

First UN Commemorative Stamp of 1956



The first United Nations Postal Administration stamp to be issued in 1956 will be in honor of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a specialized agency of the UN. Designed by H. Woyl Wimmer, a member of the international panel of artists established by the Postal Administration, the stamps will be printed by Thores de la Rue & Co. Ltd., London, and issued in 3-cent (blue) and 8-cent (red) denominations. The stamps will be placed on sale 17 February.

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Read Matthew 16:21-28
Whoever will save his life shall lose it; but whoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. (Mark 8:35.)

The giant in the circus performs dangerously as he has a rope tied around his throat and pulled until he is almost strangled. The animal trainer performs dangerously as he puts his head into the lion's mouth and nearly loses his life.

But Jesus lived dangerously. He was not performing feats of physical prowess to make an impression. He was living His convictions. It was dangerous because Jesus upset the existing system of values. It took Jesus Himself to the cross.

Jesus calls us to follow Him. He does not call us to a life of ease and worldly security. He does not call us to a life of fame and worldly plenty. He calls us to follow along a straight and narrow path—the path of truth and righteousness. "In the world ye shall have tribulation." But it is a call of hope, for He added, "I have overcome the world."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the life of Jesus, for His loyalty to Thee, to truth, to those He came to seek and to save. We thank Thee for this call of His to us to live dangerously. Give us the courage to respond. Through Christ our Lord we ask it. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Jesus challenges me to take up my cross and follow Him.

—Eva I. Shipstone, Educator (India)

RUGGED WINTER

Dublin, N. H. — According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the oldest periodical in America which is still continuously published in the same name and original appearance, this winter was to have been "as severe as any of the Twentieth Century." Beginning with bleak November bad storms and blustery cold succeeding one another—with very few mild spells or thaws and no real winter break until late March is forecast.

More Livestock Surgery Now Being Done On Farms

With more and more livestock surgery being done on the farm, the American Foundation of Animal Health today cautioned that every possible safeguard needs to be taken if such operations are to be successful.

Animals have great recuperative powers, but they still need much the same care and attention as human beings before, during, and following surgery, the Foundation said.

"The longer an animal is sick, the poorer surgical risk it becomes. Prompt examination by a veterinarian will reveal whether there is a need for surgery, and if this is done early enough the surgery may be performed while the animal has the greatest amount of strength and resistance," the Foundation report stated.

Farmers should provide clean and sanitary quarters for the operation, and they should be moderately warm and free from drafts. The quarters should be prepared according to instructions from the veterinarian, who will also list post-operative care recommendations. The farmer should see to it that the animal is clean and comfortable, both before and after surgery.

Livestock owners should be alert for signs of complications following surgery, reporting the progress of the patient, or any unfavorable signs to the veterinary surgeon immediately.

The Foundation added that advanced techniques are taking more risk out of farm animal surgery, and new and improved antibiotics and drugs also are proving very helpful.

Pertinent Question

In a Washington school, a teacher was reviewing the story of the British attack on our national capital in the War of 1812.

"With the approach of the British forces," she related, "all Congressmen left the city. Of course they came back later."

"Teacher," interrupted one little boy wise in the ways of Washington, "did they collect mileage both ways?"

THE AMERICAN WAY



No Rest for the Weary—Taxpayer

Tar Heel Farmers Lost By Not Planting Hybrid

North Carolina farmers "threw away" \$19 million last year! How? John C. Rice, director of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, says Tar Heel farmers lost the money by failing to plant hybrid seed for their corn production.

Extensive tests at the North Carolina Experiment Station and the Official Variety Test, N. C. State College, show that certified hybrid corn seed planted in this state will produce an average of 15.3 bushels per acre more than crib corn or open pollinated corn.

Because only 59 1/2 per cent of the 70 million acres of corn planted in North Carolina were planted to hybrids, the loss in production is estimated at over 12 million bushels.

In addition to the increase in yield, Rice says that certified hybrids produce corn that has a good shuck coverage to resist weathering and weevil damage. He adds that the grain quality of the certified hybrids is much higher than that of other hybrids not adapted to North Carolina conditions.

Rice says that a Tar Heel farmer has to spend only \$1.50 an acre for planting seed. This \$1.50 will return him \$22.50 more profit per acre with an increase in yield. Rice says these figures are based on N. C. Certified Blue Tag corn which is bred in North Carolina for North Carolina conditions.

For 1956 production, farmers will be offered high quality certified corn seed properly screened to plant accurately and assure good stands.

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