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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

By Dieter Krieg, Editor

Are toilets for profit?

Food should be for profit. Some people will disagree with that statement, and among them are aides to President Jimmy Carter. According to those supposedly well-educated, but apparently dim-witted characters, "food should be for people, not for profit."

Nobody will argue that food is for people. But the "not for profit" is another matter entirely.

"No profit" boils down to nothingness. Anybody advocating "no profit" -- whether it's in reference to food, shoelaces or Winnebagos -- isn't worthy of American citizenship. No profits leads to no production, unless of course, we adopt a system which dictates what we think, do and earn. It's known as communism, and if that's what aides in the White House

have in mind, it's high time Mr. Carter streamlines his staff.

Another fabrication which circulated in the White House recently is that the United States faces a food crisis because of all the fats and sugars we eat which in turn cause heart disease and cancer. The narrow-minded, self-proclaimed little experts are not only trying to tell us to raise food for nothing, they're fishing for influence in diets as well. Next they'll likely draw up a study designed to tell us when's the best time to go to the bathroom. Don't laugh. OSHA, as you know, wants a toilet within a five-minute walk from any point in the field.

Now there's an idea. Pay toilets in the field. I wonder if toilets should be for profit? Have you considered that one, White House aides?

Red tape and blue feelings

The lines between red tape, orderly programs, harassment, and freedom may become pretty thin sometimes. There's a need for orderly programs and freedom. There's no need for red tape and harassment. But there is a need for restrictions if orderly programs are to be achieved.

The case of Lancaster County's Aaron Glick (see page 1 of last week's issue) fighting the government's red tape might be considered a good example of all of the above.

There's strong enough evidence around to believe that there's too much red tape in just about anything which involves the government. Indications are also firm that in some instances the federal government resorts to some pretty unfriendly tactics - harassment if you please. A number of juggers, including Glick, have complained about both red tape and unfriendly procedures on the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trexler dam project opposed

Editor, Lancaster Farming:

I have been following the progress of the Barley controversy with great interest. I am from Lehigh County and I am greatly pleased now that the problem has been resolved. I too believe as many of your readers do that land use is of high priority. We, the farmers in Lehigh County are threatened with a similar fate - the Trexler Dam Project. The Army Corps of

Engineers has decided that we need a 7-mile long dam for recreation and flood control.

This dam will uproot 125 farm families and take 4,500 acres of farm land. We fear the dam will have a devastating effect on the 52 square miles of watershed area due to restrictions placed on chemical fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and animal manure.

We the farmers of Lehigh

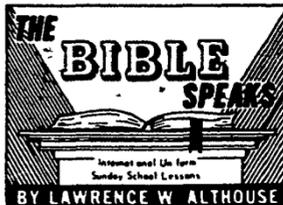
County are fighting this dam and can use all the support we can get. However, we are meeting opposition from a small group of land speculators and developers who can only see dollar signs before their eyes. We need your help fellow farmers of Pennsylvania. Write or call your local state and federal elected officials and lend your support to opposing the Trexler Dam Project.

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New Tripoli, Pa.

RURAL ROUTE



By Tom Armstrong



SINS FOR THE GODLY

Lesson for May 22, 1977

Background Scripture: James 4:1 through 5:6
Devotional Reading: Psalms 124.

Perhaps one of the reasons that the Epistle of James has often been unpopular with some people is that he casts much of his spotlight upon the signs of the godly instead of the ungodly. His letter is concerned with the kinds of behavior to be found within the churches, rather than those without. James might have been more popular if he had concentrated on the "heathen" and the "un-believers."

Knowing what is right
Sometime I think the popular understanding of the word sin might be defined as "the wrong things other people do." Similarly, sometimes Christians assume that evil is what non-Christians do. Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr once remarked that much evil in the world is performed "by good people who do not know they are not good."

The Apostle James lifts up for us four different sins that we may tend to ignore in our own lives. The first of these is covetousness. For many of us, the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet," is the hardest of the Ten Commandments to obey. "Hardest" because it is not nearly so dramatic as some of the other commandments, and therefore we are less likely to take it seriously. "Hardest" also because it is more subtle than most. James' observation has a contemporary ring: "What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you?... You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and can not obtain; so you fight and wage war" (4:1,2).

Friendship with the world
A second sin for the Godly which James lists is what he labels "friendship with the world." In its earliest days, the Church was not "friends" with the world. It was regarded with suspicion, distrust, and outright hostility by the surrounding society. In much of the world today the Church is part of society. It is on the best of terms with its governments, institutions, and power blocks. Although James is not counseling us to be "unfriendly" still he reminds us: "whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (4:4).

"God opposes the proud,



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TO FERTILIZE
ALFALFA

Many fields of alfalfa will be cut in the next few weeks. The recent hot weather brought out the buds and blossoms ahead of schedule. In order to keep alfalfa plants healthy the stand should be top-dressed at least once a year with a phosphorus-potash fertilizer; this will replenish the roots with these two major elements. A very good time to make this application is immediately after the removal of the first cutting. A well fertilized stand of alfalfa can withstand insects and other abuses much better than one lacking fertilization.

TO CLIP PASTURES
The mowing of permanent pastures at this time of the year is strongly suggested. Many of the grasses have gone to seed, or soon will be heading out, and this means that the plants need mowing. This practice will help control weeds and encourage new growth of grass. Livestock will nourish the dry clippings and this should

but gives grace to the humble" (4:6), says James, indicating yet another sin that is more likely to be found among the godly than the ungodly. The problem with being "good" is that we soon become proud of our "goodness," and thus lose it. Pride is often a destructive force within the Church.

Finally, James warns the godly against the tendency to be arrogant, to act as if our lives were solely within our own hands. "Instead," says James, "you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and we shall do this or that'" (4:15). The problem with our arrogance as well as with our covetousness, friendship with the world and pride, is not ignorance, but willfulness. For, says James, "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin" (4:17) - and that applies to the godly as well as the ungodly!

Farm Calendar

Today, May 21
Hampshire Sheep Field Day, Clyde Brubaker farm, Lancaster

Lancaster County 4-H'ers hold hoagie sale

Sunday, May 22
Children's Horse Show by Our Gang Riding Club at riding grounds near Hellam, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 23
Conrad Weiser Adult Farmers meet; machinery developments

Lancaster County 4-H Horse Judging Team meets at 6 p.m. at Martingale Farms, Fruitville Pike

Tuesday, May 24
Board of directors for the Lancaster County Extension Association, 8 p.m. in the Conference Room, Farm and Home Center

Wednesday, May 25
Quarterly meeting of Inter-

NOW IS THE TIME...

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be done several times during the pasture season. In addition, the clipped pasture area will look much better to the general public.

TO BE CAREFUL WITH PESTICIDES

It's difficult to stress strong enough the importance of careful handling of all spray materials. This includes insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides. I'm referring to the storage of materials and the prompt disposal of empty cans and cartons. Many times these empty containers are left around the garage or barn where children, pets, and livestock can get into them. This is very careless handling and may result in serious losses. We urge all materials to be stored away from children and animals and kept under lock and key. Empty containers are dangerous and should not be allowed out in the open. Pesticide safety is part of the upcoming pesticide certification, and should be practiced at all times.

TO CONTROL MULTIFLORA ROSES

This controversial plant continues to spread into many pastures and woodlots in the state. We urge land owners to take steps to get this thorny bush under control. Last fall we suggested May and June as a good time to treat these bushes with the proper herbicide. We urge attention to this practice at this time. Users must be certified in order to know the dangers of the materials. Local demonstrations are being planned to show how to apply these materials. Support of this control program is in order.

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Germantown Avenue (U.S. 422), between Windrim Avenue and Upsal Street, Philadelphia, is a cobblestone road more than 200 years old and never needs paving. It blends with the colonial Germantown historic district.

State Milk Producers Cooperative member in Burlington, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties, N.J. 8 p.m. at the Extension Service Building, 122 High Street, Mt. Holly, N.J.

Board of directors meeting for the Berks County Conservation District, at the Ag Center, Leesport, 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 26
Two meetings in Lancaster County on the control of multiflora rose. Field demonstrations and discussions will be held at the Amos Rutt farm, Quarryville R2 at 10 a.m. and at the Milton Brubaker farm, Lititz, at 2 p.m.

York County 4-H Horticulture Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center in Bair