



OPINION

A Vision To Fulfill

In an extensive and well written presentation to the Lancaster Farmland Trust annual dinner meeting, Darvin E. Boyd makes a powerful case to preserve farmland. Under the title "A Vision to Fulfill," Boyd looks at history, the benefits of preserving farmland and what needs to be done by the year 2000. In his epilogue Boyd writes:

Lancaster County is a Living National Treasure. We owe it such dignity. It is one of the most picturesque and fertile growing areas in the world. Its total living and working environment have created a quality of life that is greatly valued by those of us who experience it and is cherished by the millions of outsiders who have witnessed it. Let us learn from the wisdom of our forefathers in having a vision for the future. It is our responsibility to be its good stewards and maintain its rich natural resources to enhance the quality of life for future generations.

"Let it be our legacy to help this Living National Treasure flourish into the 21st century as a contributor to the ongoing quality of life, rather than as a monument of past historic achievements. For those of us who love this county, come from its roots and will return to its dust, there can be no more noble and worthy cause than doing our fair share in contributing to the fulfillment of this legacy. I ask each of you to join me tonight in promoting this genuine cause with greater fervor because the cause is right and the alternatives are devastating.

"Let us continue the action to fulfill the programs that are evolving from the consensus that has emerged from our citizenry during the past two years. Let us continue dialogue, communication and cooperation among many individuals, groups and interests in channeling combined energies into creative and productive approaches to best utilize our resources. Let us reach out to hear and accommodate those with differing viewpoints so that everyone who desires can be a participant in helping to further develop the ongoing emerging consensus. Then let us be united in heart and spirit and common purpose as we achieve our legacy for generations to come as we approach and enter the 21st century. Yes, it is a challenge, but anything worthwhile is. Nevertheless, it is a vision we can fulfill together, and to whom many that follow us will be grateful. Let us do it together for us and them by keeping Lancaster County an ongoing Living National Treasure -- indeed, a most noble and worthy "Vision to Fulfill."

Boyd's vision for Lancaster farmland should be the vision for every acre of farmland in the nation.



NOW IS THE TIME

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To Repair Farm Equipment

This is the time to replace those worn or damaged parts and tires on your farm machinery.

Maintaining and restocking needed spare parts should be a must before the really busy spring season is underway. Have the tractor engine timed by your local dealer. Consult the operator's manual and adjust field machines according to manufacturer's recommendations.

Order a supply of oils, filters and greases that are needed to maintain tractors and other equipment. It pays to take time out to start a system of record-keeping for each machine. Keep good records of maintenance and repairs and you can save money in this highly mechanized farming operation.

Remember, a breakdown at planting time is costly. The best prevention is good maintenance.

To Recognize Stress in Farming

Life can become so hectic... too much to do... on the run. You've been on the tractor or in the barn almost nonstop since sunrise and there's too much on your mind to notice the beautiful sunset. Farming is still full of the best of life. Probably many of the reasons you wanted to be a farmer or live on a farm are the very things you don't pay much attention to anymore.

It's more than machinery or livestock, bills or market fluctuations -- it's a way of life which in itself holds much to be desired and

Sizzler Restaurant, Harrisburg, 10:30 a.m.

Clarion Co. Farm Records Course, Clarion Co. Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; repeats Jan. 24 and 29.
Delaware Horticulture Industry Expo, Sheraton Inn, Dover, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23

Warren Co. income tax meeting, Perkins Pancake House, Warren, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

York Co. Corn Clinic, 4-H Center, Bair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Schuylkill Co. DHIA annual meeting, Andreas Fire Co. Hall, Andreas, 12 noon.

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appreciated.

We must not let the excessive stress on the farm interfere with our home and family life. Medical research estimates as high as 90% of today's illness and disease is stress related. Farming is one of the most stressful occupations today. We must admit stress before we can deal with it. Most importantly, take time to "smell the flowers," and say to yourself -- just for today, I will live through the next 12 hours and not try to tackle all life's problems at once.

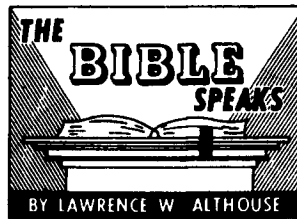
To Be Aware Of Grain Storage Safety

Every year grain in storage or grain which is being moved into or out of storage claims the lives of farmers or farm family members across the United States, according to Robert J. Anderson, Extension Agronomy Agent. Flowing grain can trap and suffocate a person very easily. Many accidents

with grain involve children. Often farm children are more excited about playing in the pile of grain than they are aware of the safety hazard involved.

We must constantly warn all children of the danger of grain. Grain can trap a child in as little as two or three seconds and pull them under in less than 10 seconds.

A few simple rules will help keep everyone safe if followed. Always keep all access openings and doors to grain bins locked. Make sure the outside ladders on grain storage facilities are out of reach of children. Keep children away from any grain being transported by wagons or trucks between storages. Don't allow children to play in or near grain storage facilities. Never allow anyone to enter grain in storage without rescue procedures understood by someone who will be in contact with that person.



SOMEONE FROM THE DEAD?
January 20, 1991

Background Scripture:

Luke 16:19-31.

Devotional Reading:

Luke 12:13-21.

Normally, the parables of Jesus have but one important truth to impart in each. But in the story of Dives and Lazarus, Luke 16:19-31, we find a teaching story that is used to impart several important teachings.

It is interesting to note that there is a similar story from ancient Egypt. In the Egyptian version a rich man dies and is carried in fine raiment to his elaborate tomb. At the same time, a poor man, clothed only in linen garments, is buried ignominiously. An observer notes the obvious advantages of the rich man. But then the observer is taken to the underworld and there he finds that the fortunes of the two men have been reversed: the poor man is in the place of honor and the rich man suffers torment. The story concludes with the moral: "He who is good on earth fares well in the realm of the dead, and he who is evil on earth fares ill."

DIVES & LAZARUS

The story of Dives and Lazarus, while a bit more detailed, is similar in its intent. After death, the fortunes of the two men are reversed. It is interesting to note that even in the midst of his torment the rich man continues in his arrogance: "Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this 'flame' (16:24). He still regards Lazarus as someone quite beneath him.

It is believed by some that Jesus was directing this parable at the

Sadducees who were very wealthy and materialistic in their outlook: they lived to get all they could in this life because there was nothing else after that. They lived to get their reward on earth. This was obviously the attitude of Dives (a Latin word for 'rich'). He not only lived in great luxury himself, but ignored the plight of those like Lazarus who were poor and destitute.

Now, however, the situations are reversed and upon dying Dives goes to a place of great heat and torment, while Lazarus goes to be in the presence of the patriarch Abraham. Jesus is saying that the poor of the earth will experience God's plenty after they die. The rich have already experienced their reward in this life.

DIVES IN TORMENT

But, what of Dives? Why is he consigned to torment? The parable doesn't tell us that he is an evil man, except that it suggests that he knew of Lazarus and knowingly failed to help him. To ignore the needs of those around us will have grave consequences for us. Dives may have been a very faithful Sadducee, attending the temple regularly, making the required sacrifices, etc. But all of that counted for nothing, because he saw but did not respond to the needs of his brother.

Finally, Dives gets the message and decides to warn his brothers who live pretty much as he did. "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment" (16:27).

It sounds like a bright idea. Surely if Lazarus' ghost brings them a warning, they will heed it and repent. But Abraham replies: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

Not even a ghost will reach us when we have our hearts set on material rather than spiritual things.

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Saturday, January 19

Susquehanna Valley Dairy Day, SUN Area Technical School, New Berlin, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Dairy Women's Seminar, Garden Gate Restaurant, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Franklin Co. Holstein Club annual meeting, Greenvillage Church of God, 7 p.m.

McKean Co. private pesticide applicators exam, Kane Fish and Game Club, 10 a.m.

Endless Mountain Maple Syrup Producers Association annual meeting/pancake dinner, Sylvania Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 20

Monday, January 21

Adams Co. Corn Clinic, York Springs Fire Hall, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, January 22

Tioga Co. income tax meeting, Pomona Grange Hall, Wellsboro, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Berks/Southeast Cattlemen's Assoc. On Foot/On Rail Beef Evaluation, Leesport Market and Auction, Leesport, 7 p.m.; repeats Jan. 24, Peter Bros. Meats, Lenhartsville, 7 p.m.

Lancaster Co. Heifer Nutritional and Management School, Farm and Home Center, 9:30 a.m.

Lancaster Farm and Home Foundation annual meeting, Farm and Home Center, 6:30 p.m.

Franklin Co. Corn Clinic, Kauffman's Community Center, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

York Co. Computer User Group, Gettysburg H.S., 7 p.m.

Adams Co. Milking Management Seminar, extension office, 9:30 a.m.

Eastern Lancaster Co. pesticide update meeting, Blue Ball Elementary School, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

South Central District Show and nomination meeting, Western

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