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Editorial

St. Valentine's Day

The origin of Saint Valentine's Day is shrouded in mystery and controversy but it is derived from Roman custom and others. The young lad or lass giving their "special" a special Valentine in 1970, however, cares little about the origin of the tradition, which involves no less than three saints.

What is appreciated by today's youth is that the day has become a sacred one for lovers all over the Christian world. It is a day to remember that special person, a day to show the love one feels and often seldom reflects in today's world, for both young and old.

Love, the historians have long decreed, is the most powerful of human influences. It is also the most admirable, rewarding and fulfilling - and pleasurable - in case any reader has forgotten. And it is good to remember this on Valentine's Day.

Washington Report

By Walter Jones

As is usual in the early session of each Congress, the Committee are busy considering recently introduced legislation, while action within the House itself is limited.

The House Committee on Agriculture held extensive hearings on public law 480 which permits the United States Department of Agriculture to conduct a barter program with other nations to increase the total commercial exports of U. S. agricultural commodities, thus improving our balance of payments position in the family of nations. The basic purpose of this barter program is to keep American dollars here at home as well as to assist American agriculture.

Simply stated, this program provides that if the Department of Defense needs a million dollars worth of goods in a foreign country where an installation exists, then by this process of barter, we trade an equal amount of agricultural products for the required materials which normally would be purchased in the foreign country. Of course, it is of the utmost importance to the economy of the First District that this legislation be continued, for in the year 1969, under this program the value of agricultural exports for the nation was \$451,218,000.

On Thursday last, I introduced a bill which would require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue the practice of making advanced payments under the Feed-Grain Program. These advanced payments have been

forthcoming since the plan was first instigated until this year when Secretary Hardin suddenly decided to discontinue the plan, thereby causing many of our farmers unexpectedly to have to make other financing arrangements through loans and mortgages. In 1969, the total advanced payments for the First District were \$3,870,000. Even if there had been some sound reason to discontinue the advanced payments, it should not have been done without at least a year's notice in order that other plans of financing could be arranged.

Another bill scheduled for action but postponed was H. R. 12025 known as the National Forest Timber Conservation and Management Act. This legislation has caused a great deal of interest, both pro and con. If passed, it will require the United States Forest Service to divert the funds received from the sale of public timber for the specific purpose of improved forest management practices. These include reforestation, watershed protection, wildlife habitat improvements and improved recreational uses. The principle opposition is coming from organizations in the far western states.

President Nixon presented to the Congress his budget for the 1971 fiscal year. He carried with it a request for an all-time high of \$200.8 billion. Strangely enough, he did not request any appropriation for the long existing Agricultural Conservation Practices program, nor were any funds requested to continue the free milk for the needy school children of this nation. I have every confidence that the Congress will restore the necessary funds in these two areas, as it is most difficult to understand their commission.

Corn Silage Needs Booster In Feeding

Corn silage makes an excellent feed for cattle but results may be disappointing unless certain precautions are taken, warns North Carolina State University extension specialists.

"Corn silage does have a few weaknesses," according to Guy S. Parsons, dairy specialist. "The greatest deficiency is its low protein content," he added.

The overall feeding program should compensate for this weakness. A forage program based entirely on corn silage cannot be adequately supplemented by a single concentrate mix in feeding dairy animals.

Parsons said that dairymen feeding heavy on corn silage will need to feed an 18-20 per cent protein grain mixture unless they are feeding heavy on grain (25 to 30 pounds per cow per day).

"Even then," he said, "as production decreases and grain is reduced, silage makes up a larger percentage of the total ration and protein becomes a limiting factor."

At this time production begins to decline more rapidly than it should because the lower producers in the herd do not receive sufficient pounds of ever a 20 per cent feed to do the job, if they are being fed according to energy requirements.

The specialist suggested that the efficient and most economical solution to this problem is to feed additional protein.

In case of forage programs that include hay or silage cut relatively early and containing legumes, the problem of supplementing adequately the silage part of the total feed isn't as difficult. A 16 per cent concentrate mix usually does the job.

BIBLE VERSE

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

1. Who made the above statement?
2. To whom was it made?
3. What was this man's standing in the community?
4. Where was this statement he found?

Answers To Bible Verse

1. Jesus, as recorded by John.
2. Nicodemus.
3. A ruler of the Jews.
4. John 3:5.

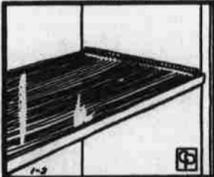
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I would like to thank each and everyone who remembered me with cards, flowers, gifts, visits and all other acts of kindness shown me while I was a patient in the Albemarle Hospital and since my return home.

I will always be grateful to everyone.

Mrs. George Sutton

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MINIMUM WAGE HIKE

Some 2.1 million lower-paid workers received a wage in the federal minimum wage from \$1.30 to \$1.45 per hour since February 1st. It will add an estimated \$486 million to their paychecks in the coming year.

For Your Information

Dear Friends,

Man is basically a social creature who lives his life in fellowship with others. At no time does he need an expression of this supporting fellowship more than at the time of mourning. Jesus said, "Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted." He certainly was referring to the comfort afforded by our relatives and friends as He was of God's supporting presence.

Respectfully,

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1 Corinthians
9:19-27

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society



Every Man a Philosopher

Everybody holds some view about life and its meaning. Whatever confronts us in our daily round is the substance out of which we weave our "philosophy of life."

But merely to have an isolated thought or an opinion does not help us find a foundation on which to base our entire lives. We need encouragement and guidance.

The message of the Church has been, through the ages, concerned primarily with the deeper meaning of life. It lends wisdom to those who are striving to relate themselves to the total pattern and purpose of human existence. It helps us maintain a reasonable stability amid the flux of human endeavor and events. It helps us relate the totality of all that has been, is now and ever shall be.

Let the Church help you weave these golden threads into the finished fabric of life.

GOD'S MIGHTY ACTS THROUGH JESUS

LESSON TEXT: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" - (Acts 10:38)

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 8:5-17; Luke 8:26-36



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In this lesson we are primarily concerned with God's mighty and awe-inspiring acts through the person of Jesus Christ.

Astounding things happened, in the sight of the multitudes who followed the teachings of Christ; and astounding things do still happen today, despite man's knowledge and technology in our modern days and times!

We are fully aware of the physical aspects of that wonder of wonders . . . birth. We have much to learn of the miracles of heredity; we have, presumably, conquered some of our ignorance of space - but we have, undubitably, much to learn in that regard! Mankind acquires a glimmering of knowledge - but he has yet to be enlightened!

There are many things beyond the ken of mankind. That they will, in due course, be revealed is, at least, something to hope for! Let us not, therefore, in the light of our knowledge, today, scoff at the ignorance of those who lived in the times of the Biblical theme! For, who knows . . . the generations that come after us (if science makes strides in accordance with those we have made in our own generation and time) may laugh at us for our ignorance! Let us, therefore, in the pursuit of our studies, keep an ever open mind!

Let us remember that the miracles recorded in the New Testament were not primarily intended to evoke faith in the people who witnessed them. Always, the miracles so recorded were the outcropping of faith!

In summary, through the personage of Christ, the kingdom of God had defeated evil, and was calling men to faith, obedience, and life everlasting.

The keynote, in all of Christ's miracles, was the faith of the recipient - or the faith of those who felt love and concern for a fellow member of the human race . . . as in the case of the Centurion who beseeched Christ to heal a servant of his palsy. (Matthew 8: 5-9). The servant was not a close family member - but he might as well have been, so great was the concern of his master! So great was the master's faith that he did not deem it necessary for Christ to enter his unworthy house, to cure his servant - He only had to speak, and the healing would be accomplished!

From so many unlikely quarters came unqualified faith! From the woman of the streets; from the soldier of Rome! No wonder Christ spent so much of His time in company which was so often criticized by the circumspect! For, like the big debtor and the small debtor referred to in a previous lesson, the greater the debt, or the greater the sin, the greater the deliverance and gratitude and faith!

With God's holy sanction, Jesus brought blessings in the guise of miracles to many; through God's holy sanction, He brought the blessing of forgiveness of sins and the glory of life everlasting to countless trillions throughout the ages of mankind - past, present and future! Surely this is one of the miracles of all times!

Christ's mastery of the forces of nature, His healing power over the body and the mind, His superb conquering of Death . . . all these were motivated by His commitment to the Father's will! Man has benefitted from that commitment; man can benefit from commitment to God at any time! How committed are YOU?

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SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON - The money issues - inflation, spiraling interest rates, government spending and taxes - foreshadowed the President's pledge for a tight federal budget for fiscal 1970.

As with any budget message, this one is predicated upon many assumptions about spending and revenues. It is based upon a multitude of estimates about the deescalation of the Vietnam War, and the need for hundreds of federal programs. These forecasts are seldom on the mark, because nearly eighteen months will elapse before prophesy becomes actuality.

It is commendable that the budget message emphasizes the need for economy in government. Accordingly, the new budget predicts that the Federal Government will spend \$200.8 billion during fiscal 1971, and that the Treasury will receive revenues of \$202.1 billion leaving a \$1.3 billion surplus. This thin balance is precarious, however, because it assumes that Congress will agree to raise postal rates, increase the maximum wage base for social security, approve a package of transportation user charges, extend current telephone and auto excises, and make substantial cuts in a number of programs, including defense.

At this stage, Congress has yet to review the priorities of spending, and if past experience is any guide, it will have its own ideas about funding education, health, crime control, and environmental programs.

It should be pointed out that the new budget is based upon the concept of "overall federal ex-

penditures" which includes trust receipts for such special purposes as social security, medicare, and highway programs. Had the "administrative budget" concept of several years ago been used, trust fund collections would have been excluded, and the fiscal 1971 budget would show a deficit of about \$7.3 billion. The \$1.3 billion surplus predicted in the new budget is thus based upon the inclusion of \$8.6 billion in trust fund receipts for fiscal 1971.

This explains why the government will again be borrowing in fiscal 1971 and even though it will have an estimated surplus. The national debt is divided into several categories. The surplus will reduce the federal debt held by the public to \$277.3 billion for fiscal 1971 as compared with fiscal 1970's \$278.5 billion for such debt. On the other hand, because the Federal Government can borrow moneys allocated for special purposes and use those funds for other purposes by pledging its credit, the new budget predicts a rise in the gross federal debt (which includes the debt held by federal agencies and trust funds) of about \$7.8 billion during the same period. Thus the overall gross federal debt will jump from \$374.7 billion for fiscal 1970 to \$382.5 billion for fiscal 1971.

What all this means is that even a tight budget sent to Congress last week projects a better impression than the hard figures warrant. In my judgment, it will take a herculean effort to get our national financial house in order.

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