

"Grassroots Opinion"

BELTON, TEXAS, JOURNAL AND BELL COUNTY DEMOCRAT: "On the subject of baldness, this country's welfare program is an extravagant disgrace. Admittedly, many welfare recipients are legitimate and deserving, and those of us more fortunate should help them. But the frauds are becoming rampant . . . My initial thought was to take half the poeple off welfare and give them jobs investigating the remaining half. That would not work, because the government would then have to hire investigators to investigate the investigators, and later conduct an extensive survey to determine why the plan did not work."

HUNTINGTON, IND., HERALD-PRESS: "When the Federal Government does things, it uses such a heavy hand that one sometimes wonders whether the Constitution is still in a viable state. Remember that part about state's rights? They dwindle farther and farther into the past. What brings such somber thoughts to mind is the . . . passage by the U. S. Senate of a bill calling for a 55 mile-an-hour speed limit across the nation in order to conserve gasoline supplies. In itself, the bill is admirable . . . the bill not only makes sense in that it would conserve gas, but it will probably conserve human life, too. The bad feature about the bill, exposing the heavy hand of the Federal Bureaucrats, is the tag line on the bill. The Senate warns that states not implementing the speed limit would face loss of federal highway funds. No effort to gain support through reason and logic! No recommendations from Federal Big Brother! Just the harsh warning that the States will obey or lose their road funds. The irony of the order is that those funds are not the Federal Government's to begin with. That money was accumulated from the pennies you and I paid out in taxes . . . the Federal Bureaucrats won't give us our own money back. That is no way to develop confidence in government. An urgent appeal for cooperation from state governments would be more in line."

LONG BEACH, CALIF., SIGNAL HILL TRIBUNE: "That between the energy crisis and the fuel shortage is us. The amazing thing is that some people are trying to find one person or group to blame. Actually, what is needed is for each of us to use a little old fashioned Yankee ingenuity and see in how many ways we can reduce our use of power, lights and gasoline."

BRIDGEPORT, ILL., LEADER: "If we love life, and who doesn't, then we must place a high value on time. Our own age has been good to us because it has given us more time to live and

consequently more time to enjoy things about us -- our children, grandchildren, friends, etc. We have gained in two ways: We live longer, and we are in a position to enjoy life more while we are living."

HARRISONBURG, VA., NEWS-RECORD: "It used to be that a big automobile was the sign of a man who had come a long way. Now it's the mark of a man who isn't going very far, especially on Sundays."

The METER, an Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company publication, reports, "The number one best selling book in the Soviet Union is out again -- the telephone book. It's the first new edition since 1958. The price of each copy of the book is equivalent to \$16. In it, Ivanov is the most common Russian surname -- there are 33 pages of Ivanovs. The book contains no yellow pages."

BARRON'S, Business & Financial Weekly notes, "DDT, ruled the EPA, may be used by the U. S. Forest Service to control tussock moth infestations on some 650,000 acres of public forest land in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, in case of an emergency -- which EPA hopes will not arise. However, EPA boss Russell E. Train admits that there is 'no assurance that the epidemic won't continue or, in fact, increase in the coming season.' EPA 'experts' erred last year, when they confidently expected the plague to subside . . . Having helped devastate the environment, Mr Train promptly attacked the Forest Service for 'almost totally inadequate' research efforts into alternative tussock moth controls. Private owners of timberland, as well as national parks, still are barred from protecting their trees with DDT."

GRAYSLAKE, ILL., TIMES: "Along with this newspaper's campaign to rid our countryside of blight, the automobile ashtray dumper has to be rated a spot right next to the nocturnal roadside dumper as one of society's most unpopular people. There is nothing more disgusting than pulling into a parking spot and finding a mound of cigarette butts heaped on the roadway."

BUCKEYE, ARIZ., NEWS: ". . . do you realize that some 76,000 Americans didn't bother to claim their (tax) refunds last year? That's right -- the IRS has more than 76,000 undeliverable refund checks on hand totaling more than \$18 million. However, almost 63 million people did claim refunds and the IRS handed \$25.8 billion to taxpayers. Good luck in the months ahead."

Letters to the Editor

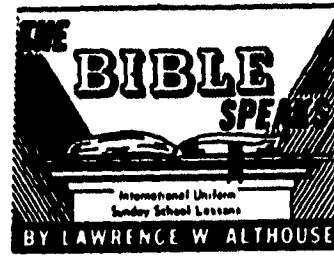
Editor: There is currently before the House of Representatives in Harrisburg a bill to permit the transfer of bulk wine between wineries within the state. This bill, as Senate Bill No. 1484, has successfully cleared the Senate but has now run into a problem in the House largely as a consequence of lobbying by the Tavern Owner's Assoc. We do not feel that the tavern owners understand

the specific purpose of the bill and are objecting to it on the general basis that it liberalizes to a very minor degree the present restrictions on the operation of limited wineries. They seem to feel that the wineries represent a threat to their future profitable operation.

The enactment of this legislation will provide much needed operating flexibility for the wineries in

Pennsylvania and thereby improve their competitive position. I would like to urge all growers and other members of the grape industry to contact their representatives in Harrisburg and ask them to support S. B. 1484.

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SUCCESSFUL PASTOR

Lesson for June 9, 1974

Background Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2, 3.

Devotional Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16.

One day many years ago these words came into my mind:

I am called—
Not to be successful in my ministry,
But to be faithful in my witness.

That will be success enough.

I copied on a card these words that seemed to have come from the depths of my own heart. That card has been on my desk for more than a decade.

Though there is nothing particularly profound about these words, the little card and its contents have often spoken deeply to my needs as a pastor. The words remind me of basic truths I am ever tempted to forget. As a minister, as a pastor, I need to be reminded of the specific nature of my "call" from God.

In the face of opposition

I am particularly in need of this when my efforts to declare the gospel are surrounded with great opposition. It is one thing to preach to a congregation that is receptive to the gospel and there is no opposition in the community. It is something else to do this when our witness is likely to cost us something.

Writing to the church at Thessalonica, Paul reminded the congregation of the courage that he and his associates displayed when, coming fresh from their tragic and violent experiences in Philippi, they came to Thessalonica and began their work there. What had happened at Philippi would have been enough to scare off most men, but Paul and his associate bravely began their work despite great opposition, particularly from the gentiles.

To please God, not men

Quite apart from our innate fear of danger and injury, there is also the motivation of wanting to please people. It is natural for us to want to please people and it is disagreeable to have to displease them. But we need to remember that our purpose on earth is not, as Paul put it, "to please men, but to please God . . ." (2:4).

Although most of us know that, many of us still operate as if the pastor's success is to be measured in terms of the number of people he can please. Thus, the pastor is tempted to compromise his call rather than sacrifice his popularity. And often the activities that guarantee popularity are not pleasing to God.

So, the pastor knows that he has a task of speaking for God to his people and that often what he has to say is not to their liking. He knows that he may be rejected. Happy is the pastor who understands that success in the ministry is not a matter of pleasing men, but of pleasing God through our

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Prepare Grain Bins

The current winter barley and wheat crops are maturing and soon the combines will be harvesting the new crop. With favorable prices it is essential that grain insects be kept from the new barley and wheat. Old grain should be removed from the bin before new grain is stored. The bin should be given a good cleaning and then sprayed with Malathion or Methoxychlor. This will eliminate any stored grain insects and protect the new crop.

To Feed Alfalfa Plants

Many fields of alfalfa were cut this past week and the new growth should be encouraged to a maximum. If alfalfa weevil was present when the first crop was made, then the area should be sprayed to kill the feeding worms. In addition, a top-dressing of a phosphorus-potash fertilizer between cutting will increase later yields and keep the plant roots well supplied. Alfalfa is one of the most important forage crops and the most expensive forage crop to buy. Every effort should be made to get maximum yields this summer.

To Control Canada Thistles

We're aware of some very healthy thistle plants

throughout the county, and not all of these are on vacant lots and unfarmed ground. Every land owner should see that thistles do not have a chance to mature and blow throughout the community. Winter grain fields often have patches of thistles that are permitted to mature and not cut until combining. There areas could be sprayed or mowed to keep the thistles from maturing. Small patches of thistles this year might mean larger patches next year and several new ones. Don't be a thistle producer.

To Inspect Crops Often

A good farm manager will observe his livestock several times daily to detect sick or injured animals. By the same measure, a good crop farmer should inspect his growing crops several times each week to notice any insect or disease infestation. Insects such as armyworm or aphids can appear quickly and do considerable damage if not controlled in a few days. The "eye of the master" applies to crop production as well as livestock. Good managers are alert to new problems and get on them at once. Don't believe they will go away in a day or two if the weather changes.

Farm Calendar

Sunday, June 9
June 9-13 - 89th Annual Holstein Fresian Assoc. convention, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Atlantic City.

Monday, June 10
8:00 p.m. - Fulton Grange ice cream and strawberry night, Grange Hall, Oakryn.

Thursday, June 13
Elizabethtown Adult Farmer

meeting, Topic - Alfalfa production.

Lebanon County Dairy Princess contest, Mt. Zion Fire Hall.

Friday, June 14
2:00 p.m. - PEMA meeting, tour of poultry facilities at Penn State, meet in lobby of Nittany Lion Inn.



From Mrs. F. R. Gale, Calgary, Alberta: I remember, at the age of eighteen, finding myself enroute to the Canadian Northwest, where I was to become a teacher in a small village.

A kindly townsman drove me to the farmhouse where I was to spend a night. I was awed by the wide expanse of prairie land and I marvelled at the great herds of cattle, more than I had ever seen at one time.

The farmer, his wife and son lived in one large room. I wondered where I might sleep. At bedtime, a curtain was drawn, dividing the room. I was given a cot with a straw mattress. It had been quickly made up and I found myself sliding down one side, then the other. However, I finally managed to sleep, but suddenly I was awakened by the wierdest noises I had ever heard. There were yelps, moans, screams and howls. Being of Irish extraction, I could think only of Banshees! There was no more sleep for me that night.

In the morning, I fearfully asked the farmer's wife about the nightmarish sounds, and was told they were the howls of coyotes, the small prairie wolves. They have become an accustomed sight, but I still remember my first night in the West!

American Viewpoints



Let us remember that resolutions do not always establish freedom.

—Millard Fillmore

faithful witness.
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