

**STILLWATER, PA.**

Jan. 1, 1960 — Our forseers looking into the next year say it will have plenty of problems, the cold war will not stop, some of the old trouble spots will probably be healed only to form new ones. Our neighbors in S. America will get more and more unfriendly toward us as new forms of government develop. The Panama Canal is causing trouble right now and this will be intensified. People will lust for power and gain which is the root of all the international problems. Indeed every difficulty with others is the result of someone being selfish, whether they be church, or national, or personal problems.

They also said prosperity will be at an all-time high for everyone except the farmers. Their costs are steadily rising, and the price they receive for their products are leveling off or going lower. To confirm that this is so, I spoke to a farmer near here who said he works hard for what he has, and he can't get around like he used to, and as almost being in despair he said, "And what do I have for all my labors?" Another man in the poultry business with 5,000 laying hens is going to sell out, saying they are working for nothing. He put in an application for a job at the new RCA factory at Mountain Top, saying he expects to get \$125 per week as shipping foreman. He will put in only 8 hours a day and get that, while now he works hard and gets nothing after he's done. I then asked him why those people who draw such wages never have anything left. They seem to spend it as fast as they get it anyway, and what's the difference, you have nothing either way. He said it's the way they live. So I guess we'll stick to farming. I don't believe the Lord expects his children to hoard up a lot of money for their heirs to quarrel about.

The Navy has a new submarine called the George Washington. It is atomic powered. It is also said to be almost indestructible, and cannot be detected easily, and can shoot a missile from under water for 12,000 miles. It can stay under water for 2 months without coming up. They said when this one is launched it will open

up a new era for our nation. Our enemies will be so afraid of us they will not dare to attack. But they forgot that HE maketh wars to cease, unto the end of the earth, HE breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder, HE burneth the chariot in the fire. Men will not make an end to this cold war, God will do it. And let us be reminded that a man who prophecied that the two last wars will be fought, and it came

to pass as he said it would; also prophecied that the first two wks. of this year will witness a horrible war. And it was reported over TV that the end of the world will come on the 10th of this month. We do not have television, and we do not recommend any child of God to waste his valuable time so foolishly. Neither do we believe in date setters.

The first day of this year was very beautiful, almost like spring. We are inclined to doubt that we will have very much winter anymore. Kore Peachey's were here to spend the day with us. They also brought Ez Peachey's Susie along. John D. E. Yoder, with his two boys, David and Henry, came when Kore's left. They were to see John's friend, Ralph Klimovich, had the noon meal with them, then entertained us, when our other company left, until 5:30. He also wanted to stop at Jonas Benders in Union Co. on the way home, then attend a singing in Big Valley.

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Jan. 6—Very nice weather so far this winter.

I was amused to read in David Wagler's letter about the hunters that stayed away from society and didn't contact colds or viruses. I know of one man that is often unable to do his barn work complaining he has a bad stomach. But during hunting season he was up on the go every day, his stomach seemed to function very well then. The great sport of chasing wild life seemed to take away all his ills.

The Hershey congregation, six miles east of Lancaster (Mennonite) has been having meetings every other week at the Derry church near White Hall, for almost a year now. They have held bible school during the summer months for several summers. They are feeling their way to see if a permanent work can be had here. Reports are that there are good signs in favor of going onward. White Hall is three miles Northwest of Jerseytown. The Derry church is a historical site. It was a Presbyterian church that has not been in use for a number of years. A large building, with no electricity, and old fashioned seats with a partition up through the center of the middle row of seats. This partition is about three feet high, presumably to keep the sexes separated. Also the boards underneath the seats extend almost to the floor to prevent any moving back and forth by children.

It would be interesting if that Mennonite preacher from Sugar-creek would again start seeing things and resume his columns of "As I See It."

I was at the annual Dairy Day meeting of Luzerne Co. and some of the scientific developments that are forth-coming in the near future are fantastic. The people who load hay with an old-fashioned hayloader perhaps are out ahead yet. As one man predicted that in five years many a baler will be obsolete. They now recommend hauling the hay to one central point and put it through a machine and it comes out in pellet form. They have these machines that can be taken out into the field, but the odds are against this as so much heat that could be put to better use is lost. If it were inside of a well insulated building it could be saved. International Harvester is now making a wafer machine that looks like a baler that takes hay right off the windrow and makes wafers that look like slices of Lebanon bologna. This machine now costs \$11,000 dollars. You would have to trade your farm off on

one to buy it—then you'd have no use for it. The advantages of pelleting hay are that you take no chance of having it spoiled by the weather. But this type hay for dairy cows does depress the butterfat content of the milk. Wafers are better, but there the hay must be perfectly dry before it will keep this way. But a device is under observation now made of infra-red lamps to dry it. Grass silage is also of a much higher quality if wilted before ensiling, and this can be used to wilt it.

A new type of tractor will be at the Farm Show at Harrisburg. It is very simply made (so they say) with L P gas going through a process and making electricity, so the only motor it has is a small 20-horse electric. It makes very little noise and to make it go you just pull a lever and the further you push it the faster it goes, just like the old trolley cars. 68% of this energy can be put to use at the draw bar, where of a gasoline motor only 40% of it gets to the rear wheels, and in a diesel motor 48% of the energy gets to the wheels.

They also spoke of a new kind of automobile without wheels. The engineer said he sat in one of these in Chicago and he predicted they will be put on the market this year yet. They operate by a large fan blowing air on the ground, thus lifting the car up six inches off the ground. Rough roads will be smooth, and it can travel over swamps too. Yes, man shall run to and fro, and learning shall be increased.

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Jan. 17—We, along with the Lynnhaven people, wonder where our winter is. Oh, the ground is frozen a little and there is some snow on the ground, but it's seldom very cold. A mass of snow, sleet and rain, then below freezing temperatures gave the youngsters happy times sled riding. We older ones are not very much impressed by slippery conditions as a sport.

Our country was not blown to bits nor devastated as was prophesied to happen the beginning of the year. January is almost past and we are making plans for February. Soon it will be Spring, indeed the beautiful day we are enjoying now gives us a tinge of excitement pertaining to Spring.

Krushchev has announced that his armed forces will be cut back in number by almost a million and a half. This is nothing to rejoice about though, as by doing this he is merely taking the expense that an army causes to put into missiles. He also announced that they have a new weapon that, as he termed it, is fantastic. Furthermore an atomic weapon can now do in seconds what it used to take an army years to do, and more.

Julian Andrew Frank, was a wealthy lawyer, who apparently was living a normal life with exceedingly much wealth coming every month. But as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. He knew his day was coming when all the money he seemingly got away with would be required of him. He was party to a so-called company that promises you great things if you send a small amount of money for some little gadget. They never send the things they promise and with the many people who respond they acquire a large amount. This and many other swindling practices he was party to eventually would all come to a head and be required of him. He sought a way out and the only way seemed to be death. He probably thought, as many do, that death ends all. He took a package of explosives, after he insured his life for almost a million dollars, and bought a round trip ticket to Miami. After the plane was aloft he went into the washroom of the plane and set off the explosives, which blew a gaping hole in the plane's side and hurled his body for sixteen

miles. The pilot tried to land the plane but it fell apart before that could be done, and all were killed.

He told a friend before this that he would sometime be killed in an airplane crash, and then his wife would be the richest widow in the world. But doubtless his wife will not get the money as it is a proven suicide. His wife says she does not believe these reports—her husband would never commit a horror like this. But as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. He probably meditated on this a long time and everyone thought he was enjoying life. This is a loud sermon for every Christian to bring every thought to the obedience of Christ. Thoughts will become deeds if entertained long enough.

We recently received a long distance telephone call from a friend who suggested some things we should put in the Budget. But we wouldn't want to put things in like that, it would be

of no benefit to anyone; neither would it accomplish the desired results. Furthermore, the Editor would not print it. Neither do we think he should. We appreciated the stand that was again stated in the Editor's Corner, and are amazed at the success and progress of this unique publication.

A letter was also received sometime ago suggesting that we do not use such big words when writing, as people to whom we write do not understand them. This is not so easy to do. If a person's vocabulary is very limited he cannot write at all, for writing is merely putting your thoughts on paper, and to do this you need words and many of them. If you have many words and know their meaning it is much easier to put them down as you think, rather than breaking them down to bite size. This takes more skill than using large words.

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Jan. 22—The mild winter in this section of the country is causing quite a bit of concern to the coal miners. People just aren't buying their product, and they are losing thousands of dollars compared with last winter when it was unusually cold. The people who went to Florida this winter to get away from the cold probably are disappointed, because according to the latest reports it was frosty in Miami. They had better just stayed at home where at least they would be prepared for such weather. The temperature just stays around 25 and 30 for about the whole week.

Today, Jan. 22nd, a memorial service was held at the Knox Coal Co. mine. It was just one year that there was such high water and the Susquehanna river found a hole and flooded the mine which went under the river. Many of the miners were rescued, but 12 men were never found to this day. The water is still in the mine and the company has to keep these 12 men on their payroll because it cannot be technically proven that they are dead. One of these men is married to a woman's sister that we know personally; and it brings the disaster just a little closer home when someone you know has relatives that were involved. The anniversary of this mine disaster was also marked by a similar occasion in Africa last night, where 500 men are in a mine that is fallen in and the ventilating is cut off, giving the men only deadly gasses to inhale. They are all feared to be dead.

The Gideon organization was started years ago by two men who met in a hotel and decided it would be wonderful if each hotel room had a bible. They started an organization which is now world wide. It is their goal to place a bible in every hotel and motel that is known to them.

The organization, with headquarters in Chicago, is divided into counties, in each state. I belong to the Columbia Co. camp. In this particular camp we meet once a month for our business meeting, and a time of fellowship around the Word of God. It is conducted in an informal manner where each of us is free to

give testimony, or any problem that we have is discussed and prayed about if we make it known. In the last meeting (which was held last nite, always the 3rd Thursday of the month) one of the men who happens to be a Lutheran (no reflection on the denomination as a whole) says he is at the point of being expelled from his church. He has long been a Sunday school teacher, and a member of the council, but opposition has been growing for some time. He has strong Christian convictions and when teaching the class, brings in some of his thoughts which are completely foreign to his class members. One of these convictions is on the subject of infant baptism. He feels a man should make his own decision to be baptized, which is something an infant cannot do. And he is very apt to speak about being born again, etc., which is rather distasteful to some. The pastor insisted that he believe in infant baptism because the church teaches it, regardless how he personally felt about it. He demands him to believe that black is white if the church teaches it. He wants absolute fidelity to the doctrines of the church, to which this man is rather reluctant to submit. He requested prayer on his behalf as he feels this is a serious problem.

There is much proof that the placing of bibles in the hotels and motels is bringing results. Many testimonies are received. One, a Jewish man, went to Las Vegas with his brother for a fling. As they were gambling this man decided he didn't feel good so he retired for the night. He looked for something to read and found a bible, the likes of which he had never seen. He started to read and became so interested that he read until two o'clock in the morning. Then he felt sick and called a doctor who also was Jewish. The doctor sensed his problem was not physical illness and asked who is religious here. The sick man then spoke to the doctor about the bible he had found and read, for about a half a day. The doctor then accepted Christ, and the other man was yet unsaved, but found after the doctor left that he wasn't sick at all. A few days later he also received Christ and his Messiah, just by reading the bible.

And today a man was at our house who said last night in Danville he contemplated suicide by jumping into the river and was about ready when he saw a bible and started to read that, and said he saw that suicide would not end his troubles, which he claims are too heavy for him.

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Jan. 30—In the 18th century a priest of the church of England, had a great religious experience which, much to his distress, resulted in a new church. His name was John Wesley. He had disciplined his life so severely that he and a few friends were labeled Methodists. He spent every hour of his day in serious study and religious activity. It was in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans, about how a man is justified by faith, that he felt his heart strangely warmed. This was the beginning of the Methodist movement which spread across the British Isles and around the world.

The Methodist church is this year celebrating its 175th anniversary. When it started, church members were expected to adopt high standards of behavior and they were subjected to rules and regulations. Wesley maintained that Spirit and discipline make a Christian. Others may get along without rules, but we cannot, he stated.

The bishop of the Los Angeles

area church when speaking about their anniversary said, too much discipline has been lost in our time. Our churches have tended toward slackening off from demands of their members. We are making Christianity easy and soft, our easy-going Christianity is not good enough. He urged Methodists to get back and recover its sense of discipline.

Jack Wyrzten, who is heard all over America with the program known as "Word of Life," specializing in winning youth to Christ, was at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church on Thursday evening, Jan. 28th, in Milton, Pa. About 400 people were there, mostly teenagers, and approximately 35 to 50 responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour.



He asked the crowd how many listened to his program and nearly everyone did. Then he asked how many have ever written him and sent a gift to help keep the program on the air, to which 6 raised their hand. He then said we will now lift the offering and anyone wishing to make restitution may do so. He said a farmer sent him a check for six thousand dollars, but most of his weekly radio bills are paid with gifts from one to five dollars. His weekly cost of broadcasting is \$17,000.

Oral Roberts, that famed faith healer, is listed in Dunn and Bradstreet in New York, where all the big money men are listed, as being worth ten million dollars. And another faith healer was traveling on a plane when he opened his brief case and the stewardess saw it was just packed with cash, so she notified the pilot who in turn radioed the airport to have police surround the plane when he landed to catch this man who they supposed was a bank robber, but he was only a (preacher) after a healing meeting. But just because some are money racketeers does not say they all are.

In Seoul, Korea they celebrated the lunar new year, and many were going out to the country. A great crowd was waiting at the railroad station when the train stopped and they made a mad rush to get seats, when a man stumbled and fell, and others fell on him and when it was all cleared away, there were 30 dead people, and many wounded. Last year there were 60 killed in an outdoor stadium when it started to rain and people got excited and ran for cover, trampling each other to death.

Visitors on Sat., Jan. 23 were John E. Yoder and several children, and Clair Martin, both of Berks County. John is a Big Valley boy, and Clair hails from Canada, but teaches school in Olney Valley. He used to teach in Big Valley.

A rather unusual visitation also took place, on the 28th of January, when Amos Yutzy and his wife, and both their parents on both sides were here. Amoses father, who also is named Amos, and Rudy Nafsingers, Amoses wife's parents. Both are life-long residents from Canada, of the province of Ontario. Amos related how he visited Big Valley back in 1923, and wanted to know what happened to the Dave Peachey church, and the John F. Peachey church, and the Byler church, and the Nebraska church. He has a good memory and knew a lot that transpired in years gone by.

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Feb. 5—The traditional ground hog has had a chance to see his shadow if he ventured out on his day. This is supposed to mean six more weeks of winter weather. Well we really didn't have the first six weeks of winter yet.

I appreciated Ezra Y. Peachey's list of names of people who went the way of all the earth in 1959. There were 25 in all and thirteen of these I knew well. I hadn't known that Sam H. Yoder had died. Reading this brought old memories back. Sam was a type of man I like to be around. Not easily excited, calm and self-possessed. I. Y. Hostetler was another one like that. I well remember when the smallpox scare was in Big Valley, Ike said "you might as well be calm about it, it will be over just as soon." And I also saw in the Budget that Ike's son Crist was in the Valley preaching recently. I would have valued listening in on one of his sermons highly, as I've also spent a good bit of time with him in earlier years. I used to work for Ike and his boys for 50c a day. Perhaps that's all I was worth. I sometimes wonder how much more "take home" pay I have now, farming being as it is.

The New York egg market is 27c a dozen for 48 to 50 lb. large whites. With the price of poultry feed as it is, by the time you get the cost of raising the chicks it's time to sell them and get others. These hatcheries that predict such good egg prices in the near future ought to get into the market egg business and cash in on the large profits that they say are in store for all those who buy their chicks. There was a chick salesman here today, and I asked him if he isn't ashamed to go around selling something like that. He said he has a good product and isn't ashamed of it. He was a Mennonite too.

It looks like we made a big mistake to invite Khrushchev to our country to visit, and our President expects to return the

visit. Our officials see it too now that it's too late. Prime Minister Castro of Cuba has also invited a dignitary, Mikoyan from Russia, to visit his country, which reporters call our back door. Communism is coming to Cuba, the way it looks now, and they speak of confiscating all foreign property, which will include a lot of our valuables. Even the Navy has a base there. Time will tell what will happen, but we don't expect anything too pleasant. We also have invited Russia's number one man to our country, and can we blame Cuba to invite number two.

We were glad to hear that the insurgents in French Algiers have now laid down their arms in surrender, to constituted authority. It looked very much like a civil war would break out there, but perhaps we can breathe a little easier now concerning France. The world condition is very much like a sickly body, scarcely do you have one ailment healed over when it will break out somewhere else. It's all the same disease but only a different name for different areas. We can see Biblical Prophecy being fulfilled literally before our eyes. Why some desire to spiritualize that which to them seems unreasonable, we do not know. We are still of the opinion that God means what he says and said what he means.

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Feb. 12 — Our population has more than doubled in only 50 years. Every day 11,000 babies are born in America, and every minute three couples join hands in wedlock. Our population is growing so fast that every month we add as many people as live in

Norfolk, Va. A baby consumes 85 gallons of milk a year, so we had better add more cows, or should we?

The annual poultry day meeting was held for Columbia Co., the County agent being chairman, and two egg buyers were there too. The speakers were Mr. Fritz and Mr. Kermit Strite, both from the University of State College. Fritz is more on how to produce eggs and care for them, while Strite tells about the market end of it. Last year we got 38c for the average price and we would feel good if we only got that much now. Seems we never appreciate the good things we have until they are gone. They say the market is flooded and it takes only about 25 cases extra in New York to bring eggs down a cent. In the South it is easier to raise poultry than here because of the cheap housing. Since it doesn't get cold they can erect some kind of protection and be in business. But they said, if we feel bad about the price how do they feel down South where they sell eggs for 16 and 17 cents. In New Jersey things got so bad and many were in it in a big way with the feed mills furnishing everything and the man doing the labor, but he soon found he was working for nothing and gathered his family and left. One of them called the feed mill when he was in Ohio already and said he left, they can have their chickens. So many of the feed companies went bankrupt. Now they say you can

hardly buy feed in New Jersey unless you have the cash and pay before the feed is unloaded. A personal check will not do either, it must be certified. Many poultrymen there had no conscience and put as much money in their pocket as they could and didn't pay their feed bill, then made bankrupt sale. The feed company got a small percent but the owner had a lot out of it. But in spite of the fact that the chicken population dropped one-fourth in New Jersey there are still too many eggs. Hatcheries are way behind in their chick out-put too. I ate dinner beside one hatchery man and he had a sad tale, saying he hires 5 men, and it used to be he could pay his bills and have a few dollars left, but now there are more bills than money.

Mr. Strite also claimed he could get us all kinds of reports concerning the future of egg prices. Some say it will be a very good year, one of the best, and others say it will be a complete flop. He also said if we want to meet competition from other states, we must maintain our egg quality, make refrigerated rooms, etc. and keep the humidity high.

Those who still use kerosene lamps are not as obsolete as they may have supposed. In 1958 there was \$1,196,000 spent for lamp chimneys.

The mine disaster that took place a year ago near here is still having its ill effects. The water makes the soil soft and there is a danger of it falling in and taking some houses with it. Wilkes-Barre itself is only 8 feet above the river and the lower places may suffer ill effects soon.

At Christmas a 9-year-old girl in Belleville, N. J. wrote a letter to Jesus saying: "I am writing to you instead of Santa Claus because you are what Christmas is. I say before we all forget, Happy Birthday, and thank you for the present of you. Love, Susan." The letter came back officially stamped, "Returned for better address."

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Feb. 19 — If the traditional groundhog could speak it would probably say "I told you so." Winter is now here in what we hope is the final bout. It started last Saturday nite with a snow storm that lasted until Sun. forenoon.

We had no church at Beaver Run last Sunday. The pastor, Ben Lapp called and said there would be no services. He suggested they would have the Sunday School lesson on Wed. evening at prayer

meeting. We were all prepared and dressed ready to go to church on Wed. evening, and the boy went to get the car out as usual, only to come back and say, it won't start. This was something unusual and I surmised I could start it. But much to my dismay I couldn't either. So we resorted to pulling it with the pickup only to get stuck in the snow. We had to get out the tractor to get it out of the snow, but by then it was too late to start on a 30-mile trip. We were all dressed up and no way to go. But the strange thing about it all was that after we had given up to go it started very easy, without any coaxing.

Last night I went to Bloomsburg. At nine-thirty as I started home the snow was flying but it melted as it came down—in town that is. But when I came out and to higher elevation it stayed on the road. And such a storm. I was 18 miles from home and in a blinding storm, and the nearer home I got the worse it became. When snow comes down so fast it only looks white in front of the headlights, you can only with careful watching see the road out ahead of you. I had tracks to follow within two miles from home, but from there on I had to make my own. Your stomach feels a little funny when the best you can do is 20 m.p.h. and underneath you feel the hind wheels

spinning and your pace slows to about two miles an hour in a blinding storm, with no rubbers or outer clothing. Seldom am I so glad to drive in my garage as I was that night.

Does anyone know what makes card playing so fascinating? The other day I went into the office of the feed mill. No, its not a big concern, but as I came into the office, the manager, a young man, and two others were there playing cards. As I came in and told my business they looked very uncomfortable. No, not a word was said about the game, but they looked as though they wished I were miles from there, although they didn't say it. Yes, they knew me I suppose, and what I stand for. I related this incident to the local banker. He said he used to play cards six nights a week, and would have played seven, but was too modest and religious. One time he went to a gospel service and got saved. The very next night he went back to his old game of cards. One man there swore and he reproved him saying, perhaps there are Christians there who do not approve such speech. The man violently told him that this is the way we talk here, and if you don't like it get out! This banker got up and walked out, and from there on he hates the playing of cards as much as he once loved it. He declared it's like alcohol, once it gets into your system it binds you with fetters. But he claimed the Lord performed an operation and took it out of him completely.

The first child of a reigning British Monarch for 103 years was born today. Queen Elizabeth of England gave birth to her second son and third child. Four doctors and one nurse waited on her. It was heralded all over the world, and celebrated with the shooting of guns, and drinking and evils that go with it. It is believed by some that Queen Elizabeth is a direct descendant of King David and still sits on David's throne.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ is accused of entertaining Communism. The accusation is well grounded, but our government is doing nothing except banning the report. They don't want to believe it. This is the assembly that produced the new RSV bible and about thirty of the men who helped with this translation are directly connected with Communism.

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Feb. 26 — The winter's worst snow storm did not hit this vicinity very hard. We had only several inches and some high winds, but very little difficulty was encountered.

Personally, we now belong in this community. We were welcomed with an official welcome by the ladies of the Methodist church. They sponsored a social and invited all the newcomers plus some of the old-timers and desired that we get acquainted. There were also other people who just recently moved in here that were more honorable than we, but we were considered nevertheless, and mentioned. They just recently dug out the basement of the church and fixed it all up, as well as sanded the floors in the auditorium; now all they need is someone to come to church, and of course some money to pay for the expenses that amounted to some over \$7000. They were fortunate to have in their midst and membership the daughter of a rather wealthy man who donated about half this amount and wanted a plaque made in memory of him. I understand he used to live here, a Mr. Jamieson.

I was rather saddened when I saw all the efforts put forth and heard all the reports. There are two people who are the main cogs and they are rather well

up in years. They are brother and sister and seem to work very hard to try to build up a larger membership and also to get those who do belong to attend. The man is a nice old gentleman and the men's bible class teacher for years, but he told me the people just don't come out. This man's nephew is the superintendent and is just young, but outside of him there are few who show much interest. What will happen to this church when the old people die off, as they will, and if the young aren't interested? But then I suppose this situation prevails many places. I was reminded of what the bible says, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

We now discovered why we didn't get to church the other evening; a wire was hanging loose and the spark had to jump to make contact. Just one little wire out of place but it sure

caused a lot of disturbance and disappointment. Reminds one of the tongue being a small member but can do much harm if it comes loose.

We just killed a beef this past wk. This would be nothing unusual except it was a fairly good cow we killed. We practice loose housing or pen stabling, and the cows somehow got a piece of wood off the hay rack, a piece of 1x2, and just how it happened we'll not know, but when I came to put the cows in to milk one of them walked with much difficulty and blood was dripping out of her abdomen and upon investigation I felt a piece of this in her belly. I pulled it out and it was about two and a half feet long. I then quickly went for the butcher a mile and a half away who dressed her. The wood went up in front of her udder and on up between the two hind quarters and would have come out at the top but the skin was too tough.

Our mail this week contained two interesting letters. One was from an old man named J. W. Weaver, who claims he was 83 on his last birthday. Has 3 sisters who are 86, 84 and 77. His father lived to be 81. He lives on the farm where he was raised and where his father was born in 1838 and where his grandfather built a log house in 1832, near Millersburg, Ohio. He sent about 36 scripture references to show that it's a lust of the flesh to use tobacco, and thinks this should be enough to convince anybody. He asks me to express myself concerning it through the Budget. I feel there is not much use in condemning its use. Sinners may as well use it, as its abstinence will not get them to heaven. And as for Christians, I don't believe there is one who really loves the Lord and uses tobacco. Can anyone visualize the Lord Jesus smoking or chewing tobacco? I am glad the Lord created it though. Its stems make good fertilizer filler and the nicotine contained therein is wonderful to kill lice, etc.

The other letter was from Mrs. Robert Ralston, 5816 W. 92nd St., Overland Park, Kansas. She is the former Laura Brown who used to be my White Hall school teacher. I saw her address in the Belleville Times and wrote her a

letter of appreciation for the value she was to me as a teacher. It would be nice if all of you who read this and were taught by her would take the time and write her a letter. She is the wife of a Presbyterian minister. She has three children, Rich is 17, Jim 13, and Sue 11. She says there are special problems in working with people who have too much of this world's goods, and they try very hard to teach them to put the Kingdom of God first.

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### STILLWATER, PA.

March 4—On Wednesday, Mar. 2nd, Mrs. Renno and I made another little trip to our old home town. I wanted to take in the annual machinery sale at the Belleville Livestock Market, and wife went to see some of our old friends and relatives. In fact, nearly all of our Amish friends are relatives, because several generations back most of the Peacheys had the same father.

Sammy K. and Orrie Peachey seem to be faithful Budget readers, saying they keep tab on me through this medium. While speaking to some of the brethren, old Abe Yoder Sr. (bless his heart) came up and said "watch yourselves fellows, what you say, he'll put it in the paper." Old Abe is in his early 80's and as kind and mellow as the spring sunshine. He expressed his thanks for my writings and I believe this is the first I've ever received.

I was also privileged to meet the Bellefonte scribe, Edwin Espenshade. And was rather surprised at his youth, as I was expecting to meet an older man. He claims he is an ordained minister of the gospel, of the Old Order River Brethren. He is the only one of his faith in that vicinity and expects to move to Ohio soon. He also related that he did not get saved by someone witnessing to him, but by his own reading and believing the scripture. His parents are of the Old

German Lutheran denomination. He then followed the leading of the Spirit in his attire and manner of life and wound up being like the afore mentioned River Brethren. I asked him if he was still single, and he answered in the affirmative. I then proceeded to inquire whether he doesn't agree with the Lord when he said it is not good for man to be alone. He answered that he agrees, but the ladies seem to disagree.

This was such a nice morning, however it then turned cloudy and the next morning it started in on this season's worst snow storm for this area, which crippled many major cities and caused many deaths.

Today, March 4th, marks the anniversary of the date my father disposed of his livestock and farm machinery by public sale. I then took up farming where he left off and thought I knew most everything about farming, but now believe I've learned more since than I knew then. As the saying goes, we are too soon old, and too late smart.

The following is an article which I copied from one of our local newspapers with the author's consent, and believe most of the Budget readers will appreciate it . . . Of the 119 million church members in America today only a very small percent attend regularly. Many feel they are too busy, ill, or that church is only for women and children. In reality these people are saying in their hearts, "there is no God". According to God's word these people are fools. Not only are many laymen fools but so are many preachers. It has been proven that some of the preachers in America are communists, and communists say in their hearts and confess with their mouths, "there is no God." But worse than Communist preachers are the white-washed preachers, Modernists, who deny the Virgin birth of Christ, His blood atonement, and salvation by faith. We strongly urge that people go to church. Just as sure as the sun rises on Sunday morning, people should be in church. No, you are not too busy to go to church, because sometime you will take time to die, and will require the church to bury you, and the hearse is a poor vehicle to ride to church in. Make sure you attend where the word of God is preached, the way to heaven clearly taught. And the blood of Jesus for the remission of sins believed. If your church does not teach the above truths it is only a religious social club, and your preacher is a fool. If you are not careful what you hear and believe, you too may become a fool. THINK!

John R. Renno

### STILLWATER, PA.

March 10—In spite of the heavy snow that fell our roads did not blow shut. Very cold weather for this time of year, 10 to 15 degrees below normal.

There are very many Methodist churches in this community. Three preachers that I know personally, and three more a little further on that I've never met. Most of the churches have a very small Sunday school enrollment and few attend. Because they are so small they think they cannot afford to pay salaried ministers so about six of them go together and they all have the one preacher together. This does not make too many members for one man but he cannot preach every place every Sunday. It's human nature to resist change and the people that have attended at one place since their youth refuse to go anywhere else so the preacher must come to them if they are to hear a preacher. One church nearby has only around ten members any more, it was reported they all wanted to run it, which of course didn't work so the most of them left.

There is a great need for a church, or several of them where the truth of the Gospel is proclaimed in this vicinity. It's starving for the real truth.

The one Methodist pastor here is a little more alive spiritually than many of his colleagues. He is now in the process of having revival services. He has an Evangelist, Ernie Habaker, from Okla. We went to hear him several times and he is very much alive, and can really preach. The other evening he preached on who in this community should go to hell. He emphasized the fact that there is more spoken about hell by Jesus Christ than any other of the New Testament characters; due to the fact that He was able to lift the lid from hell and look in as in the case of the rich man and Lazarus. He knew what people who go there have to suffer, therefore was much more emphatic in warning folks about it. This preacher said all the Christians in this community ought to go to hell and see what it's like. It would revolutionize our lives and make us much better witnesses.

The local Methodist pastor and the Evangelist were here for dinner with their wives, and we had a very interesting conversation. We spoke about different beliefs,



hospitals, flying saucers, witchcraft, divine healing versus Satanic healing, and many other things.

John R. Renno

### STILLWATER, PA.

Mar. 16—Every week it snows, and every other week a heavy snow. It's putting it down now and it's the time for a heavy one. It had better warm up pretty soon, it's only 6 weeks until it's time to plant corn.

There is very little use to concern ourselves about the weather as wishing doesn't change it, and hoping neither. It was reported to me that if the Christians in our day would live exactly the way Jesus told us to in the sermon on the Mount, and cease to be concerned about the things that we can do nothing about, and let the evil of tomorrow take care of itself, we would all live to be a hundred years old. Doctors say much and almost all of today's ills start with the mind. To prove that the mind affects our body, the Russians took a man and blindfolded him and told him they were going to bleed him to death. So they took a piece of ice and drew it across his wrist, then let warm water run down over his hand and told him they had slashed his wrist and he will bleed to death. The man believed it and in just a short time he died. They sent his body to a laboratory where they knew nothing of this and asked for an autopsy. The report came back that this man according to tests, has bled to death. His system was starved for blood, but all of his blood is still in his veins. This man died because he just thought he had no blood, and his body ceased to function because the mind said there is no more blood. Because the mind has such a tremendous influence over the normal functioning of the body, the bible is very emphatic in warning us to be careful for nothing, and sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, and you cannot change the color of one little hair by worrying. So let's live according to the admonition in the scripture, we'll live longer and enjoy better health. The bible contains much instruction on how to live in this life.

To A. B. Miller of Fairbank, Iowa: I once asked my father the same question, whether Jesus would ride in a car were he here. He told me that Jesus used the methods they had to travel in those days and would probably do the same were he here

today. As to being fancy, you don't have to own a car to be fancy. My uncle Rufus was one of the fanciest people I've ever known. He even earned the title "Fancy Rufus" but he never owned a car.

It's amazing, amusing, and perhaps a bit discouraging, how quick people get hurt when you suggest in the remotest kind of way that it's wrong to use tobacco. I received a letter today without a name, but it was a very kindly written letter so I think it deserves mention. He addressed me as "kind brother in Christ" and wonders where the 36 scripture references are condemning the use of tobacco. He states he also read most of the bible and does not find it mentioned. Now if this man will also be a (kind) brother in Christ and send me his name I will write a personal letter and give the details. If anyone desires to write me and fears to because he does not want to be mentioned in the Budget, let me say I will not put your name in if you tell me not to. Some write and ask to be mentioned while others do not say whether they care. But I will certainly not put it in if the writer demands me not to. To the man of Atwood, Ind.: Send me your name and I will answer you. You have a very kind and gentle attitude and your letter deserves an answer.

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This is the season known as Lent, when people who don't know any better deny themselves of meat and living in excess, thinking to prepare to have a part of the sufferings of Christ. What they don't know is that it would be much better for their physical being if it were Lent all the time. Furthermore Christ did not tell us to deny ourselves of things, but to deny ourselves, which takes much more sacrifice than denying of things.

John R. Renno

## STILLWATER, PA.

March 24—Winter goes on unabated, with cold and snow squalls, in spite of the fact that the calendar says it's now spring. We can think back to the good old days when most of the plowing was done and some potatoes planted, and possibly some early oats sowed by this time.

I wonder what the news reporters would do if every one would behave properly. Several dangerous prisoners in Nashville, Tenn. held quite a few people as hostages, threatening to kill them if their freedom was not granted. News reporters from all over the nation were earnestly gathering information concerning the actions. The convicts have now given in and the people they held were unharmed. Nearly all the news heard is bad news. Once in a while good news such as people going forward in Billy Graham's meeting to get saved, but outside of that the bulk of the news is the ill fate of someone.

A notorious criminal who majored in all kind of crimes, from petty thefts to world-wide dope peddling, is on the verge of having his life story filmed by Hollywood. He will pose as a hero who will almost be worshipped by the youth of our nation, who in turn will try to imitate his actions to a certain extent, probably resulting in many lives wrecked and more souls damned. Some of the heroes of the past who really lived noble lives that ought to be imitated, are quite forgotten. This is a big reason why so much juvenile delinquency is going on out of hand. The people look at wickedness all the time for entertainment and have it in their minds. What can prevent them from putting them into practice?

The Amish are getting far too much publicity, much more than they desire. All over the nation in the newspapers and on the major radio networks, it's broadcast how they refuse to send their young people to public high schools. A great issue is made out of it, and news reporters go to great lengths to describe the details. News making is big business.

Our school officials are very inconsistent in that they try to enforce the law so rigidly upon people who they know will not cause them any difficulty. They know it is not the Amish policy to fight back so they have a great time persecuting them. They are inconsistent in that they spend so much time and money trying to force someone to go to school, while at the same time they are bemoaning the fact that there are not enough teachers to go around and that many children are without an education for lack of competent teachers and room shortages. If the Amish were backwoods people, or a bunch of hoodlums, they would probably not do a thing about it if the children wouldn't go to school, but use the available material to let those go who will. But they know the Amish have money and would rather part with that than let their posterity be led astray, so they lay on the tariff. They have a hold of the whip handle so they want to show their authority.

I do not blame the Amish for not wanting to send their offspring to a public high school. I once had business in our local school, a multi-million dollar building, and walked past the gym class with a glass door and the teacher had about three dozen girls, half naked, lying on the floor, commanding them to roll this way and that way, then get up and bend over backwards as far as possible, and do all kinds of silly stunts which I supposed they thought was beneficial to getting proper exercise. I would hesitate sending my own children to such a place, were they of teen-age. Dancing is also taught and some teachers try to make it mandatory. With the world indulging in gross wickedness, shall we let them teach our children? With the Amish however, it is difficult to provide parochial schools since they frown on an education higher than the eighth grade, hence have no teachers of their own to teach the high school grades. Of the Amish that do obtain a higher education, they do not remain Amish. So they have a difficult situation, and the local school officials know it and take the advantage of the deficiencies.

There is real trouble in Cuba at present. The enemies of the Castro regime are setting the sugar cane fields on fire and destroying millions of dollars worth of sugar. This is the same method Castro employed when he was rebelling against the former dictator Batista. Castro is blaming all the ill treatment on the U.S., saying they are instigating the evil workers. Of all the 22 tactics used by the Russians when Communism took control of Russia, Castro is using 21 of these. Unless something happens Cuba will be Communist soon. Yes, even this letter is bad news, as stated at the beginning, but what news is good except gospel news and some Budget readers are a little gospel-shy, hence the bads news. John R. Renno

## STILLWATER, PA.

March 30—Spring has finally arrived. Wheat fields are getting green now.

How often do we thank the Lord that we can walk? Well, maybe I was a little slack in it, at least He took that privilege away for a short while. I didn't know that I have ribs extending up to my neck, but that's what the doctor said. He said my first ribs are being pushed backwards. This caused me awful pain in the neck so that I could not hold my head. The muscles caught cold and became inflamed and did not relax. The couch that usually is so inviting and comfortable when the noon-time nap is taken, became more like a bed of rocks. I was thinking of Job who said the miserable nights were multiplied. I had only one such night but that was quite sufficient. It's hard to believe that Job and his three friends sat on the ground for a whole week, day and night, before speaking.

My mother said when she was in the hospital that it's so miserable to just lay there and endure pain for so long, and she suggested how miserable hell would be which would last forever, and I was thinking the same thoughts that night. But I'm so thankful that I'm not going there but have taken the way of escape which God has provided. I had a chance to put the admonition to practice which was given a few Budgets ago on living like the Lord told us to without worrying about anything. But the egg mash was all, and so many things that needed my attention—so I thought—and I couldn't even lift my head, let alone walking. Well, it's all over now, and I have a wonderful wife and children, and neighbors, that everything worked out wonderfully. "Take no thought for the morrow, sufficient for the day is the evil thereof."

So many have asked me to give them the scripture references that I said someone sent me condemning the use of tobacco. I was not going to bother the Editor with them and perhaps start an argument but since so many have written I will give the references as Mr. J. W. Weaver of R5, Millersburg, O., had given them to me. Please try to understand, these are not the references that I give, I'm simply quoting Mr. Weaver: Isa. 55:2 and 59:2, Luke 9:23 and 14:33, Gal. 5:21-24, 1 Cor. 15:23, Rom. 6:12-19, Gal. 5:20-24, Rom. 6:16, John 8:32, 1 John 3:8-10, Rom. 8:5-18, Rom. 12:1-2, 1 Cor. 10:31-32, Col. 3:17, 1 Cor. 3:16-17 and 6:19-20, Phil. 2:5-13-15, 2 Cor. 3:5, Phil. 1:10, Matt. 5:14, John 8:12, Phil. 3:18-21, Rom. 16:18, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Cor. 1:7, Eph. 2:19-22 and 3:19, 1 Pet. 2:5 and 4:1-5, Eph. 2:2-3, 1 John 1:9 and 2:16 and 5:17, Heb. 3:6, Rom. 11:8-16. If anyone has any objection to these, saying they do not refer to tobacco at all, send them to the above mentioned Mr. Weaver. But remember, he is an old man, 83 years old, and probably has had far more experience than many of you have had, and you are required by scripture to respect the hoar head.

Let me again state my own personal opinion. The above mentioned scripture or any scripture, does not mention tobacco directly. There is only one interpretation for any scripture but it can have many applications. The above scriptures could apply to tobacco but that is not their interpretation. But we are enjoined to apply scripture to our own

individual lives. It is given for doctrine, and reproof, and correction, and remember if it condemns you now it will do the same at the judgement. And vice-versa, To those of you who have written and requested the above scripture references, you will probably not hear from me privately as you can now see them in the Budget. I want to express thanks to the one who operates the linotype machine. It will certainly save me a lot of hard work. I use the Columbus method of operating the typewriter, "look, jump, and land." And I think copying anything is very hard if you type this way, especially scripture references.

We received a very nice letter from someone and I will quote a certain portion as it concerns the use of tobacco. Yes, he was wise enough to give his name but request it be withheld from the public, and I quote—if we have any question whether a thing is right or not would it not be better to do without? In our house we teach our children not to use tobacco. For one it is unnecessary, and is money foolishly spent, and is hard on the health, and can become very filthy, especially in old age. In fact we strictly forbid it. I tell them if they are 21 and feel they want to, that is their choice. So far none began. But to say it is wrong, I cannot, for I then may be condemning some that are in the grave and lived a God-fearing life. And those who wish to use it I will leave it to them. But for my part, my wish would be we could all do without. As I have never started to use it I never need to quit. But my love is to all in the fear of God. End of quote. The entire letter seems to have been written with love.

John R. Renno

## STILLWATER, PA.

April 7—Winter's grip is slowly weakening. Our hay and straw supply is depleted and every day that warm weather delays to come is costing us the more in provender. The egg prices are up to around normal again. This helps to offset the feed cost now. Surely we dare mention chickens again as the price is better. One person said I should quit writing so much about chickens as they are so poor they are not worth mentioning. Farm Journal warned that dairymen had better make the most of the present milk prices, as they are liable to wane as the cow population is on the increase, thus flooding the milk market.

Communion services were held on April 3rd at Beaver Run. Bish. Elmer Martin and Deacon Ellis Landis from the Stumptown congregation were there to fill their respective offices. Two couples were admitted to the membership there the same day, namely Albert Hebners, who come from near Lansdale, Pa., and have lived in that area for over 2 years, and yours truly and wife, who hail from the Locust Grove congregation near Belleville, Pa. Yes, we now have severed the last tie with Big Valley; except blood relations. We own no land there nor do we hold church membership there anymore. It looks like we've come here to stay a while, and such a job and rumpus as moving day causes we want to stay clear of that as much as possible.

Ben Lapp is pastor at Beaver Run and in our mind an efficient man for the office. He does not possess oratorical abilities like some, but his messages are real and in earnest. He has a great gift of putting drama in his sermons; he gives life to bible characters, makes them live and face



the work-a-day world as we also do. His messages are very applicable in our lives. Besides having the pastoral office he works and makes his own living like the rest of us. He is also a humble man but does not mention that fact. I doubt that he even knows it. If a businessman is constantly telling me how honest he is, then I watch him, and if a preacher is constantly saying how poor and humble he is; then look out for pride. Humility is such a tender flower that as soon as the possessor thereof tries to touch it, it's gone and replaced with humble pride, the most deceitful kind.

Several have written and asked how it can be right to own an automobile saying that Christ said that what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination to God. I believe these were honest people who really would like to know and not just start an argument and I feel it proper to answer them publicly. First of all, Jesus was not speaking of material possessions when he said the above statement, else it would certainly be wrong to possess any money at all; for what is more highly esteemed among men than money? He was speaking of the attitude of the heart toward material possessions.

I personally know what it is to walk behind a plow for religious reasons. I drove many a mile in a horse and buggy. Yes, I enjoyed it too. I was just as happy then as now. Material possessions cannot bring happiness, but they can and do increase sorrow and headaches. I was happy then because I had fellowship with the Creator, and am still happy because the fellowship still remains.

Some may ask, why do so many indulge in sinful practices if happiness cannot be attained this way? It is because the soul is born estranged from its creator and does not know where true happiness can be attained. Sin brings a certain sense of happiness but it is short lived. The remorse that follows is greater than the pleasure was. Material possessions are not sin in themselves, it is how they are used and the attitude of the heart towards them. A buggy, if wrongly used and with a wrong attitude can be just as sinful as

an auto. Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, searched for happiness materially but could not find it, and in his vexations cried out; all is vanity and vexation of spirit. Fear God and keep his commands. This is the whole duty of man. And my personal testimony is that this is the only way true joy can be acquired. John R. Renno

### STILLWATER, PA.

April 14—Once every month the Beaver Run congregation holds services at the old people's home in Milton. It is held in the afternoon with songs and a message from the pastor. After the services we visit with the patients. This they appreciate very much, as probably some are almost forgotten by their kin if they have any. There are twenty some people here from all walks of life and seemingly in all conditions. Some are very old and their mental capacities are limited to the past. Another lady was bedfast and was continually talking and completely unconscious of her surroundings; she was just thinking out loud. Most of the patients are not bedfast and a few are quite well but unable to stay alone, while some are quite crippled or have deformities. It reminds one very much of the pool of Siloam. There are services at this home every Sunday afternoon by some denomination. Some of them just record the singing on tape from the church and the pastor comes and speaks; but this is not enjoyed near as much as when the patients are visited afterwards and the services are live.

On April 13 two station wagon loads of us went to Philadelphia to one of the missions there for the derelicts of humanity. The mission is sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee of Phila, and taken care of by a convert from "skid row". They have services

every night in the week and twice on Sunday. Groups from all around take care of the services, each evening a different group. Ben Lapp has a friend near Downingtown who arranged for us to go, and went with us. We left the church about 4:30 in the afternoon and arrived there at 8:30. The services do not start until 9:00. We sang with the men, and some of us gave testimony as to what Christ means to us personally. Brother Ben then preached. After the services we served the men with several sandwiches and hot chocolate. They always get something to eat after church, and that's why most of them come to the services. If they do not come to the service they get nothing to eat. The place, which holds about a hundred men, is filled every night.

The caretaker, himself a converted drunkard, is very efficient at it and makes the men behave. He stands back of them all during the services and if any of them fall asleep he pokes them on the head. One of them said to the preacher when he was preaching, "You're wrong", and with that he was grabbed by the coat and put out the door by the caretaker, and not allowed to come in all evening, even though he stood outside and wanted in. Another one started talking and he too was put out.

They have to behave for most of them are under the influence of alcohol and would soon make preaching an impossibility. Those who come often know they must behave, and those who don't know it soon learn.

Men from all walks of life are there, the wise and the foolish, the young and the older. Some have their faces so disfigured and are ragged and dirty that they hardly look like human beings for which Christ died. One who was preparing for the priesthood became the slave of alcohol and now is in skid row, and would like to get back but cannot of his own strength. He said he wants to accept Christ but said he never did anything wrong and didn't know what to confess as sin. Another one, a young man, also said he wants to accept Christ, but refuses to trust him to save him but trusts himself, and tries to get rid of the drink demon of his own power.

Those of you who think an occasional drink is alright if done in moderation should just visit one of these missions. No one intends to end up in skid row, but who can take fire in his bosom and not be burned? Alcohol is a wonderful tool if used right. It is a wonderful, effective servant. We could hardly get along without it. But if alcohol is in a beverage it can make beasts out of human beings. It is a hard, cruel master that refuses to let its servant go.

When I was young we used to keep tramps in our barn overnight and give them breakfast in the morning; but here were one-hundred tramps all at once. Never before have I seen so many at one time. And right outside next door to the mission are plenty of saloons to make more bums, faster than the mission can take them in.

John R. Renno

## STILLWATER, PA.

April 22—Weatherwise it's going from one extreme to the other. March was record-breaking for being cold, and today for instance it was 18 degrees above normal, so April will probably be record high temperatures. We had a very heavy rain the beginning of the month but no rain since to speak of, and by the looks of things we won't have any for a while. It's getting rather dry to plow and rain would be appreciated.

Heifers of a year old or more are very high priced. So high, in fact, that they are priced right out of the market as far as we are concerned. We wanted to raise replacement stock but nearly all of the calves were males. So we decided to look into the possibility of purchasing some young heifers but they are almost bringing as much as cows that are milking. Bulk milk tanks are coming and in order to get such expensive equipment paid for quicker you must either enlarge or get out. There are however, quite a few small milk shippers here and the milk inspector thinks it will be some time until all milk will be demanded in bulk. But the time is coming and probably sooner than we realize. The big fish are eating the little ones and getting bigger. Competition makes good business, and as of now there are only three major milk companies, and if they decide to merge there will be a big one and who will be able to compete?

The new developments that are coming in this age of electronics is absolutely fantastic. Men are able to do things that a few years ago it would have been thought to be foolhardy to even suggest. In Revelations it is mentioned that two men will lay on the street for three days and a half and all the people of kindred, tongues and nations shall see them and rejoice and send gifts one to another. For all the people to see this at one time is

as yet an impossibility, with our present system of television. But they are now speaking of sending a satellite aloft that will make this possible. Television travels on frequency modulation waves. And these waves do not follow the curvature of the earth but go straight and so will soon get too far away from the earth that several hundred miles away the pictures cannot be received. But this satellite that is to be launched will solve this problem; the waves will be sent to this, which will reflect them back to the earth; and so make it possible for one man to speak to all the people of the world at the same time. I heard this on a newscast and marveled at the accuracy of prophetic scripture.

The much talked about summit meeting is where the head of governments will meet and try to iron out the difficulties that seem to keep the cold war going. It is easy to guess what will come of this meeting, again according to prophecy, they will make many plans but will not stick to them. Promises that will be made will be broken just as easily. Just as iron and clay will not cleave the one to the other, so will these agreements be.

Much trouble is raging across the entire world, revolutions are breaking out, race violence, riots of dissatisfied people banding together against constituted authority. This leaves many dead and more wounded. But people who know are looking for something great to happen; they don't know what it will be but they know it will be something.

A new weapon has also been developed, an underground rocket. This device is completely safe from enemy attacks, being underground, and if someone should attempt to blow us to smithereens those of us who will be under ground will not be damaged, at least not until we retaliate. And yet another new one is out at sea afloat, which will be equipped with retaliatory powers should we be blasted. These, together with the missile launching submarines, should make anyone afraid of us. These things may look good to some but for me personally they are too flimsy and not stable enough. I will take God's word for my refuge that is eternal and no bomb has yet been developed to destroy anything eternal.

A man who was a butcher was always being reprov'd by his wife for being so careless with his money, and bad seemed to come to worse. One day as he was walking home with the day's proceeds in a bag several hoodlums came up quickly and snatched the bag out of his hand. He again had to go home to be reprov'd. The next day when he came into his shop, as he got his apron off the nail, there hung his money bag; the bag that was stolen he mistakenly took along but was filled with meat scraps.

John R. Renno

### STILLWATER, PA.

April 28 — We have excellent weather to get the crops out. We had our rainfall in the beginning of the month, and not much since then, thus enabling us to get our plowing done. It's getting a little dry to plow by now, but we have most of ours done, and are about ready to plant corn.

It was back in 1842 when Adam Thompson filled a bath tub with hot water, and doctors predicted that hot baths would produce rheumatism and inflammation of the lungs. Authorities in Philadelphia passed a law prohibiting a bath in the winter time. In 1896 in England, it was against the law to go faster than three miles an hour with any mechanical vehicle that was self-propelled, and then a man had to walk out in front waving a red flag.

In Charleston, West Va., in the St. Luke's Episcopal Church they have a big dance every Saturday night. The idea is to attract the young people for the Lord. Yes, of course they get big crowds, but they have a little extra expense because they have to hire a policeman to keep the premises orderly after the dance is over. At the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheeling, W. Va., they also have church dances, and the pastor opens with prayer, asking God's blessing on the dance, and then closes with a benediction.

On Sunday evening, April 24, we visited with the Joe Recene family. This would not be mentioned here except that to me it was remarkable how a church got started in West Pittston, near here.

A lady in New York state received a vision in which she was told to go to West Pittston and there visit a man and tell him words whereby he might be saved. She was given the specific directions as to where he lived. She delivered the message and went home. The man was an Italian Catholic, as Joe Recene is also. He, however, believed the message received from the woman and was saved, and went about telling his neighbors about it which resulted in them having meetings in his house 3 times a week. Joe was 18 at that time; he is now 54. To these meetings Joe was invited, but being Catholic was forewarned not to attend any Protestant meetings. But the warning could not pacify the desire in his heart to go and see what it's all about. Why should he not go? He went, and enjoyed it very much. Here was something real. He told his sisters about it, and his mother, and they went with him the next Sunday. His Dad did not know where they were. But the neighbors found it out and told his Dad; saying "Did you know that your family is attending those Protestant meetings?" He replied, "No, I did not, but you let that up to me, I'll take care of that." So he goes home and takes off his wide, thick, leather belt and beats his wife, then his daughters, and then Joe, even though he was 18, saying, "Let that be the last you go to any Protestant meeting. If you go again I'll kill all of you," and Joe said he meant just that.

It was soon the fall of the year and that brought butchering time. (No, they didn't dare even suggest going to these meetings). Joe's Dad and his brother lifted the wash boiler full of scalding hot water off the stove to scald hogs. His Dad's hold slipped which let his side down and poured the scalding water over both his arms. He had on a woolen sweater, and when he took that off, the skin came off with it. The flesh was cooked. The doctor came and dressed it every day, but finally said gangrene has set in and he has to

go to the hospital—they must cut off both his arms. But to this Joe's Dad violently resisted, saying he might just as well be dead as to do without arms. The flesh by now was decaying and fell off the bones so that you could see the bones in places. He refused to go to the hospital, the doctor was peeved and left saying should he change his mind to call him and he would send that ambulance over for him. He called Joe and said, "If you want to go to the meetings today—it was Sunday—go ahead, and tell that preacher to pray for the healing of my arms, and if God heals me, I'll come too." He went, the preacher prayed at the church and came over to his house and prayed for him there. In 3 days he was out of bed and his arms were well on the way to recovery. His Dad went to church, got saved. He was so used to his corn cob pipe that he found it hard to give up, but the preacher suggested that he is now a new person and he should lay off those old habits. So one day he took a long last look at his pipe and flung it as far as he could, and that was the end of the smoking habit. He then, along with his son, became a real worker for the Lord. Joe's Dad is now with the Lord, but it took a scalding and intense pain before he would yield. Joe lives about 5 miles from us. He goes to the Assembly of God church.

John R. Renno



**STILLWATER, PA.**

May 6—On Monday, May 2nd, Caryl Chessman died in the gas chamber in California. Twelve years ago he committed a horrible sex crime, from which experience the victim, a girl, is still in a mental institution. He evidently died without a whimper. He winked at a guard as he was going to his death. He wanted nothing to do with religion, not even a religious burial. For 12 years his death was postponed, and a certain lawyer helped him to get one hundred thousand dollars in gifts etc. to stay or abolish execution. He said he hopes his death will help to abolish capital punishment, although his lawyer tried until the very last to get the authorities to grant him life. Even while the gas was being prepared the lawyer was on the phone, and got the wrong number which delayed action until after he was dead. He must have been a very hard man, resisting God and man until the last. But now he can resist no more, I am sure he will now get justice from his Creator.

Personally I hope capital punishment is not abolished. I strongly believe in it. What right have those to live who care not for the lives of others they ruin? Men who are so evil that they care not for anyone else's welfare; and murder to get their own selfish goals. What right have those to live? Furthermore God expects governments to put the evil-doers to death for their crimes against society. The Bible says God gave the governments for our good, saying they are the ministers of God, and that they do not carry the sword in vain; they will use it if necessary. God gives them the sword and he expects them to use it, for the punishment of evil-doers and the preservation of those who do behave. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, he says. And during Old Testament times he commanded his people to bring destruction to the ungodly, as in the case of the Amalekites whom Saul was supposed to utterly destroy, leaving not one alive.

I am aware that this is a rather touchy subject to discuss for one who believes in non-resistance, which I do. I consulted two other men; preachers who both believe in non-resistance, on

their view concerning capital punishment. They both said they believe this is the way God would have the civil authorities to punish major crimes. They both admitted it's a touchy subject and rather hard to explain. During World War Two, the Germans sent spies over here in a submarine with powerful secret weapons to mingle in with crowds and set off bombs and set buildings on fire, etc. Their plans failed and they were caught before they got ashore. When their story and pictures appeared in the newspaper I heard an Amish preacher say, "These people ought to be killed, they are not fit to live." I then thought he was right and am still so inclined. But remember this is something that belongs to the state, and not the church. God set the state to protect the church.

It is rather strange how strong some defend the non-resistance doctrine when it comes to carnal warfare, but they seem to feel it is perfectly right for them to quarrel with their neighbors, or with their wife, or when they are mistreated by their brother they are immediately ready to retaliate. Even these people quarrel in the house of God. I once heard of a squabble, again during World War Two, when a young man said, "We had just as well take our guns and go help shoot the Japs, as sit here fighting one another." These things ought not so to be, if we are non-resistant at all it should first start at home.

The Russians have shot down another American plane; or so they claim. If they did, this makes No. 14 that they have attacked. They made loud boasts about it too, and the Russian-American relation is again falling fast. President Eisenhower now puts a question mark as to whether he will visit Russia in June as was scheduled. Vice President

Nixon is supposed to take the President's place at the Summit meeting if it lasts more than a week and this does not please Khrushchev at all. He does not like Nixon, saying he is hardly a man to end the cold war. These two countries are just like two big prize fighters, going around in circles, each warding the other one off with the one fist while the other fist is back ready to strike a powerful blow; but each afraid to strike lest they be struck down with that one hard blow.

Lt. General William K. Harrison, a General in the U. S. Army, has written a tract, "Why I Believe The Lord's Return Is Near." He thinks there will be no World War Three, prior to the Great Tribulation, or before the rapture of the Church. Yet he says the present arms race cannot be continued indefinitely—the tension will become too great and the great explosion will occur. Of course, this is just a man's opinion, but he is in a position to know what's going on behind the scenes in our Government. I am glad that God has a few of His own in high places politically, like Daniel was.

John R. Renno

**STILLWATER, PA.**

May 13 — The long awaited rains finally came, and now at the end of the week it is still very wet. This should now make an abundant hay crop. We are about half finished planting corn, but there are many who have not started yet.

It would be an interesting topic of conversation if everyone that contributed articles to The Budget for publication would give the reason for doing so. My reasons are varied. In the first place I like to write, which I suppose would go at the head of the list for most people. Hardly would anyone take time and energy to do something they do not like to do.

Another reason is to help make life a little easier for my fellow man. Perhaps I fail in this, but that is one of the motives for writing. And I said all the above to say this — that if you use milking machines to milk your cows, and you are not using the proper kind of inflations on that machine, you are making a great mistake. If, however, you still milk by hand and I suppose there are many who still do, let me say that is still the best way, as far as the cows are concerned.

The use of machines to milk will probably get more milk because they always milk fast if properly adjusted. Less mastitis trouble can be expected if hand milking is used.

My wife's brother Ben was here this week doing masonry, and a little carpenter work, enlarging the milk house to take care of a bulk milk tank.

I always thought there is no machine that milks as fast and efficient as the Surge, and I have used this machine for about 7 years. It is not my motive to run down any machine here, or praise another unduly, or do advertising. I only wish to state my findings in hope that another might be benefited by it. I used the Surge inflations too. And until recently I completely ignored any advertisements that testified against them. Things came a little closer home one day when my neighbor, who also uses Surge, told me the DeLaval man

was there and got him to make the two-minute thumb test. That is to put one thumb in one inflation, and the other in the other inflation for 2 minutes, and see for himself which feels the worst, saying so must the cows teat feel, too. He said the Surge inflation made his thumb very red and felt queer for half a day, while the DeLaval did not hurt. He then got DeLaval shells and inflations and uses them on his Surge machine.

I also considered doing this, but in the meantime this neighbor's brother said he uses the Maes inflations — those you see advertised in The Hoard's Dairyman, and national papers—and gets very good results. They are just as easy on the teats as the DeLavals are, if you get the narrow bore. I got the Maes inflations and the results were amazing. I used to think my cows were just a little queer when they stomped when being milked, but now I understand. The Maes inflations do not creep up onto the udder but stay down where they belong, and besides, mastitis is about a thing of the past, because they are so much easier on the teats. And it is not so important to take them off exactly on time as you must do with Surge.

Feeling sympathetic to the Surge, I wrote them and asked them why they are so far behind the times in making inflations, and told them my experience. They replied that what I wrote was true, they were behind the times, but they will not remain so; they are now in the process of making inflations that are called "the cushion dome inflation", a narrow bore that they hope will meet the need. Now, if anyone wants to try the Maes inflations, be sure you get only the narrow bore. They have three different kinds of widths and all except the narrow bore are no better than the Surge.

One of the richest men in the world died at the age of 86, John Rockefeller, Jr. His father, also named John, was also very rich, and young John being an only son, did not need to work to make a living, but old John being a religious man of the Baptist faith, believed in simplicity of life, and that money can become a curse if it gets the mastery of one, so his son had to pick stones and carry wood and

do all kinds of chores anyone else had to do. John Jr., who just died, also followed in his father's footsteps and did not live in extravagance, and while he could easily afford new suits of clothes he did not get them, saying the old one has a lot of wear in it yet. His advisor told him he has too much money he has to get rid of it some way, and since he did not need it for himself, due to his simple way of life, they just gave it away. They did not give it promiscuously, but where there was a need to put up a building where humanity would be benefited, they used their money to do it. In all they gave away five billion dollars in this way. Nelson, Governor of New York, is a son of John Jr., who has five sons and one daughter. He will possibly be a candidate for President of the U.S. in 1964. John R. Renno

**STILLWATER, PA.**

May 20—Very wet weather at present. It does not seem to be true that only a short time ago we were earnestly wishing for rain, it was so dry. Now it is too wet to suit us. At least we'd like to get our corn in and can't. The other day we planted four acres one morning before it again rained.

The Amish were again in the National newscast. An Amish boy's name from Lancaster Co. The report stated that the Amish do not have automobiles, but this one youngster has a "hot rod" buggy; it said he has electric lights with high and low beam, a light that turns on when the door is opened, and an electric cigarette lighter. In fact it had almost everything that the modern auto has except it was horse-drawn. And in the same report it was mentioned that a pastor in California was going to have jazz music being played softly while he preached; saying it was a serious experiment in this 20th century to draw the people to God. After the news reporter had said all this he made a long sigh, and it was evident he was disgusted.

The much talked about Summit Conference, by the heads of the governments held in Paris, went to the rocks. Mr. K. threw the monkey-wrench in the gears, putting all the blame on the U.S. for the plane that was shot down 1300 miles inside the Iron Curtain. It was a plane officially sent on a spy tour. The Russians were alarmed as to how it could get so far inside their territory without being caught sooner. But we only boasted saying they would not have gotten the plane then, but the motor failed. Khrushchev demanded Eisenhower apologize for the incident and promise to punish all that had part in sending the plane. It started from Norway, and the Norwegians said they would never again allow an espionage flight from their bases.

The French, British, and Americans all stood firm and agreed that no apology should be offered; that had it not been the spy plane incident it would have been something else, as Khrushchev was having his troubles at home and did not want a Summit Meeting then. He went to East Germany and told them perhaps he would attend another meeting in six months.

It was plainly visible that many of the heads of our government were worried about what took place; afraid Russia would make a false move or wage a surprise attack, like the Japanese did at Pearl Harbor. They intensified their alert system and were getting ready, but nothing happened. I sometimes just wonder what they would have as news reports if there was no cold war threatening to get hot at any moment.

And now for some good news which is so scarce. A real old-fashioned revival broke out in the Baliem Valley, in Dutch New Guinea. Workers of the Christian Missionary Alliance reported astonishing movements. Whole segments of the population have been turning to Christ. As many as three or four hundred tribesmen would take up the matter in serious discussion. Then as one man they would put away their heathen worship and declare themselves to be followers of Christ. The Uhunduni tribe was the first to take a definite stand against white magic and sorcery. As many as 1,000 have broken away from it. In the Beoga Valley the Natives detained a missionary who was passing through, saying: "We have wanted the Lord for this long time, and we won't let you go until we have burned our fetishes." They did this which caused so much

joy they danced for joy and every once in a while stopping and reminding each other that they fear no evil spirits and there were various things in the Word of God that they must now obey. These people were famous for their killing, raiding, and stealing, but have now burned their implement of war, witchcraft, trial marriages, and immorality. They have become vibrant, enthusiastic Christians, literally bursting with missionary zeal which would put the average American church to shame. This sounds very much like the Book of Acts, and something that happened long ago, but it happened just recently.

I would like to ask a question that I do not know the answer to. "If you swear to your own hurt and change not, as the bible says we should, and a very profane man comes and praises you for being unusually honest, what should you say? John R. Renno

**STILLWATER, PA.**

May 27—We had 18 days that it rained every day a little, and now at last we have a breather. It hasn't rained for 3 days in succession. Much corn went into the ground in the last few days. It seems there is always a time to get things done; during the latter part of April and the first week of May it was warm and dry, we planted some corn but did not hurry as many said it would freeze. I told a man I had



some corn planted, and he said "That corn ought to freeze." But now I wish we would have hurried, as we could have had 30 acres in before it rained and now it would be up. As it is we have only 16 acres up. Some are in the process of making hay already.

Over the weekend of May 22 we had bible instruction meetings at the Beaver Run church. Speakers were Erie Renno from Belleville, and Donald Lauver of Oakland Mills, Pa. Erie was our former Bishop and we had him at our house on Saturday night. John Bender was his chauffeur, so he was here, too. We enjoyed having them very much. John says he is feeling much better physically than he did last year. He attributes this to his better attitude towards life. He used to be kind of pessimistic, but now he has fully yielded to the Lord and started doing labor for a living instead of selling products. He sold pills to help others maintain their health, but lost his own. Now, thanks to his changed attitude his health is greatly improved. It has long been our conviction that right thinking has more to do with our physical well-being than any kind of therapy, although this certainly has its place, and John's testimony confirmed this.

Erie is still his usual self, just as (shusslich) as ever. He is greatly concerned about the spiritual well being of the youth of his congregation. Well he may be too, because Satan has his programs geared to catch the unwary youth. He expressed his concern about how some of them get in their cars and visit the outdoor movies, and the dance floors, thinking they will get by. He also told how one young girl did not get by. She ran away to get married, because it was against the wishes of her parents that she marry the young man she was interested in, which she contacted in this illegal way. Now the tune has changed. She is expecting a baby soon, and the man whom she thought loved her is running with other women while she sits at home and cries, her young life in ruins. Her husband is not interested in providing for her, all he wants is what he calls "a good time". This story could be multiplied many times, because some do not take time to stop and think, and consider prudently. But it comes much closer home when someone you know gets into this mess, and especially if it's of ones own kin. No one will every be sorry for following the Lord. Now I can hear some say "if they wouldn't allow cars this wouldn't happen", but this is not correct,

because Satan is not limited to only one way with his wily tricks. The only prevention that works for sure is SALVATION.

Donald Lauver hails from Juniata County, and is a world traveler, sent out by the mission board to visit the different mission stations. He stated how he has seen many countries, but he has not yet found one that will equal America in being proud and boisterous, along with rudeness. When you are a stranger in America and you don't quite know your way around; people will stand and watch, pointing their finger at you, and ready to laugh at the slightest mistake. But this is not so in the heathen countries.

The world situation is steadily growing worse, and the only relief in sight is the coming of the Lord, who will put things in their proper place. Sometimes it looks as though we are in danger of being blasted to bits at any time, but personally I doubt that anything serious will happen until the church is taken out of the way. Things will probably get much worse yet than they are now, but those who know in whom they have believed, and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which they have committed, need have no fear whatsoever. In quietness and assurance shall be your strength.

John R. Renno

## STILLWATER, PA.

June 2 — Now it is June and soon, very soon, we will start harvesting hay, then wheat, and oats, and then the king crop, corn, which will again mean fall and winter.

Hay harvesting has already started with some of the top-notch farmers who are interested in making records. The alfalfa is not out in bloom yet and the timothy is not in the boot stage, but they are putting it in. In State College is where these tricks are taught. They now test hay; each farmer who is so inclined takes samples and sends them in and they in return tell him how much total digestible nutrients it has and how much his cows will need, plus how much supplement he needs to make it the best diet. This they call the very best methods of farming. Of course in this hay-testing business one tries to excel the other, then brag just a little, so he gets at his hay just a little earlier so as to get all the nutrients before they dry and are unavailable to the cows. One neighbor, who does not make his living on a farm, spent over ten thousand dollars in hay drying equipment. He now mows in the morning and bales in the afternoon, then sets it on the wagons overnight and forces hot air thru it. This makes good hay, no doubt, but only the big ones can afford it, or can they? I am often reminded of what Frank Campbell used to say when County Commissioner: "If those fellows at State College had to make their living on a farm, they'd starve to death."

Little David Otaviana, the 7-year-old son of the Baptist preacher, Alexander Otaviana, was an unusually brilliant child. He was busily engaged in witnessing for the Lord. He took notes when his daddy preached and repitched the messages to his playmates sometimes. On Friday morning, May 27, he went to school as usual. He took his bible along that morning, because he was supposed to read the scrip-

ture before the class, for their usual devotions. Little did he realize that this was the last time he would see his home. He returned at noon for lunch but on the way he crossed the street and was hit by a car. He was rushed to the hospital, and was thought he was not too seriously hurt, but he soon died. The funeral was on Memorial day. His daddy was raised a Roman Catholic but later converted to Bible Christianity, and the Baptist church. Nearly half of those who attended the funeral were Catholics. To many, this was just another Memorial day fatality, but not to the parents and those who knew him. It makes one wonder why the Lord chose to take one so brilliant and so promising in the service of the Lord. But we know He doeth all things well.

Six youths from Hazelton were traveling in a car and were going 100 miles per hour and hit head-on with a tractor-trailer. The car was so demolished that it seemed it almost disintegrated. Needless to say the youths are now in eternity.

Heart trouble is very prevalent in our day. Two people that I know locally are in the hospital with it. I went to visit them and their story was interesting. One was a young man in his early forties. He owns and operates a feed mill. He said he knew he was going too hard, from early morning until late at night, and the tension that goes along with business got on his nerves and he got what is called Angina. It's a great pain that starts in the breast and goes down the arms. It gets very severe if not dealt with, and the physical labor caused a rupture in one of the veins inside the heart. He was too busy to take it easy, he had so much to do, too busy to live right. He didn't have time to sit down and read and eat properly. But now he took time out for a whole month to lay in bed, and in the hospital at that. They made him lie perfectly still for days, he didn't dare feed himself or even put his hands up to his face. They demanded a perfect cessation of any activity whatsoever, so his heart would heal. He told me he knows all this could have been avoided had he only taken time to live.

The other patient is an elderly lady, who along with her husband, live on a good farm where they lived and worked hard to make it produce. They never had any children. Now they are old but have a lot of money invested in the farm and would like to sell, but cannot get their price. They again bought 1,900 chicks and raised them, and they are laying good, and the lady tried to gather all the eggs and pack them, and do her house work besides; but it was too much. Beside all this, her brother's wife was living with them and got on her nerves. I had forewarned her this will get her down, and it did. So let's all of us read again the Sermon on the Mount, and live accordingly. Take time to live, take time to be holy, Godliness with contentment is gain.

John R. Renno

### STILLWATER, PA.

June 9—Last Monday it cleared off and every day this week was just wonderful. Some hay has been put away in good shape but some have no corn planted yet. We started Apr. 30 and finished June 10—almost 6 weeks.

A young man, only 18, who intends to become a Catholic priest, was visiting us recently. His sister lives nearby and used to visit the Mrs. quite frequently until the religious debate which always resulted, kind of warded her off.

She then sent her brother to us. He is very brilliant and zealous for the faith. He is so sincere in what he believes is the true church. He maintains that scripture recognizes only one church; the body of Christ; and since Christ gave to Peter the keys of the Kingdom and told him that whatsoever he binds shall be bound in heaven, etc. and since Peter was the first Pope; from which their church stems, they must be the one and only true church—there can be no other. Furthermore, he claims the catholic church is one in faith and doctrine, and practice, and Protestants which broke away from the true church are divided into hundreds of different denominations and beliefs, they must all be apostate.

We pointed out that some of their members do not live very good lives; but he told us we dare not judge the whole denomination by its weakest members. We also told him some of the Priests themselves are immoral, to which he gave assent, but said they are not harming the church—only themselves.

He knew that the Bible says we must be born again, but said that means we must be baptized. That is the new birth, therefore they baptize infants and this washes away the sin with which they are born and makes them fit for Heaven. If an infant dies before it is baptized it will not go to Hell, neither will it go to Heaven, but to a place especially prepared for such. A place that is beautiful, but they will never see the glory and splendor and holiness of God.

He does not hold scripture as the final authority, but it must be also validated by what he calls "divine tradition". This comes about by the forefathers, what they have decided and declared. He also said the Pope can yet speak authoritatively when he sits on a certain chair in the Vatican and speaks, ex-cathedra. This then is just the same as the word of God, because he is the Vicar of Jesus Christ, or takes the place of Christ on earth while He personally is in Heaven.

He also told us we were very foolish to believe what the Bible says about being saved by faith.

No one, he says, is saved now. That depends upon whether we have done enough good and refrained from evil, and if that doesn't quite reach, God's grace will pay the rest. If, however, we have been bad and especially since we do not belong to the true church, there is little hope for us.

His sister once pointed out to us that she knows we get along better with each other than she and her husband do, and that we live much better lives, but that does not tell the story since we reject the true church.

This young man also explained how the Priest performs the Mass, and showed pictures of all the rigamarole he goes through while the congregation looks on.

As I understand it, the Priest does all the singing, praying, chanting and altar kissing himself and does all the speaking in Latin. This is the only language that can be used in church services. The congregation follows in their prayer books if they wish, since it is translated from Latin to English.

Ike-mon has been captured. This is an Austrian born man who spent part of his life in Israel. He has been connected with the Nazi regime during Hitler's day and has been the instigator of the massacre of six million Jews. It is reported that he is one of the most wicked people on earth. He has long escaped justice but now has been captured in Israel.

Six million is an enormous number of people. It has been estimated that Moses led about two million out of Egypt, and this was a great host, but is only a third of the number put to death by Ike-mon. If all these would walk past your door, single file, one hundred every minute, 24 hours a day, it would take about 12½ years before they would all pass. Eternity is a long time to spend away from God, and how must it be for this man who has the blood of six million people on his hands?

John Renno

### STILLWATER, PA.

June 17—We had one nice wk. when a high pressure center hovered over the area but it was too early to make hay, and now it rains again almost every day. The hay is lodged quite extensively.

In view of the present world situation one wonders how long it will be before men are not content to give tongue lashings only, but resort to physical violence. The President's plans to visit Tokyo were changed, and it looks as if the Kishi government will fall. The police there do not have sufficient authority to control demonstrators. In nearly all of the riots the youth going to colleges and high schools are the leading figures. This reveals parental delinquency. Young people are not trained any more to respect constituted authority. Why should they lis-

ten if they constantly hear their parents berate it.

The news reporters talk of the tense situation, and the seriousness of it, then advertise a dance, and beer, and cigarettes, with the invitation to come and enjoy an evening of fun. The communists are ardently working for world conquest, while Americans are dancing, drinking and smoking their way to ruin, not acknowledging the signs of the times.

The vice president of a bank in Philadelphia was converted by listening to Billy Graham on the radio. He now belongs to the Mennonite church. He gave a talk at Beaver Run Mennonite church, and said our country is in very much the same situation as the children of Israel were, after they had Judges 400 years, they were tired of self discipline and desired a King to rule over them. He claimed Americans are tired of the democratic way of life and many want governmental support. They know its taking money out of one pocket into the other, but what's the difference as long as they are both our pockets.

The way he looks at it, a change in our government is imminent.

There are many now who are on relief and working nothing at all, just living for pleasure. If they can't work for more than a dollar an hour they won't work, and they can live anyway. Uncle Sam pays them for doing nothing.

It's costing us now one thousand dollars a minute to store our food, while many in other parts of the world are starving, and we spend much more on cigarettes than on getting out the gospel. But there still are a few on their knees warding off destruction. Were it not for them, who knows what would have happened already.

My typewriter is not working. The boys were playing with it and I had to write this out in longhand, so to save labor, perhaps it will be a little shorter this week.

John R. Renno

### STILLWATER, PA.

June 24—It's very interesting to look through the Budget and get a panoramic scope of the weather situation throughout the whole country. It is wet this summer so far. Haying and cultivating corn is on the work agenda at our place. It is difficult to make good quality hay unless you hit it just right. We had about three acres spoil due to wet weather. But the rest was pretty nice. Hay is a heavy crop.

My neighbor said the corn may not produce too good this year because it's supposed to be knee high until the 4th of July, but it won't make it now. He also said I must be living right because I had corn planted 3 weeks before anyone else and it didn't freeze. But I protested it wasn't that, as the Lord lets the rain fall on the good and bad and the sun shine on the just and unjust. But he insisted that the way a person lives has a lot to do as to whether the Lord will make his efforts successful.

Several have written and expressed their disappointment with the views we held concerning capital punishment. One man write and I quote—"I was reading your letter every week for quite some time and could say a wholehearted "amen" to all of them till this one. Everyone I've talked to yet about this matter was really let down. I don't want to discourage you in writing for I think we need more such writers, as J. J. Hershberger. I'm afraid if you don't see your mistake and admit it your articles will not be of much effect to the people that I've talked to so far. Why not take it to the Lord in prayer?"—end of quotation. To this man and to everyone I reply, I did make a mistake in that I said some people are not fit to live, or asked what right they have to live. That is not for me to say who is fit to live. But as pertaining to capital punishment we will let God speak, and again I quote—Gen. 9:6—Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. Numbers 35:33—So shall yet not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein but by the blood of him that shed it. Romans 13:4 . . . but if thou do that which is evil be afraid: for he beareth



not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

We are surely living in perilous times and scripture is being fulfilled so fast that the newspaper reads almost identical with the bible. A Methodist preacher who buys eggs from us is very well versed in scripture, and has a very brilliant mind. He can ask a few simple questions and tie me up in knots theologically. He claims that if fulfillment of scripture takes place in the same rapid pace that it has the past few weeks the coming of the Lord may be within the next year. He stated that in Europe they are speaking of making a district of Europe similar to our District of Columbia. And this will then be the Capitol of Europe and a perfect setup for the appearing of the Anti-Christ.

We also have earthquakes, pestilence, famine, and all the rest of the beginning of sorrows. I then asked him, why are all these things coming to pass in other parts of the world; while here in America we just go on from day to day, and we don't experience these calamities at all. He claimed it's because of the amount of Christians that are still here; and then went on to say he had a letter that day from a missionary in Chile where they had those terrific earthquakes, killing hundreds of people.

The missionary said that they have five thousand church members in Chile, and they were living in the very area where the quakes were, but not one of their church members were killed. Their church buildings went down, their homes were destroyed, and many of them escaped with only the clothes on their backs. He said the earth began to rock, and there were explosions in different places, but that is not what did the damage. They had about ten minutes warning to get away from there. They live along the seashore with the mountains rising abruptly in the back. The sea became very calm, and then receded far back down. This takes a little time and they had to flee, for then the sea came in with a mighty rush, far inland. The people up on the hills looked down and saw their buildings, everything, go out with the waves. Some places sank down and are now covered with the ocean. The people who didn't get to the hills were drowned.

He claims the Lord takes care of his own, and takes them away from the destruction before judgement comes, as was the case with Lot.

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