

NOW IS THE TIME

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS
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ARE WE STILL "PLAYING CHURCH"?
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and you cannot escape the terrible knowledge that Christ's people on earth are projecting anything but the image of the Church described in Ephesians. "Maintain the unity of the Spirit"? What unity? "Be kind to one another"? No, Christians are not kind to one another, they are contentious, judgmental, and devisive. "There is one body and one Spirit"? Hardly! There are many bodies, and it would seem, all contending that they alone possess the Spirit.

To "Push The Pencil"
Farm records are a very important part of modern farming; they are needed for tax purposes and for the benefit of farm planning. Since we are at the end of the cropping season and of the calendar year, it might be a good time to do some office work and determine the best enterprises for the past year. You'll need to consider any unusual circumstances.

Time spent in analyzing farm records and planning the future based upon these records should be very worthwhile. Major decisions are hard to make but are very important in today's farming. We hope that good farm records can contribute in these decisions.

To Repair Machinery During The Winter

Most of the outside field work is finished for this year. I also know that every farm has machinery that needs repair and service. If you are planning to have this done at your machinery dealer, it would be wise to contact him in the near future so it's on his work schedule.

I'm aware of the spring rush next March and April; and I know your local serviceman will appreciate the work during the fall and into the long winter days. It can also save time in case parts need to be ordered to complete the job. The objective is to be planning for this repair work now. Have it done so you're machinery is ready to go early next spring.

To Be Aware of Wild Birds

Most livestock producers have faced the problem of wild birds during the fall and winter months. These birds come by the thousands and feed from livestock bunks and feeders. They not only eat feed but their droppings present very unsanitary conditions for everyone. Also, since the birds fly from farm to farm, they are a definite source of spreading various diseases.

Unfortunately, we do not have a real good cure for the problem. They can be screened out of confinement buildings. One farmer obtained results by dipping a half inch rope in creosote, then tacking it to the top of the roosting area, giving discomfort by irritating the feet.

Another farmer suggests using a shallow pan with about a half inch of salt on the bottom with a thin layer of lard over the salt so as the bird pecks through the lard they pick up the salt. In buildings without livestock, a rotating light makes the birds dizzy and they will not stay long. In any event... good luck.

To Order Small Fruit Plants Early

This may strike you as premature, but this is a good time to order small fruit plants for next spring. Although you won't put them in the ground until April, you should be flipping through the catalogs now. Ordering early assures you of a wide selection of the best varieties.

Companies begin filling orders with their best stock... if you delay you could be stuck with what is left over. Ordering early also means you'll get your strawberries or raspberries or whatever at the best time to plant.

So, dig out those catalogs now... get your order in... and be prepared for delicious fruit from your planting.

Background Scripture:

Ephesians-4.

Devotional Reading:

Colossians 2:8-15.

I don't know about you, but when I read the fourth chapter of Ephesians, I feel a deep sense of shame. The words are beautiful, but their power to judge us is fantastic. You don't even have to read the whole chapter to know what I mean:

"...forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace..." (4:2,3).

"There is one body and one Spirit...one hope... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all..." (4:5,6).

"...the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint... makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love" (4:16).

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (4:31,32).

NO LONGER CHILDREN

Read each of those passages along with your daily newspaper

Standards announced for field sanitation

PHILADELPHIA — U.S. Secretary of Labor William E. Brock announced guidelines for state field sanitation standards and offered federal technical assistance to enable the states to meet the requirements for protecting farm field workers.

"Basic human decency dictates that farm workers be provided with sanitation facilities, and these guidelines will help the states meet their obligations while reducing the risks to farm workers from the unsafe and unsanitary conditions in the field," Brock said.

Brock, in a notice sent to the Federal Register by the Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, spelled out the requirements that state standards must meet within 18 months to preclude issuance of a federal standard. The state standards must provide farm workers with field sanitation protection equivalent to OSHA's proposed sanitation standard published March 1, 1984.

The guidelines require:

- As much protection as was contained in an earlier federal proposal calling for drinking water and the provision and maintenance of handwashing and appropriate toilet facilities in the fields. Although variations due to the size, resources and climate in the states are expected, the manner in which the facilities were provided (e.g. distances, ratios, etc.) must, viewed as a whole, provide protection equivalent to the 1984 (federal) proposal.
- A sufficient increase in the

number of states with adequate standards to assure that the vast majority of hand laborers working in the fields not presently covered by state standards will be protected.

- Adequate enforcement programs by the states. Again, though there may be variations, the states would have to name a responsible agency, and provide legal authority and adequate personnel and resources, appropriate inspections, notice to employees of their rights, notice of alleged violations and proposed abatement requirements to both employees and employers, and effective methods to compel abatement of relevant hazards.

Brock, who is allowing the states 18 months to meet the requirements, said OSHA will "actively offer assistance" to the states for developing, improving and implementing their standards.

He is asking each state governor to designate a state official as a contact person for field sanitation efforts. OSHA's regional administrators, and regional secretary's representatives will work with the state officials on each state's efforts to meet the guidelines and to offer any technical assistance that may be needed.

He has asked that as each state completes its development of an adequate field sanitation standard and an effective enforcement program, the state forward a written description to the OSHA regional administrator.

Currently, 13 states—California,

Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Texas—have standards, while Minnesota and Wisconsin are in the process of developing such standards.

Brock stated that states remain better able to regulate in this area by improving on current standards, adding required provisions, expanding coverage or taking other steps to meet federal requirements. States without standards, he said, "can draw on their closer relationships with their constituents, both growers and farm workers, and their long experience with analogous public health problems to promulgate and enforce appropriate standards."

Brock also announced the "limited reopening" of the record on the federal proposal to allow public comment on two risk assignment studies contracted by OSHA during its rulemaking but

Six counties on 'disaster' list

HARRISBURG — Gov. Dick Thornburgh today extended his state declaration of "disaster emergency" to Westmoreland County, bringing the total to six counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania so designated as a result of flooding from three days of heavy rainfall.

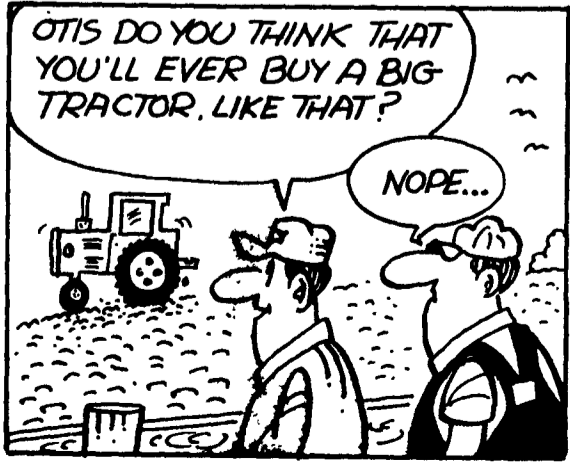
Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Washington counties

were designated as disaster emergency areas on Nov. 5 by the governor.

The proclamation makes available up to \$1 million in state funds for disaster-related expenses and authorizes the use of emergency measures by state and local agencies — such as the hiring of temporary workers and rental of equipment — to conduct rescue and relief operations.

Farm Calendar

- Saturday, November 16**
SE District 4-H/FFA Calf Sale, New Holland Sales Stable.
- Sunday, November 17**
NE United Egg Producers Trade Show; Atlantic City, N.J. Continues tomorrow. Contact 717-367-1195.
- Monday, November 18**
PFA Annual Meeting, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center;
- Tuesday, November 19**
York County 4-H Capon Roundup, 9 a.m., Wisheaven Banquet Hall.
- Wednesday, November 20**
Dover Young Farmers Crops Show, 7 p.m., Dover High School.
- Thursday, November 21**
Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, 68th Annual Meeting, Host Farm, Lancaster; continues Friday.
- Friday, November 22**
Bucks County DHIA annual meeting and awards night, 7 p.m., Plumsteadville Fire Company, Stump Road, Plumsteadville.
- Saturday, November 23**
York County 4-H Dairy Achievement banquet, Nashville Fire Hall, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, November 24**
York Farm-City visitation day, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Monday, November 25**
York Dairy Reproduction workshop, 4-H Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; continues tomorrow.
- Tuesday, November 26**
Annual Forage Conference, Del. Valley College, Doylestown, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Larry Helner, Agronomy Dept., Delaware Valley College, Lebanon County DHIA Building, Prescott Fire Hall, 7 p.m.



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