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**ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT**

**HOLDING NEW SOIL.**  
The Time to Begin the Work of Improving is at Very First.

The time to begin to save and fertilize the soil is when it is new and rich in plant foods. Land which has always been in forest or wild grass and has never been broken by the plow has high possibilities when brought under cultivation. The soil of such lands is full of the roots of the plants which grew in it and the surface is more or less covered with dead vegetable matter. After the soil has been plowed and these plant remains decay much humus is formed and good crops can be grown.

New forest land just cleared and plowed does not as a rule produce a large crop the first season. But when the immense quantity of tree roots in the soil begin to decay and give up their fertility the soil becomes very fertile and will produce large crops. The roots of trees are very large and penetrate the earth to great depths. When they decay they not only leave available plant foods in the soil but leave deep openings in the subsoil in which deep soil water may rise and down which the roots of cultivated plants can easily go in search of sustenance. It requires several years for all of the tree stumps to fully decay, but as they decay they gradually give up fertilizing elements. By the time roots and stumps have all rotted on new land the soil should be in its highest state of fertility and none of this fertility should be allowed to wash away or otherwise go to waste. Some people farm new land carelessly, thinking that because it is now rich that it always will be so. They turn the trash on the surface and allow the top soil to wash away without any thought of the future.

Much new ground is planted to corn for the first three or four seasons. These corn crops are cut for fodder and the entire crop removed from the field, leaving the soil bare. If the land is at all hilly, the top rich soil of these new fields washes away during the winter and early spring. This annual loss of soil fertility is very large, and difficult to replace. There is seldom any attempt to either save the fertility or to increase it.

The richness of new ground, in the opinion of the Journal of Agriculture, should not only be conserved but increased as cultivation goes on. Manure and commercial fertilizers will do as much, if not more, good on new ground as they will on old ground. Commercial fertilizers should be used only when there is humus in the soil, and in new ground, if anywhere, their use is to be commended. All refuse vegetation should be saved and used on new ground so that the supply of vegetable mould would be increased rather than diminished. Instead of hauling away, or burning the stalks of a corn crop they should be carefully plowed into the soil where they will decay, hold the wash, and feed the soil. In like manner, all remains of rotten stumps and roots of trees should be covered with soil to decay beneath its surface.

There is no rational need of allowing new land to diminish in fertility, but very much need for it to increase in fertility.

**A SNOW ROLLER.**

After Heavy Fall of Snow It Packs the Road Bed.

Snow rollers are used for rolling the highways after a snowstorm to pack the snow down, which when frozen makes a road ten feet wide. The diagram shows how made. They are made with two drums 4 1/2 feet long and five feet diameter, with two-inch steel shaft running through, on



Plan of Snow Roller.

which they turn independently, thus permitting them to turn a corner easily. They are made of two-inch oak, the heads being double, and hooped with two by one-half-inch tire iron. The drums are hung in a strong frame and the pole goes through between, and they are about a foot apart. A seat frame is placed on the main frame over the drums, with a place for tools, etc. Four horses are required on the level river roads and six on the hill roads.

**Better Education.**

"In our judgment the most important single thing to be done for the general betterment of country life is to provide better education. First, carry good teaching to the homes through the farmers' institute, bulletin, and local papers until our people fully realize that all the advantage does not lie with those in town. Second, adapt our country schools more closely to the needs of the country community."

**CAR MEL.**

Feb. 2, '09

Protracted meeting is in progress at the church here.

Jennie McCoy and Beale Myers spent Thursday evening with Ella Holladay.

Miss Maude Lucas, of Rainsboro, visited her uncle, James Sams and family several days last week.

Blinton Jenkins is seriously ill. Mrs. George Jenkins, who has been quite sick for some time, is improving slowly.

Annie Keeler, of Rainsboro, visited her sister, Ella Holladay, recently. Miss Tenie Eubanks, of this place, and Chester Seaman, of near Loudon, were married Friday. We extend our congratulations.

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**PRICETOWN.**

Feb. 1, '09.

Miss Pansy McConaha, of Hillsboro, spent the past week with her parents, John McConaha and wife.

There was no Sunday School at this place Sunday as the sexton, J. B. Simpson, was visiting out in the country and was snow bound.

Mrs. Minta Thompson and daughter, Saile, of Lynchburg, recently visited the former's mother, Margaret Paris.

Mrs. Rebecca Charles (nee Rubie) fell one day last week and sprained her arm.

Moody Pulliam and wife entertained Thursday night with a finch party. Those present were Ervin Leininger and family, Misses Thursah and Sylvia Young, Pansy McConaha and Dr. Harper.

Dr. Pratt and Albert Gossett attended the automobile show at Cincinnati Wednesday.

Richel and Nell Paris spent Thursday with John Gossett and family.

J. C. Landess and wife visited relatives at Blanchester part of last week.

Miss Rose Dombro spent Friday with Miss Ella Rubie.

Aunt Margaret Stevens entertained Wednesday with a quilting bee, John Young and family, Mrs. Amanda Leininger, Mrs. Clara Landess and son, Ralph, and Miss Anna Paris.

Mrs. Robt. Daisley, of Fairview, has been visiting her daughter, Miss Myra Cochran, who has been very sick.

Ocho Gossett is on the sick list.

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M. Irwin Dunlap to Margaret Armstrong, Greenfield lot, \$1, 100.

Louella Campbell to Ferdinand Hantel, Brushcreek tp., \$1.

John C. Bennington to Lewis Mock, Whiteoak tp., 7a, \$280

Wilmer H. Chapman to Lelia Anderson, Madison tp., lot, \$1.

John F. Waddel, trustee, to Samuel H. Brown, Greenfield lot, \$125.

A. O. Barrett to Louisa Baldwin, Fairfield tp., 1a, \$1.

Jane McConaughy et al to Louella Chaney, Washington tp., 16a, \$1.

Joseph McConaughy et al to Jane McConaughy, Washington tp., 42a, \$1

Lucy B. Morgan et al to Daniel Morgan, Hillsboro, lot, 4, \$1.

Giennie W. Williams to Verda Murphy, Greenfield lot, \$1

M. Irwin Dunlap to Hulda A. Riley, Greenfield lot, \$1 000

There's always room for one more in the crowd at the bottom.

A little change may be a good thing, but a big roll of bills is better.

Palestine's ancient wells, famous in history for centuries, are giving away to pumping by modern engines and outfits, particularly for watering gardens and orchards. There is a large demand for and import of pumps.

Black Hill Locust Posts for sale. J. E. McDermott, Hillsboro, or Craig Eubanks, two miles south of Carmel.

**Notice of Appointment.**

Estate of James P. Roberts, deceased. The undersigned have been appointed and qualified as administrators of the estate of James P. Roberts, late of Highland County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 30th day of January A. D. 1909.

**True and False Brotherhood**

Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 7, 1909  
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Acts 4:23-31. Memory Verse, 31, 32.  
GOLDEN TEXT.—Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight.—Prov. 12:22.

TIME.—Vs. 23-25 probably cover a period of some length. The exact date of the Ananias incident is unknown. Between A. D. 30 and 34.

PLACE.—Jerusalem. Probably at the usual meeting place of the disciples.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.  
V. 26. "Jones." One form of "Joseph." "Surnamed Barnabas." A Hebrew name, derived from bar, son, and Nabush "prophesying," pouring out words as from a fountain, the impelling force being the divine inspiration.

"The name seems to have been conferred upon him by the general consent of his friends, as a kind of degree or pet name."—Biblical World.

Being interpreted from Hebrew into Greek, the son of consolation, "comforting," "exhortation," as in the R. V. Neither definition alone is complete; it takes both to give the meaning of the original Greek word, which is the same word as that given to the Holy Spirit by Jesus (John 14:16), "the Comforter," "Paraclete," from para, to the side of, and kaleo, to call or summon, for comfort or help as an advocate, counselor, comforter.

What Barnabas, filled with the Holy Spirit, did for others was similar, at least in most respects, to that which the Holy Spirit does for us. His work was far greater than that implied by the familiar definition of comforting—to soothe, to bring tranquil enjoyment. He was like the advocate in Greek and Latin courts, a powerful friend in whose wisdom, knowledge, influence and affection the client had confidence, and who advised, aided, strengthened and comforted him. Barnabas had a great gift by his words, character and personality of comforting others by invigorating them, inspiring them with a new life, strengthening their faith and hope, giving them fresh courage. He was like a fountain of the water of life.

"Comforting," from two Latin words, means making strong together. Nothing is worthy of the name of comfort that is not invigorating, inspiring, filling the soul full of courage and strength.

The Holy Spirit comforted the disciples after the death of Jesus, just as Jesus promised. How? By making the frightened men bold as lions; by changing them into heroes; by giving joy unspeakable when persecuted, imprisoned, tortured, scattered.

There are two sources of danger to the church of Christ.

Dangers from without. Dangers from within.

The fires of persecution were kindled to consume it. But the church was like the three heroes in Nebuchadnezzar's furnace; the flames did not harm them, and one like the Son of God was with them in the flames. And the light from them caused men to see in clearer light the true God and the Gospel.

It advertised the good news; it scattered the seeds of truth broadcast; it led to more prayer, a stronger faith, a firmer courage, more generous giving, more fervent preaching; it proved that the piety of the church was no temporary excitement, but a steady burning and shining light.

We now come to a more dangerous attack, from evil within her ranks. Fire cannot consume, nor waters drown the church. There is no way to destroy it but by enemies within.

The engine is powerless if the fires fail. The light goes out when the electric current ceases to flow. We are to study this attack, learn its lessons for to-day, and see how God overruled even this, by victory over evil, for the advancement of the gospel.

V. 5. "Ananias . . . fell down, and gave up the ghost." Literally, "breathed out his life, his soul." In whatever way it came, by the shock of the discovery of his sin, or by a direct stroke from God, it was God's act, and in no sense the act of Peter and the apostles. Very probably they were as much astonished as anyone. Had Peter done this act he would have been a murderer, subject to the law of the land. But he had no hand in it whatever.

Why such severity of punishment? 1. It was deserved, it was justice. "Exact justice is commonly more merciful in the long run than pity."

2. It was necessary in order to save the church from destruction from within.

3. It was necessary to counteract the effect of his conduct upon the world. It would tend to make men believe that there was nothing in religion, that there was no such thing as conversion and true piety. Therefore, it was needful that the deed and its spirit should be publicly repudiated in the most remarkable manner, as contrary to the whole teaching and spirit of religion.

4. Thus it was an act of mercy, not of hatred or revenge. A few counterfeit Christians do not prove that the gospel is a failure, or the church unworthy. A few dead trees in the forest, or dried stalks in the fields, do not prove that spring is a failure or that the sun does not impart real life.

We must be careful not to measure a man or a society by its imperfections alone.

The punishment of sin is an absolute necessity. Those sins always nourish which can be practiced with impunity, and are lightly regarded.

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