

**EDITORIAL COMMENTS** By DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR



**Here's one law you shouldn't throw out**

Legislation is being considered in Harrisburg which will help keep America beautiful and prosperous. For farmers that could mean cleaner fields and pastures, fewer punctured tires and increased safety for livestock.

The bills in question are HB 503, and SB 611 or SB 1193. All deal with the problem of throw-away containers and solid wastes.

Legislation to help bring about a less wasteful economy and cleaner environment is welcome. It should

receive the support of every person in the country.

The legislation being considered proposes to outlaw non-returnable containers. That's a good idea, because it would save dollars and keep our lawns and fields neater.

On a smaller scale, some controls over solid wastes would relieve the pressures already experienced at dump sites. While solid waste disposal ground is necessary, nobody is willing to give up land for that purpose. By having fewer waste products, the need for dumps might be somewhat reduced as well.

Legislation aimed at eliminating throw-away containers makes sense all around. Let's see to it that it passes and hope that it's the first of many steps towards wiser use of our resources.

Anyone interested in becoming more involved in this matter might want to contact his or her representative or senator. Also, the Pennsylvania Alliance for Returnables, Inc. solicits your support. Their address is Box 472, Federal Square Station, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108.

**COMMENTS FROM READERS**

*Some encouraging words*

Editor:

After reading "Letters to the Editor" and the severe criticism of your editorial concerning TMI, I felt a word of encouragement is in order. I had to admire your courage in printing letters of criticism even though some of the criticism you receive must tempt you to tear it to shreds. Criticism, though, must be evaluated as to be factual, helpful truth, or just an eruption of emotion or opinion.

As for TMI, a lot of the

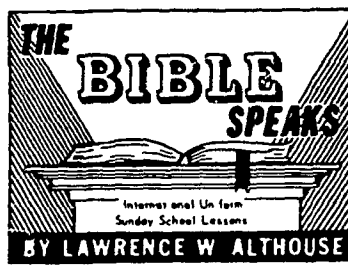
panic appeared to be a lack of faith in God's controlling hand and a lack of personal faith resulting in a genuine fear of death.

The national news coverage on the incident seemed to differ from the local coverage. I have no facts to prove or disprove any of the reports. However, the news media has shown how it can sway public opinion and destroy a president. Some issues appear to be blown out of proportion.

My attitude towards the news media in general is one of caution. I do appreciate very much Paul Harvey's reports and commentaries. His optimism in reporting is like a breath of fresh air.

Your April Fool's joke was something we looked forward to this year, Mr. Krieg. Your originality, your sense of humor, and creativity in photography are commendable. The comment along with the article alerted us to your joke, as well as the

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**THE GIFT OF TONGUES**

Lesson for May 6, 1979

Background Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14.  
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 57: 14-19.

Speaking in tongues is a source of great controversy in the church today. Recently a denominational leader in the state of Texas demanded that a tongue-speaking pastor be dismissed from his denomination. A nationally-known clergyman has gone on record calling for the practice of tongue-speaking to be barred from all Churches of his fellowship. Most orthodox Christians, even if they do not go to this extreme, are at least uncomfortable and uncertain about the great rise of this practice in the churches today.

**Edifying Oneself**

The confusion and uncertainty are compounded by the attitudes of some of these "charismatics" who seem to believe that speaking in tongues is the evidence of a higher level of Christian discipleship. A number of years ago two of my parishoners came to me and told me that they would have to leave our church. The reason: they had been "baptised in the Spirit" (spoke in tongues) and since that experience they said they did not feel our congregation was "spiritual enough." I do not mean to imply that that attitude is par for the course with all

tongue-speakers, but it has been evident in far too many in my own experience.

How then shall we regard this phenomena?

It seems to me that Paul can help us in this regard. In 1 Corinthians, particularly chapters 12 and 14, it is clear that Paul accepts speaking in tongues as a legitimate gift of the Holy Spirit (see 12:10; 14:26). It also seems clear, however, that speaking in tongues has brought some severe problems to the church at Corinth. For one thing, there is disunity and factionalism. For another, he implies, there is spiritual pride. One gets the feeling, therefore,

that while he accepts this gift as valid, he is doing all that he can to undermine its present status in Corinth.

First, he indicates that tongue-speaking is of lesser value because it is edifying only to the speaker. Therefore it is self-centered in its focus while prophecy is helpful to others. The gift that builds up the whole church, not just one person, is obviously of more value. This, Paul says bluntly: "...in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue" (14:19). No matter how you slice it,

that is a very strong statement!

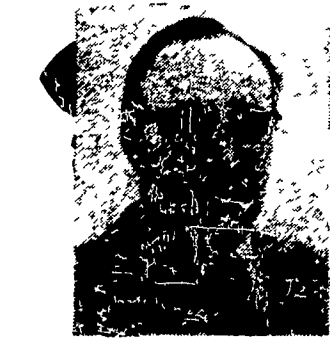
**In All Things: Edification**

Secondly, tongue-speaking, unless well-regulated in a service, tends to produce a state of confusion and chaos, neither of which contributes to the mutual edification of the worshippers. Paul feels very strongly about this and he declares: "For God is not a God of confusion, but of peace" (14:33). Even when speaking in tongues is not the issue, the principle is still valid: "Let all things be done for edification" (14:26). That continues to be the standard for Christian worship of any kind.

**NOW IS THE TIME**

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**TO INSPECT ALFALFA**

The alfalfa plants have been growing rapidly in the past two weeks. Due to cool weather insect development has been retarded. However, with a few very warm days we can see additional insect action.

Therefore, we urge alfalfa producers to check their fields frequently for alfalfa

weevil damage. If there is feeding and damage this early in the season, some insecticide application may be needed. Materials that can be used are listed in the 1979 Agronomy Guide.

In another week or so the plants may be developed into the budstage and the crop can be cut instead of sprayed. Don't let the insects reduce the quality and quantity of this first cutting.

**TO CONTINUE HAY FEEDING**

Livestock producers with available pasture look forward to this time of the year.

However, it is suggested that livestock receive feedings of dry matter, such as hay or silage, while they are on pasture. This will reduce the danger of bloating and slow down the passage of the lush grass through the digestive tract.

After the first few days, most animals will consume some hay along with the fresh grass. For the first few days they should be fed the dry matter before being turned out on the lush grass. Portable hay racks on pasture are suggested; plans are available from the Penn State Extension Office.

**TO CONTROL CORN ROOTWORM**

Corn planting is in full swing in this part of the state; growers are reminded of the need to treat the soil for the control of rootworms where corn is following corn. If the corn is being planted in a field following a sod or some other crop than corn, the treatment should not be needed.

Most insecticides should be spread over the top of the row in a band applied at the time of corn planting. Details of materials and amounts can be found in the 1979 Agronomy Guide. Keep

in mind that this treatment is needed only in fields where corn is following corn.

**TO USE HERBICIDES CAREFULLY**

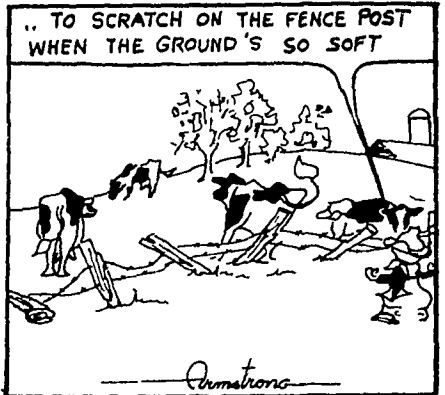
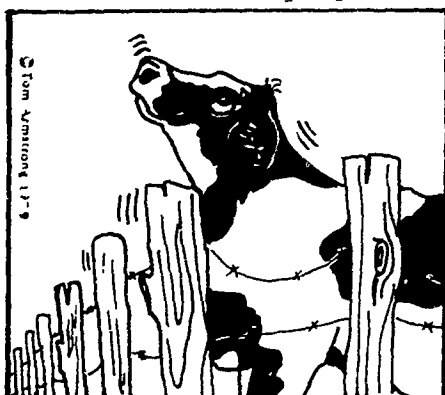
The control of weeds is a challenge to every farmer and every gardener. Many kinds of chemical weed killers are available and are being used. Most of these are selective herbicides used to kill a particular type of weed.

However, most of them will also injure nearby trees, shrubs, and plants. Therefore, it is very important that every applicator be extremely

careful. Most of the sprays will drift to nearby plants and properties; some may give off fumes for several days after application; these fumes can injure plants. All producers are urged to read the directions and follow them carefully. Don't be guilty of making the application, and then read the instructions to learn why it didn't work, or why it injured the wrong plant.

Store unused materials away from children, pets, and livestock; also, away from seeds and plants. Don't give weed killers a chance to kill anything except weeds.

**RURAL ROUTE**



By Tom Armstrong

**Farm Calendar**

Saturday, May 5  
Maryland State 4-H Citizenship Tour, Carroll County. Also, public speaking contest, and Maryland 4-H All Stars Spring Conference, Wye Institute, Queenstown.  
Maryland Sheep Breeder's Market and Feeder Lamb Show and Craft Fair, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster.

York County 4-H Fun Night; covered dish supper beginning at 7 p.m., square dancing at 8 p.m.; a the 4-H Center near Bair.

Penn State Dairy Exposition at the dairy barns, all day, University Park.

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