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The President's Message

Alby Staudt — President

Here it is the month of July — which means that half of the year 1974 has already passed us by. How time does fly. It reminds me of a day not too long ago concerning a conversation with a very good friend of mine (a man of the cloth) in which I spoke to him of my troubles and problems. Laying his hand on my shoulder he told me a story that I am proud to repeat. I certainly believe it may make an impression on many of you — as it has done for me.

The successful man lengthens his stride when he discovers the signpost has deceived him; the failure looks for a place to sit down.

Edison didn't sit down and give up when his first efforts to find an effective filament for the carbon incandescent lamp met with failure. He lengthened his stride! He carbonized every conceivable thing — fish line, card board, tissue paper, thread. He sent men to China, Japan, South America, Asia, Jamaica, Ceylon, and Burma in search of fibers and grasses to be tested in his laboratory.

Burbank, the plant wizard, is another man who didn't say quit. When obstacles blocked his way, at one time, he personally conducted good experiments before he found the solution.

George Westinghouse was treated as a mild lunatic by most railroad executives: "Stopping a train by wind! The man's crazy!" Yet he persevered and finally sold the air-brake idea!

James Watt built model after model of his steam engine before he got one that worked efficiently. Call the roll of all the builders and you will find that they were men who lengthened their strides. Every man gets on the wrong road at times. He comes upon hills, rough going and dangerous detours. What he does when he meets those obstacles determines his destiny. The world never hears from those who look for a place to sit down. Lengthen your stride!

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