

It takes a lot to fill 'er up... CSPS

## A Rose By Any Other Name . . .

A rose by any other name would still be a dirty word in some hospitals. According to The Wall Street Journal, a small group of researchers warns that bacteria lurking in flower vases and potted plants may infect hospital patients in high-risk areas such as cancer, burn and kidney transplant units or those recovering from surgery. Certain hospitals have

banned flowers in the high-risk sections, while others feel the danger is too minimal to place the morale-boosting bouquets in exile.

So even if your favorite begonia is barred from the hospital, somewhere there is another hospital which would welcome it, proving once again that freedom of choice and opportunity is alive and well in this land of ours, even for flowers!

## Disrupting Food Production

During 1973, the cost of groceries went up about 20 percent in the United States. Inflation hit the average grocery bill a little less sharply in many other countries, as, for example, Japan with 17 percent, England with 13 percent, Italy and France 11 percent and Germany only 5 percent. Food in the U.S. remains a bargain relative to average levels of income. The American people still

spend a smaller percentage of their income for food than anyone else. But if this is to remain the land of plenty, it is time to quit disrupting the machinery of food production, processing and distribution with such things as erratic, scarcity-producing price control programs and massive bargain-basement sales of such things as wheat and feed grain stocks to other nations.

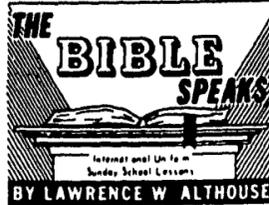
### "Grassroots Opinion"

WINSTED, CONN., CITIZEN "Both expert study and casual observation suggest that most of us drive so as to use more gas than we need to. Quick getaways, revving up to roar around the car ahead, rushing up to red lights only to wait for the green -- anything in short, that involves a heavy foot on the gas pedal wastes fuel. A lot of other common practices let gas dribble away. Allowing the motor to idle while you're chit-chatting, for example. Using the car's electrical appliances sparingly saves gas because the engine recharges the electrical system. Flooring the pedal to get up to the speed limit in a hurry uses more fuel than building up speed gradually. As one expert reminds us, 'It takes more gasoline to

get going than to stay going.' With a little care, a tankful of gas can be made to last a good deal longer than it otherwise would."

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According to Mr. Aubrey J. Wagner, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, "With electricity it is extremely difficult to determine what is wasteful. It permeates our lives from morning until night. We can forget the electric toothbrushes and other gimmick uses of electricity because they consume so little. The water heater, the clothes washer and dryer, the dishwasher, the electric range, and the vacuum cleaner are the main users in the home. But they save drudging labor for the housewife, brightening her environment. Are they wasteful?"



### THE SCANDAL OF GOD'S WILL

Lesson for May 19, 1974

Background Scripture: Acts 21 through 22.

Devotional Reading: John 15:18-23.

I am often appalled by the hideous things people say about the will of God. No matter how great the tragedy, there can always be found someone to intone: "It must have been God's will!" The assumption seems to be that God desires us to both suffer and die, often cruelly. It is also often believed that the "true disciple" of Jesus will seek martyrdom.

A time to live time to die

Yet if we look closely at the Bible, we find that this is not what it is saying to us. Paul, for example, though he was a man of courage, sometimes sought escape from danger. Shortly after his conversion, you will remember, he escaped a serious threat to his life by being let down in a basket over the wall of Damascus. There were other times too when he let his associates whisk him out of town just ahead of a hostile mob. If Paul had so much Christian courage, why didn't he stay and face these threats?

Paul probably chose to escape because he did not believe any purpose of God would be served by staying and risking death. Just as Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane had sought to avoid death, so Paul did not desire to become a martyr. Human life is precious and the Christian is not expected to squander it needlessly.

On the other hand, in Acts 21 we find Paul determined to go to Jerusalem, even though the dangers before him are grave and evident. The difference is that Paul feels that God wants him in Jerusalem, not to die, but to perform a task for him. God does not will Paul's death, only his obedience. Still, it may be his obedience that makes his death almost inevitable.

Weakening my will

We must not assume either that this was "easy" for Paul. In Caesarea, his friends begged him to stay away from Jerusalem. Apparently, they were "getting to him," for at last Paul says in exasperation: "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart?" (21:13). The words, "breaking my heart," mean the same as "weakening my will." Thus, Paul indicates that they are breaking down his will.

There are two wills involved here: God's will and Paul's. Paul believes that God is calling him to Jerusalem—not to die, but to witness, even though that may bring death. God does not want Paul's suffering, only his obedience to witness. Having determined that that is God's will, Paul then brings his own will into harmony with the will of God.

Acts 21 tells us, "And when he would not be persuaded we ceased and said, 'The will of the Lord be done.'" This did not mean, "Do as you

## NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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### To Beware of Wood Ticks

The tick season is approaching and all rural folks should beware of the danger of being bitten by the wood tick. These are often found in wooded areas and pets and children are commonly attacked. The danger from the tick bites is the they might carry Rocky Mountain Fever and cause serious illness in human beings. Dogs can be treated several times per week with Sevin and play areas, or wooded picnic areas, may be sprayed with Chlordane to eliminate the insect. All parents should warn their youngsters of this wood tick and might inspect their youngsters (around the head and hair line) after they've been out in the brush or wooded areas.

### To Mow Pasture Fields

Many of the common pasture grasses will be shooting seed-heads in the next week or so. Also, weeds will be maturing and coming into bloom. This means that the area should be mowed. This will stop weed development and will encourage new growth from the grass roots. The old grass will dry and many animals will eat it as hay. All land owners with pastures or with vacant lots are urged to control weeds. Real estate developers also have a community obligation to keep their weeds from going to seed and blowing throughout the community. Weed control should be everyone's responsibility.

## Farm Calendar

**Saturday, May 18**  
10:00 a.m. — Blue Ball Lions Club Community Sale at East Earl Twp. Bldg.  
8:00 p.m. — Region E Pomona District Visitation, Tyro Grange Hall, Buckingham, Pa.  
Lancaster County Poultry Assoc. Cook-Off, Northern Lebanon High School.

Conservation Tour, K. D. Linde farm, Kirkwood.

### American Viewpoints



*I believe that we must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way. I believe that our help should be primarily through economic and financial aid, which is essential to economic stability and orderly political processes.*

—Harry S. Truman

**Sunday, May 19**  
8:00 p.m. — Fulton Grange "Go To Church" service, Grange Hall, Oakryn.  
May 19-26 — Soil Stewardship Week.

**Monday, May 20**  
8:00 p.m. — Red Rose DHIA quarterly directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.

**Tuesday, May 21**  
6:30 p.m. — Octorara Watershed Assoc. Farm

please," but "Do what God wants." Nor did they resign him to death. If that happened it would be, not God's will, but the will of men. There is a difference and they knew that difference. Do you?

Ethiopia will be the site of Project HOPE's newest program. Opening in the summer of 1974, the Project HOPE Hospital and School of Health Sciences in the African nation will utilize more than 100 medical, dental, nursing and allied health personnel.