

Annual Migration of the Buck!...



Grassroots Opinion

MAGEE, MISS., COURIER "A depositor in a Tallahassee, Florida bank was credited with \$5,800 extra, due to a bank error. He didn't bother to report it but just left the money in his checking account. Three months later, the bank discovered the error and deducted the amount from his balance. The depositor was philosophical about the incident. He said, 'It's kinda like the story of the farmer who paid \$15 for a pig, spent \$8 for feed until it became a hog and then sold it for \$23. He didn't make any money but he had the company of the pig all summer.'"

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AFTON, WYO., STAR VALLEY INDEPENDENT "America's food production system is like a giant food auction. The more people who bid on an item, the higher the price goes. When demand is greater than the supply for a given product, those who are willing to pay the best price get that product. Does this mean the American farmer is no longer able to feed the remaining 95.4 percent of the population? Not at all. He can probably feed all of America as well as much of the remainder of the world if he tries, and here is where we can be most thankful. Millions of acres of farmland have gone unplanted in recent years simply because farmers had been growing too much and surpluses were causing low farm prices. These empty acres will be put back into production. Food will not disappear from grocery store shelves. People will not starve. Government researchers say our foods in the future will be fresher, more nutritious, and more readily available than ever before. Seasonal fruits and vegetables will know no season."

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MOOSE LAKE, MINN., STAR-GAZETTE "Will you do yourself a big favor for us? Try to make your life into what you have always hoped it would be to give you happiness. No one else can do it for you—so make up your mind and then get busy! This is our wish for you for 1974."

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Mr. George S. Odiorne, dean of the College of Business, University of Utah, is quoted as follows in a Standard Oil Company of California

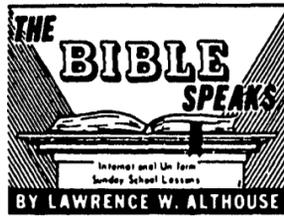
publication: "The elephant that lives in Ceylon is a great big beast. It's got those beady eyes. Very thick-skinned. Very hard to attack. Not sensitive at all, or doesn't seem that way. But it gets a lot of work done that everybody has to have done. The work couldn't possibly be done by anyone else. But you don't love it. The only time it draws attention is once in awhile when it steps on somebody. Squish. Immediately everybody says, 'Let's put chains on it!' Or, 'Let's shoot the rogue elephant!' But if they do, they discover that they can't get the work done. So, they bring it back. The corporation is a lot like that elephant. Big Thick-skinned. Lumbering. You don't cuddle it. It's not cute like a kitten. It's hard to identify with an elephant. You can't expect it to dance the 'Waltz of the Flowers.' But it does get work done that everybody has to have done."

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"The energy crisis," comments the National Association of Manufacturers, "has begun to add real meaning to an old word in our vocabulary which, even though it may be understood, has not been experienced by a majority of Americans. The word is sacrifice. We have demanded and gotten immediacy both in our work and play. If we don't have the cash, we demand instant credit. If we can't get the color or style of a particular item in one place, we move on to another to shop. Now let's include the word sacrifice in our public and private vocabularies for 1974. Rather than insisting on instant solutions by putting future generations in hock even more than we have been, let's slow down a bit and be prepared to sacrifice here and there. Urge the legislators too, to establish priorities on projects requiring your tax dollars, and eliminate those which can be effectively accomplished by private initiative."

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"Tree growth," observes the National Forest Products Association, "must be increased on both private and public forest lands to meet a rising demand for wood products that is expected to double by the end of the century."



THESE ALSO SERVE

Lesson for April 7, 1974

Background Scripture: Acts 9: 1-43.

Devotional Reading: Acts 9: 1-43.

Last evening I had the opportunity to return to and speak in the church where more than thirty years ago I first attended Sunday school. After the service a little white-haired lady reached for my hand as she said, "You don't remember me, but I was your first grade teacher."

She was wrong, however, for I did remember her and had always had warm memories of the beginning of my experience in public school. Turning to a friend of hers she pointed to me and said, "I like to think that I helped put him in that pulpit."

A disciple named Ananias. In that, she was correct. She, and many others like her, have made many significant contributions to my life. So it is with all of us: our lives are shaped and moulded by many, many people whom we meet along the way. Albert Schweitzer once remarked: "One other thing stirs me when I look back at my youthful days, viz. the fact that so many people gave me something or were something to me without knowing it."

Actually, this is the way God works in this world. He speaks to us, not only in nature and mystical experiences, but also and often mainly through other people. Often it may seem that their influence or effect is small or, as Schweitzer says, they may not even know they have touched our lives in any significant way. Nevertheless, their influence, both individually and corporately, is great. "Much that has become our own in gentleness, modesty, kindness, willingness to forgive, in veracity, loyalty, resignation under suffering, we owe to people in whom we have seen or experienced these virtues at work, sometimes in a great matter, sometimes in a small."

"Here I am, Lord" Sometimes we need to be reminded that, behind the great and glittering stars like Paul and Peter, Martin Luther and John Wesley, there are little known, even anonymous men and women who also serve. Without their humble contributions, we might never know of the exploits of the more prominent leaders.

The Christian Church owes much to men like Paul, but it has always been equally dependent upon men like Ananias (Acts 9:10), who overcame an understandable natural prejudice and obeyed a vision in which he was instructed to bring healing to a man known as one of the church's arch enemies. What the Lord asked of Ananias was no small request, but because this disciple obeyed, Saul became Paul and a great Apostle was given to the church.

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NOW IS THE TIME...

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TO BE CAUTIOUS OF UNKNOWN PRODUCTS

This is the time of the year when many salesmen are very active selling a wide variety of products. Many of these salesmen may be strangers and may not be around to service or stand behind their products. We continue to stress the importance of dealing with reputable people and concerns who will be on hand if adjustments or replacements are necessary. Also, unknown or untested products might be taking a big chance; research stations have been established to test many farm and garden products. The testimonials of distant individuals about the merits of products should not be taken too seriously; unbiased research and experiences are more dependable.

TO TAKE TIME TO BE SAFE

Good weather is overdue for field and garden work; when it arrives many folks will be in a hurry to get their plowing done and their spring planting started. With farm machinery we urge operators to follow the instructions of the manufacturer relating to safety shields and guards and respect the instructions in relation to speed. In most cases of injury or accidents it is the operator, and not the piece of machinery that caused the incident. Safety should be stressed to all youngsters and employees; proper speed is a very important part of these safety

practices. Recognition of these safety practices will prevent serious injury or loss of life.

TO STORE TIRES SAFELY

Winter tires should not be needed in this part of the country for the average person and their pleasure car. Some trucks use them throughout the entire year. When storing these winter tires it is important to keep them in a dry place away from heat, oil, and sunlight; store them away from electric motors because the ozone produced by electrical equipment will disintegrate the rubber. Also store them flat rather than upright so they will maintain their proper shape. Proper tire storage will lengthen the life of most tires.

TO BE CAREFUL WHEN PLOWING

The plowing season is at hand and many fields will soon be turned. The subject of plowing too close to the public highway and drainage ditches is of some concern. Many farmers will plow the headland or be careless about picking up their plows over sod waterways and ditches. In some cases the dirt will be carried out on to the public highway by the plow. We urge farmers to respect the need for sod headlands to prevent erosion away from the fields and not destroy the sod to the extent soil erosion occurs. Plow operators should be given specific instructions relating to headlands and sod waterways.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, April 6
State Calf Show - Farm Show Bldg., Harrisburg.
Lancaster County Feeder Pig Sale for County FFA
Hog Show and Sale at Paul Martin's Sales Stables.
4-8 p.m. - Fulton Grange 66 turkey Supper, served family style. Grange Hall, Oakryn. Take-outs available.
Monday, April 8
Manheim Young Farmers monthly meeting - "Farm Law".
Manheim Young Farmers and wives bowling.
7:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Junior Public Speaking contest, Ephrata.
Tuesday, April 9
9-3 - Coop Career Day, Farm and Home Center.
7:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Ephrata Young Farmer

tour, Allentown area.
Wednesday, April 10
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 7th annual Mid-Atlantic States Veterinary Clinic, Memorial Hall, York fairgrounds.
1:00 p.m. - FFA Dairy Products contest, Penn Dairies.
Thursday, April 11
7:30 p.m. - E-Town young Farmer meeting on fertilizer, Ag. classroom.
Susquehanna River Basin Commission meeting, Sheraton Motor Inn, New Cumberland.
Saturday, April 16
7:45 p.m. - Ephrata Adult Farmer monthly meeting, Ephrata H.S.
"Futures Market and Hedging-Management Tool."

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obedient disciple, Barnabas, who dared to introduce Paul to the leaders of the church at Jerusalem. Throughout Paul's great ministry, there would be humble, obedient men like Ananias and Barnabas working in the background and making their significant but little-recognized contributions to the kingdom.

Know these symptoms of stroke: temporary weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg; temporary difficulty with speech, or understanding speech; temporary loss of vision, particularly in one eye, or an episode of double vision; unexplained headaches; temporary dizziness; recent change in personality. For more information, ask your Heart Association.