of truckers who decided that by their own unlawful actions they could force the nation to give more gasoline to trucks, and allow higher highway speeds for trucks if we, as a nation, survive this crisis, it will be through the cooperation of ALL citizens, in ALL walks of life. There can be no favorites"

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MOVILLE, IOWA, RECORD "If the gas situation is as short as reports try to tell us let's not be so 'pig headed' on this situation as the government was on the 'beef price freeze' Let's take action and get all these smog control devices off

automobiles and enjoy another three to five miles travel on every gallon of gas. Just because the big cities need smog control ... there is no reason for such measures out here in the boondocks. If government officials really want to get down to the real issues and means to help the fuel crisis, there are numerous ways that this condition could be helped and we think these corrective measures could be pushed first before the whole nation is thrown into a rationing situation."

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MARION, WISC., ADVERTISER: "We wonder if the young drivers will know what to do with themselves this winter? There are too many youths who have never had a shortage of anything, except maybe trips to the woodshed ... and we figure if they can take a cold floor in the morning, and will drink hot water in the milk for breakfast to get warm, will not watch TV to save on electricity, will get fighting mad if the government tries to take away or register their guns, and will get into politics and business to help get rid of our shortages, the country should be fairly secure. They demonstrated in war for us to get out, so we wonder if they will panic and demonstrate because of this energy shortage? Will they blame the government and parents? Or will they learn from all this and use their education and put it to work? It should be an interesting winter!"

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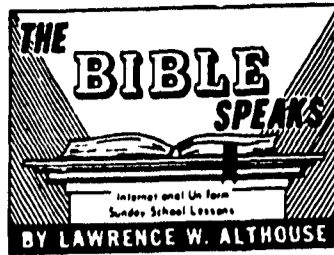
JUNCTION CITY, KANS, REPUBLIC: "Gas rationing during World War II got down to two gallons a week for 'A' class sticker holders. Today, with four times more cars, the gas shortage can be met if drivers will just cut down their gasoline from 14.5 gallons per week to 11 gallons per week. We don't need another bureaucracy in Washington .. or out of Washington"

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"The fundamental reason we need regulatory changes for the railroad industry is the public must be served"--Mr Louis Menk, chairman of the board, Burlington Northern Inc

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"It is better to live rich, than to die rich"--Samuel Johnson



THE POWER OF INTENT LOOKING

Lesson for March 10, 1974

Background Scripture: Acts 3 through 4.

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4.

The story is told that when the humble St. Bernard visited Rome, the Pope conducted him on a tour of the opulent holdings of the Papacy. Referring to Peter's response to the lame man at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:6), the Pope said, "Ah, Bernard, no longer need we say, 'Silver and gold have I none ...' " The humble monk paused and then quietly replied: "No, excellency, but neither can we say, '...in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.' "

With all of its great wealth, it seemed, the Church had lost its power to heal. "Look at us"

Today, however, the Church is regaining its healing ministry. Pastors and lay people are again taking seriously Jesus' commission to "Heal the sick; cleanse the lepers ..." (Matt. 10:7, 8). Many practitioners of medicine are coming to regard the healing ministry, not as superstitious competition, but as another co-operative branch of the healing arts.

It is believed that Luke, the writer of both the Gospel According to Luke and the Book of Acts, was by profession a physician. It is, perhaps, with a physician's eye that he records the healing of the lame man by the Beautiful Gate. Note the dynamics he observes and records.

First, there is concentration of attention and effort. "Look at us," Peter commands the lame man. We often think of prayer as getting God's attention; in reality, it is a matter of giving Him our undivided attention so that he can do with us as he desires. Whether we are praying for healing or some other kind of help, it is important that we focus our attention and effort upon God.

Expecting to receive Secondly, there must be the expectation that we will receive something. Luke tells us that the lame man "fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them" (Acts 3:5). Unless we truly expect something to happen, we keep closed the door through which the power of God must enter. Jesus himself could not heal in his own town of Nazareth because his friends and neighbors there did not expect to receive something from him.

Thirdly, there is the power of the living Lord. It is not prayer that heals, nor even faith, but the power of the living Christ through the Holy Spirit. The prayer of faith opens the door, but it is always Christ who heals. Peter said: "...in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

A man asked for help. "...Peter directed his gaze at him...and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from

NOW IS THE TIME...

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TO DO THINGS ON TIME
Good farm management covers a lot of different items, but getting things done when they should be done is one of the most important; this takes advance planning which is also another ingredient of good farm management. Many farm practices have a time limit relating to when they should be done. If this is not recognized, then the results will be disappointing. The timing of spray applications is very important for good control of all pesticides. The planting of crops and the keeping of farm records, all need to be done on schedule as far as weather and human endurance will permit. A good manager is usually "on time" with all responsibilities.

TO BEWARE OF POLLUTION

All commercial farmers should beware that the general public is more pollution minded these days and all possible effort should be extended to prevent both air, water, and land pollution. Good management and a good agricultural image in the community will help build good public relations with a minimum of complaints. With the spring growing season at hand all farmers are urged to be extra careful in spreading livestock and poultry wastes, in surface drainage from the barnyards, and in the application of all kinds of spray materials. To recognize the position and the rights of others might be a good place to start. To use good com-

mon sense and to be a "good neighbor" are other acceptable approaches.

TO CONTROL RODENTS
With improved weather conditions at hand and more to come, all property owners are urged to eliminate rats and mice before they move out into the open areas. Some buildings are rather heavily infested and this population will increase if the rats are not destroyed. Good sanitation is the place to start, along with a poison or exterminating program. Rats destroy large amounts of feed and grain, and are also a menace to the health of livestock and poultry. Rodents increase the cost of production because they compete with domestic animals for survival. Good management demands eradicating the maximum number of rats and mice.

TO VENTILATE BUILDINGS

Warmer weather has arrived when many barns are closed too tightly for the comfort of the animals. Some tight barns may need exhaust fans or a thermostat in order to get the proper air movement. Cattle that are confined should be provided with large fans or with cross-ventilation from doors and windows. The manure pack at this time of the year will call for more ventilation in an enclosed building. In cooler weather, condensation on windows, walls, and ceilings is an indication of poor ventilation. Animal comfort is needed for peak efficiency.

Farm Calendar

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| <p>Monday, March 11
7:30 p.m. - Swine Producers meeting, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.
7:30 p.m. - Glen Rock-Loganville 4-H tractor club meeting, C. Harry Miller's, Glen Rock RD2.
7:30 p.m. - Horsing-Around 4-H horse club meeting, J. C. Building at Our Gang Club, East Prospect.
7:30 p.m. - Central York 4-H tractor club, Clair Worley's, 3175 W. Market St., York.
Manheim Young Farmer monthly meeting. Topic: Partnerships and Purchase Agreements.
8:00 p.m. - Fulton Grange meeting, Grange Hall, Oakryn.</p> <p>Tuesday, March 12
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Primitive Frame Loom Weaving workshop, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.
9:30 - 12 noon - 4-H Leader Quality Clothing workshop, York Co. 4-H Center.
7:30 p.m. - Merrill Lynch Seminar, Hedging with Commodity Futures. Livestock Exchange</p> | <p>Room, Lancaster Stockyards.
7:00 p.m. - Shrewsbury 4-H club meeting, Shrewsbury School Building.
7:30 p.m. - River Hill 4-H horse club meeting at the home of Deb Spencer, Airville RD1.
7:30 p.m. - Jefferson 4-H meeting, Jefferson Firehall.
7:45 p.m. - Ephrata Adult Farmer meeting, Ephrata High School vo-ag room.
Topic: Farm plan to revise soil conservation plans.
7:45 p.m. - Dairy meeting: Dry cow management. Garden Spot High School vo-ag room.
Broken Bit 4-H Horse Club meeting.
Wednesday, March 13
7:30 p.m. - Public forum on Farmland Assessment Legislation, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.
7:30 p.m. - Leader Heights 4-H club meeting, Leader Heights Community Center.
7:30 p.m. - York County 4-H Alumni club meeting, 4-H Center, York.
Thursday, March 14
6:30 p.m. - Soil Conservation</p> |
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