

Being as proud a father as any, a recent father-son banquet was an event I tried hard not to miss. It was time for Daddy to do some babysitting again

Shy as usual, my two boys stood quietly by my side as we awaited to be seated. It wasn't long before everything was organized and the Lions began to sing.

"Roar Lions roar," the group sang loudly in unison

A few bars of that phrase left 2-year old Karl wondering whether he had come here to eat like Daddy had promised, or whether he might be eaten himself. His 4-year old brother, Paul, just stared across the table in silence.

A waitress planted a plate of food in front of Karl. The little fellow, who by this time looked like he was ready to go home, and had long ago scrambled onto Daddy's lap, quietly announced he didn't want to eat.

That was unusual. But it wasn't long before he changed his mind.

Daddy wanted to be good supporter of the dairy industry, so he ordered three tall and cold glasses of milk. Shortly after that was done, both boys whispered they preferred Cokes. So Daddy cancelled two milks and ordered two Cokes. But, lest dairymen become upset, I'll have to confess that I ordered a second glass of milk for myself

The meal went down well, and the boys enjoyed a performance by a magician. It was a fine evening.

We were putting our coats on and were ready to leave for home when Karl did a little dance with his feet and announced:

"Daddy, water comin' in the pants."

"Some months ago a proclamation like that always came too late, but there was no more need to panic - as long as we got to the rest room within the next couple of minutes.

When we got home, both boys, as usual, didn't want to go to bed. Lisa got them into their pajamas, and then, using their beds as trampolines, they hopped around and squealed with delight. For a while I joined them loving and hugging each one.

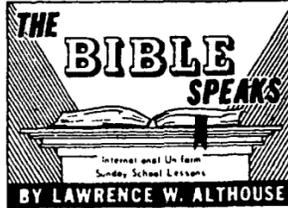
My wife, Lisa, considers both of them to be genuine chips off the old block, and when we're horsing around like that it's probably more obvious than ever

When I get off easy, both boys will eventually say something like: "I haf enuff luf now," while at other times it's request for "just one more" horsey ride or the likes.

My good fortune of being surrounded by love certainly doesn't end there. I've got two fine girls too. The one's my wife, the other is 7-week old Heidi.

Have a happy Valentine's Day!

— DIETER



THE WOMAN WHO CAME

Lesson for February 13, 1977

Background Scripture:
Mark 2:1-12; Luke 7:36-50,
Devotional Reading:
Mark 2:1-12.

Many people remember the late actor Monty Woolly best for his title role in the motion picture, "The Man Who Came To Dinner." It is the story of what happens when an arrogant man comes to dinner, is injured in the course of the evening, and has to remain in the home for an extended period to recuperate. "The Man Who Came To Dinner" becomes the man who changes everyone's lives.

A tainted woman

In a sense this is what happened when a prostitute "crashed" a dinner party for Jesus that was being hosted by a respected Pharisee of a certain city. Luke does not name the Pharisee and tells us little about him or even where he lived. Yet, although we have little factual data about him, as the brief story unfolds, we get a pretty clear picture of what sort of man he was.

Let's try to picture the scene in Luke 7. The Pharisee is probably a prosperous man in the community, so we can envision a typical Palestinian house with a large courtyard and garden in the center. It is in this courtyard where the low table is spread. The custom is to recline at the table and we can assume that Jesus and the Pharisee are joined there by a few other guests.

Suddenly, the host is aware of the presence of a notorious woman. Almost oblivious of everyone else, she has entered quietly and gone directly to Jesus. Then, bending, she begins to anoint his feet with a costly ointment, weeping silently as she does, and from time to time kissing them.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Chester County Crops Day, 10 a.m. at the Stone Barn, Unionville.

Regional celery growers meet at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

4-H Regional Leaders Forum, Carlisle.

Lebanon County Conservation District Board of Directors meets at 8 p.m. at the Lebanon County Municipal Bldg. Room 207.

District 3 of Atlantic Breeders holds annual meeting (Northern Dauphin and Northumberland County Area)

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NOW IS THE TIME ...

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TO BE CAREFUL IN THAWING PIPES

This thought might be a few weeks late but is still worthwhile. Many folks have

The Pharisee says nothing aloud, but to himself he is expressing outrage and indignation. Almost with self-satisfaction, he tells himself: "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this woman is who is touching him, for she is a sinner" (7:39). It is interesting that the indignation is directed solely to Jesus rather than the woman. It is as if he is secretly glad to find that Jesus is not what people claim him to be.

She loved much

Up to this moment, no one has spoken a word. The host has kept his feelings to himself, but Jesus is gifted in reading people and he knows what is racing through the mind of his host. Calling the Pharisee, he tells him a parable and asks him to provide the answer for the question with which it concludes: "Now which of them will love him more?" (7:42).

The Pharisee could hardly fail to give the right answer: "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more" - (the "I suppose" probably indicates that he realized the point of the parable and knew he was incriminating himself). The question, Jesus was saying, is not who is the greater sinner - the woman was obviously way ahead on points! - but who is the most humbly contrite?

Up to this moment, the Pharisee had always thought of himself as an upstanding, righteous man who proudly - and smugly - kept the law in great detail. But now, because of this woman who had crashed his dinner party, his self-image could never again completely escape the humbling reproach of Jesus.

Cumberland County Dairy Day and District meeting for Atlantic Breeders.

DeKalb Yieldmasters meeting at Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Md., 9 a.m. to noon. Top corn growers will discuss programs.

Farm crops meeting, Hunterdon County (N.J.) Extension Center, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17
Manheim Area Young Farmers continue seminar on small tool fitting and sharpening. 7:30 at the high school.

Southern Lancaster County district of ABC holds annual meeting, at the Quarryville Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

York County Dairy Day and District meeting of Atlantic Breeders. Dover Fire Hall, 10 a.m. through 2 p.m.

District 7 of Inter-State Milk Producers meets at Hostetter's Dining Hall, Mount Joy, noon.

Third annual meeting of the Maryland Agricultural Safety and Health

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experienced a large number of frozen water pipes this Winter. This can happen again before Spring arrives. The use of electric welders and blow torches to thaw pipes is common but carries a high degree of fire hazard with them. Our Penn State engineers inform us that electric welders should not be used by others than experienced plumbers; also, blow torches will surely warm up a frozen pipe but may also start a fire in nearby wood, insulation, or in hay or straw in barns. Extreme care should be used with them and with perhaps a fire extinguisher nearby. The wrapping of a frozen pipe with a rag and pouring on hot water could be safer; or the use of a electric hair dryer blowing hot air on the pipe may also get the job done.

TO CONTROL LIVESTOCK PARASITES

The extremely cold weather during the past Winter has not given livestock producers much of a chance to dip or spray their animals for lice control. The use of dusts is possible but usually less control of the lice is experienced. We suggest spraying or dipping cattle with some of the lice-killing materials when the weather is above freezing; the use of cold water rather than hot or warm water is very important. The cold water will not open the pores of the skin of animals and therefore not expose them to sickness and colds. Lice should be controlled for cattle comfort and efficient use of feed.

TO CREEP-FEED LAMBS

Sheep producers with lambs headed for the Easter market should make every effort to bring them along as fast as possible. The lamb market is usually at its peak during the Easter season. A feeder into which the small lambs can enter, and not the ewes, is suggested as a way to get more weight and more finish on the lambs. This will be in addition to the milk of the ewe. A simple mixture of cracked corn and oats will usually increase the weight of the lambs and kept before them at all times. Ewes nursing lambs should be fed extra grain in order to have more milk for their lambs; this is especially true with ewes nursing twin lambs.

TO BE CAREFUL WITH LIQUID MANURE PITS

When warmer weather arrives some livestock producers will be hauling their manure to the fields. In the case of the manure pit, there is need for extreme care in and about this pit when it is being agitated and emptied. Toxic gases are formed at this time and they can be deadly to both man and beast. If animals are on slats above the pit, they should be removed or given extra good ventilation. No one should enter the pit without a gas mask, or work near it alone. Too many folks have been killed or injured by these gases. We urge all producers to beware of this hazard.

Farm Calendar

Monday, Feb. 14

Schuylkill County Citizens Opposing Red Creek Dam meet at the Landingville Fire House, 7:30 p.m.

Lehigh-Northampton County Field Crop Day, U.G.I. auditorium, 9:45 a.m. Topics include rented land, Johnsongrass, lime, nitrogen, crop research, hay preservatives.

York County 4-H Club officers training workshop, 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center in Bair.

Red Lion Area Young Farmers have program on mastitis, 8 p.m.

Manheim Area Young

Farmers meet for small tool fitting and sharpening seminar. 7:30 p.m. at the high school. See other dates too.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Board of directors of the Lancaster Farm and Home Foundation meet at the Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m. in th Conference Room

Ephrata Area Young Farmers monthly meeting on Credit & Financing, at the high school ag dept., 7:45 p.m.

4-H Regional Leaders Forum, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Eastern DeKalb Yield-

masters meeting, Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville Md., arrive by 6 p.m., awards banquet 7 p.m.

Manheim Area Young Farmers continue seminar on small tools, 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Franklin County Dairy Day and District meeting for Atlantic Breeders.

Conservation Planning Meeting for farmers in the Cedar Crest School District, Lebanon County, 7:30 p.m. at the high school vo-ag room.

York County 4-H roller skating party at Roll-R-Way West, Delco Plaza, York, 7-10 p.m.

RURAL ROUTE

