



## Next shortage: public patience...

## The Celebration of Easter

This year Easter Sunday will fall on April 14. Since the very early days of the Christian church, this has been the great event of the year, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the fulfillment of the promise of salvation for all people.

Since ancient times, churches and altars have been decorated for the occasion; candles have been burned; and, in the medieval cathedrals of England, the Easter or paschal candles were often of huge dimensions. They were held in gigantic brass or silver candlesticks and

reached a combined height of as much as 60 or 70 feet.

This Easter, sunrise services, children hunting Easter eggs, families attending church together and the, sometimes frivolous, profusion of new "Easter bonnets" will be outward evidence of the 2,000-year continuity of the Christian celebration of Christ's resurrection and spiritual reality. It is a time to reaffirm our faith in Him who rose to lead mankind in the ways of peace and brotherhood and fulfill the promise of eternal life.

## Let's All Run to Work

The grim category of middle age officially catches up with people sometime in their 40's. It is, to say the least, a depressing experience to start thinking that over half your life is probably gone. But don't despair. You may not have tired blood after all, and if you think you do, it may be all in your mind.

A news report out of San Francisco tells of a gentleman who passed away at the age of 106. He took his last job as a waiter at the St. Francis Hotel at

the age of 80 and worked there for 25 years until his retirement at the age of 105. He liked to run seven miles every day, and three years ago polished off the 100-yard dash in 17.3 seconds. Bored after retirement at 105, he took a job as a goodwill ambassador for a temporary help employment agency. Maybe there is hope for us all in this gasoline-short day and age. It would probably be more healthful to run to work anyway.

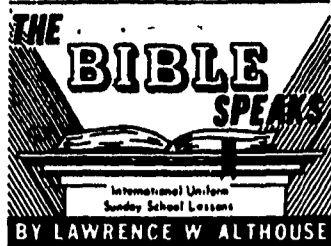
## Grassroots Opinion

PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA., SPIRIT: "There is a very murky ray of sunshine showing through all the gloom which has been generated by the prospect of gasoline rationing. If wartime-style rationing really comes about, there will have to be a vast new bureaucracy set up to administer the whole thing. Something like the World War II OPA. And when the government gathers up enough people to staff the agency, it will grow to such a state that everyone in the United States will be assured of full employment. And that, as far as we know, is the only thing we can think of which might be regarded as optimistic."

YUBA CITY, CALIF., INDEPENDENT-HERALD: "Hardly any private citizens in Communist China today can afford, or are allowed, automobiles. So, many persons have bicycles. According to a new book,

'China Journal,' published by Rand McNally, there are 1.7 million bicycles registered in Peking alone."

OSAGE CITY, KANS., JOURNAL-FREE PRESS: "Ever wonder how the income tax got started? The 16th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, legalizing federal income taxes, was adopted in 1913. It began as an amendment to a bill in Congress lowering the tariff on imports. The idea was that the small deficit from reduced tariff receipts could be taken care of by a tiny tax on prosperous incomes. On incomes from \$4,000 to \$20,000, the bite was one percent. On \$100,000, it was four percent; on \$500,000, six percent. Few made more than \$4,000. Few people opposed the idea of the tax. It didn't seem important at the time. There must be a lesson there."



## BREAKING THE BARRIERS

Lesson for March 31, 1974

Background Scripture: Acts 8:4-40.

Devotional Reading: 1 John 5:1-5.

Judged by the prevailing attitudes of the times, the first early church in Jerusalem was an odd assortment of people. Its chances of making the grade as a community of faith must have seemed remote.

There were three basic groups of people who ordinarily had very little, if anything, to do with one another. There were the orthodox Jews, first of all, hardly a homogeneous group in itself.

### Hellenists and Hebrews

Then there were those whom the Book of Acts designates as Hellenists. These were people of the Greek culture, a culture very much different from that of Jewish orthodoxy. Whereas the Jew spoke Aramaic, the Hellenists spoke the Greek in which the original New Testament would be written.

Finally, there were the Samaritan converts to Christ. The Book of Acts calls these people "Hebrews" to distinguish them from the orthodox Jews. Although there was much in common between Hebrews and Jews, particularly in religious heritage, the barriers of prejudice and hatred were very great.

Their hostility was longstanding and very deep, comparable to the hostility that divides Israelis and Arabs today. The barriers between Jew and Samaritan could be traced to historical factors, but sheer prejudice kept the wounds from healing. The Jews of Judea claimed to be racially pure white while the Samaritans, they claimed, were an adulterated racial mixture. The Samaritans, on the other hand, believed that they were the true descendants of Moses and that God should rightly be worshipped, not in Jerusalem, but on Mt. Gerizim in Samaria. Beyond Jerusalem

Thus, the early church in Jerusalem seemed doomed from the beginning because of the racial, cultural, and religious barriers that existed there. But these early disciples of Jesus Christ learned something that is inherent in the gospel of Jesus Christ: when we are truly open to God's power and purpose, he may sometimes carry us further than we are initially willing to go and take us beyond our seemingly insurmountable human barriers.

We can imagine the amazement with which the church in Jerusalem received the news from Philip in Samaria. The traditional enemies had received the gospel and were ready for baptism. So, Peter and John "came down" to Samaria. They "came down" in more than one way. They came down from their perches of prejudice and suspicion. They came down

## NOW IS THE TIME...

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### TO PLACE FERTILIZER PROPERLY

The cost of fertilizer continues to increase in the overall production figures; therefore, only the needed elements properly placed will give the greatest return. All farmers and gardeners are reminded that both nitrogen and potash fertilizers will burn seeds and plant roots through direct contact. These types of fertilizers should be either mixed into the soil ahead of seeding or planting, or placed deeper and away from seeds or roots. Fertilizers contacting seeds may stop germination or result in stunted, damaged plants. Most modern drills will keep the seeds and the fertilizer separate.

### TO INCORPORATE MANURE PROMPTLY

This is the time of the year that many barns and feedlots will be cleaned and the manure spread on the fields. Every precaution should be taken to prevent and reduce both air and water pollution from this needed farm fertilizer application. Manure that has been stored for several months will carry stronger odors and bring quicker objections than fresh barnyard manure. When spread on top of the ground it might be done on a good drying day (clear and windy) rather than on a damp, humid day; also, no doubt it is best to plow it down just as soon as possible after spreading. Liquid manure can be either put on top and plowed down promptly, or injected into the soil. Careful and thoughtful manure handling

### will help maintain good relations in the community. TO PRACTICE PESTICIDE SAFETY

The 1974 crop season is at hand and already some sprayers have been working to control weeds and insects. When properly used (follow the label instructions) most materials will do a good job and not harm anyone. However, this takes careful management and care. The drift from weed killers has caused many problems and the use of improper amounts is a waste of money. The safe storage of spray materials should always be practiced. Keep them away from livestock, children and pets. Empty containers have caused many injuries and cases of poisoning. Store materials in the original container if possible or have them well identified at all times.

### TO FEED DRY MATTER

The pasture season is approaching when both man and beast look forward to lush grass and reduced barn chores. With the favorable moisture conditions at this time and warmer weather due, the forage crops should develop rapidly in the near future. Bloating and digestive trouble can be avoided by giving the animals a feeding of dry matter (hay, silage, or straw) before going to pasture for the first several times. Also, the period of grazing should be limited at first (30 to 40 minutes) to permit the herd to get accustomed to the lush forage. Careful herd and flock management is needed at the start of the grazing season.

## Farm Calendar

Sunday, March 31  
Silver Spurs 4-H horse club bowling party, Lancaster Lanes.

Monday, April 1  
7:00 p.m. - Stoverstown Jr. Crafts club meeting, Merle Kerne's, York RD10.

7:30 p.m. - Educational meeting for Sheep Producers, basement meeting room, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

7:30 p.m. - York County 4-H baby beef meeting, 4-H Center.

7:30 p.m. - 4-H Dairy Goat meeting, Coca Cola Bottling Plant, 1428 Manheim Pike.

8:00 p.m. - Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Poultry Association monthly meeting, Farm and Home Center.

from the barriers that had seemed to doom the church before it even got started. It is the same road we are called to go: to leave the barriers of prejudice behind and go on to a Church and world made One in Jesus Christ.

Fulton Grange 66 committee to attend pre-hearing of the Atomic Energy Commission in York

Graded feeder pig sales to start at Lancaster Stockyards, and will be held every other Tuesday.

Elizabethtown FFA bologna sale.

April 1-2 - State 4-H Capital Days, Holiday Inn, Harrisburg.

Tuesday, April 2  
10 a.m. - 12 noon - Garden meeting, "Green Thumb Hints for the Inexperienced Gardener", Production Credit Association, 3301 W. Market St., York.

6:30 p.m. - Wrightsville 4-H club meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wrightsville.

7:30 p.m. - York Co. 4-H Archery club meeting, 4-H Center.

7:30 p.m. - Forum on land - How Long Until Its Gone, Lincoln Fire Hall, Ephrata.

7:30 p.m. - Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H Community club organizational

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