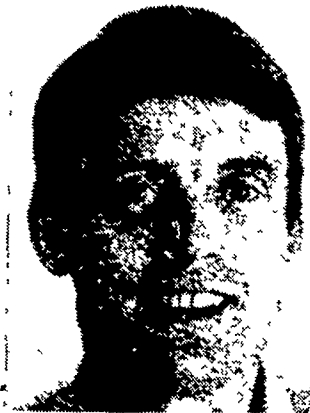


EDITORIAL COMMENTS



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*Stand beside her ...
... and guide her*

While many Americans have gotten their fill of the Bicentennial by this time, I, for one, haven't. I'll be sorry to see this glorious birthday pass.

Why?

Because it's been so refreshing and spine-tingling to see America and Americans display some pride and interest in their country. For far too long and frequently we've been obsessed with the negative aspects of our nation — while forgetting the positive.

The United States is still a great country, and with the enthusiasm of its citizens behind it, it would be even greater. Has anyone ever heard of a really good football team, for example, which is constantly criticized? Has any individual ever maintained his shine while receiving few compliments?

One of the lines in "God Bless America" reads 'stand beside her ... and guide her,' but, sadly, Americans as a people haven't done that very often in the past decade or two. Although the Almighty has continued to stand by America, many of the nation's citizens have chosen to ignore both Him and their homeland.

During this time of celebrating the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution, it's encouraging to see some pride displayed. It has been long overdue.

America deserves top billing. Unfortunately it has seldomly received it — except from foreign

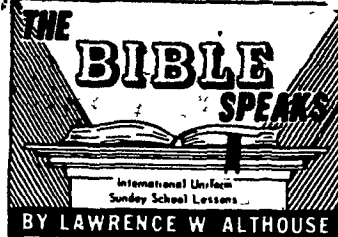
nations and populations which envy what we often take for granted. And from immigrants, such as myself, who can make some comparisons.

Consider the country's achievements and potentials. We live in abundance and even luxury. We've sent men to the moon and returned them safely. On top of all that, Americans are the most generous people on Earth — giving of themselves freely to those who are in need.

Whether any part of our Bicentennial celebration has been commercialized or not is beside the point. The fact remains that America has endured 200 years of existence while maintaining economic and political stability. The country is richly blessed; its citizens are granted freedoms and opportunities unequalled anywhere else in the world. Granted, we're not without faults and shortcomings, and periodic criticism breeds improvement. But a steady negative outpouring is disastrous.

So the wagon trains, fleet of sailing ships, hundreds of thousands of flags, Bicentennial TV programs, community events, patriotic displays and fireworks are most welcome. I hope it's the beginning of a new mood — a positive thinking mood which reflects respect, pride and good will for a country which needs it badly.

Stand beside your country and guide her ... with affection and pride. Happy Birthday, America!



THE AMBASSADOR

Lesson for July 4, 1976

Background Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 10:1-24; Acts 1:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:16-20; Ephesians 2.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 40:3-8.

One evening several weeks ago, there was a knock upon my door. Opening it, I found a gentleman whom I had never seen before. I was quite certain he had gotten the wrong address.

Before I could speak, however, he thrust a white envelope into my hands, asking: "Are you Lawrence W. Althouse?" "Yes," I replied, noting that the envelope was addressed to me but with a door number that was several blocks away. I quickly concluded that the letter had been delivered to his address instead of mine.

You shall be my witnesses. But I was wrong. He was not a neighbor, but a postal worker at the main post office downtown. The letter had been sent back by the carrier because the address was wrong. Ordinarily, it would have been returned to the sender, or, if there was no return address, it would have gone to the "dead letter" bin. The man, however, had taken just a few moments to look up my correct address in the telephone directory and then delivered it himself on his way home from work!

I was overwhelmed. "What's your name?" I asked, "I want to send a letter of commendation." "I'm just 'anonymous,'" he replied, "I'd lose my job if anyone at the post office knew I had done this." Thinking he wanted some kind of reward, I asked him to wait a moment while I got my wallet. "No! I won't accept anything," he insisted. "I do this quite frequently. It's my way of trying to combat the terrible decline of the U.S. Postal Service. I just want people to know that some of us still care!"

With those words he turned and stepped back into the darkness of the evening and was gone. I stared at the letter in my hands with a new appreciation for the human race and sighed a prayer of thanks.

Ambassadors for Christ

The man at my door was an ambassador, a witness. No erudite setting forth of his beliefs could have been more convincing than what he had done. He did not have to tell me what he believed was



NOW IS THE TIME

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TO PROVIDE LIVESTOCK COMFORT

Hot weather is upon us along with very high humidity. Livestock losses may occur when animals become too hot and cannot find relief. We urge that all possible doors and windows be opened in buildings that are not under environmental control. Cross ventilation will be of great help; many of our county's bank barns are cooler than buildings above ground. Electric fans may be installed to keep the air moving over the animals. Hog producers must be very alert in extreme temperatures to avoid losses. Fogging and sprinkling devices on concrete feeding floors are strongly recommended. Fresh water and shade is a "must" for all animals this time of the year.

TO KILL TURF GRUBS

The gypsy moth have nearly completed their feeding damage for this summer and now we have the Japanese beetle; they are quite common in some areas of the county; frequent sprays of Sevin, Malathion, or Dylox will help keep them off of plants and shrubs; however, it is very difficult to keep them under control because the residual sprays are not strong enough to kill the new arrivals. Looking ahead to controlling the beetle for the summer of 1977, I'd suggest that the turf areas be sprayed late in August with Diazinon, Dylox, or Chlordane; these insecticides will kill the young grubs from this season's beetles, and reduce the damage from grubs that feed on grass roots. Timing of the spray (late August) is important.

TO MANAGE FORAGE CROPS

The grazing of temporary forage crops is quite common in many parts of the area. Sudan grass and sudan X sorghum hybrids are good

important, for he had witnessed to those beliefs in a way I would never forget.

This man's deed should challenge all of us who regard ourselves as Christians. We think of witnessing as something which requires eloquence or the "gift of gab." We assume that Paul was not thinking of such passive and unimaginative people as we when he said that God had entrusted "to us the message of reconciliation." The phrase, "ambassadors for Christ," makes us think of the specially-gifted, the particularly pious.

Yet when we read the New Testament with open minds it must be apparent to us that when Jesus said "You shall be my witnesses . . ." and Paul proclaimed that "we are ambassadors for Christ," these men were citing God's expectations for all those who would follow his Son. Even me. Especially you!

producers in hot weather, however, care should be used in not grazing growth before the sun inches high and the at least 24 inches high true with the afternoon growth as well original growth. The of prussic acid poison present when the plants grazed too soon. growth of alfalfa and may also be grazed should be handled to avoid bloating. should be permitted only when the plants and then after they a feeding of some matter. Serious losses from bloat occurred on straight or clover pastures.

TO ORDER SEED NEEDED

The summer seed alfalfa will be made next month to six weeks seeding of fall grass follow in September-October. The planting proper variety for each is very important in get maximum yield performance. We urge growers place their soon for these seeds. seed of the adapted desired variety may available later in the mer. Extension publications, such as Agronomy Guide for sylvanians, may be as a guide on the mended varieties planting procedure urge the use of certification in order to obtain maximum yields.

Farm Calendar

Wednesday, July 7
Monthly board meeting of the Lancaster Conservation District Conference Room and Home Center

Thursday, July 8
Blue Mountain Dairy Association meets Penn State Sch campus, 7:30 p.m.

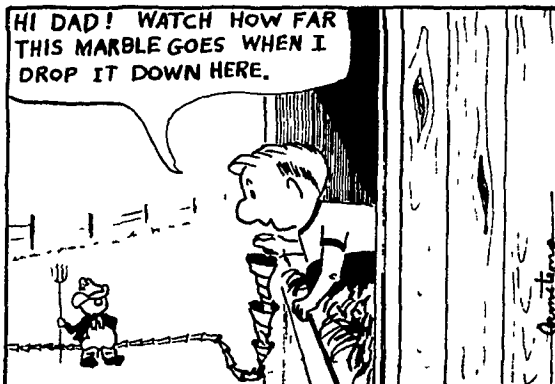
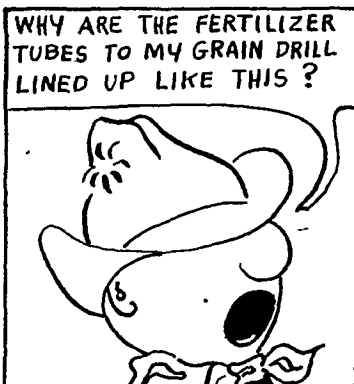
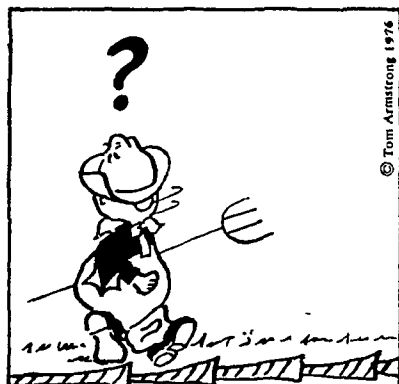
The Susquehanna Basin Commission hold a public hearing gather public formation and comment on a proposed regulation for providing for consumption of low river flow Ram Motor Mechanicsburg, p.m. and 7:30 Similar hearing scheduled also for York and Maryland weeks to come.

Friday, July 9
Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association Summer Tour Picnic, Lebanon.

Saturday, July 10
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Rough and Tumble Historical Society Kinzer sponsors Wheel Drive Pull,

RURAL ROUTE



By Tom Armstrong