From Where We Stand . . .
Farmers Must Decide Who Sets Controls

Last week a group of Lancaster County farmers went on record as favoring a system of self-imposed controls on tobacco production.

We believe this is a step in the right direction

We think it is a step that should have been taken years ago.

Recently the Lancaster County tobacco growers turned down the government control program for tobacco quotas and marketing allotments

We would not criticize any farmer for voting his conviction If the Lancaster County farmers were opposed to the program, then they did the right thing in voting it down

But it is well to remember what Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman said at a press conference in the spring of 1961

He told newsmen that farmers had the privilege of voting down any proposed program, but if they did, they had better have a program to propose in place of it. Unless farmers come up with a workable program, they will get a program of some kind, he said.

This, we believe is logical We believe farmers can no more go on producing commodities, giving no thought to the distribution and consumption of those products, than can general motors, or general electric, or any other manufacturing concern produce to the peak of their capacity without concerning themselves with consumption

We believe farmers would do well to consider all phases of farm production with the idea of planning production to meet the market, not only so far as quality is concerned, but taking into consideration potential of the quantity the market can absorb.

Any program that is self imposed has a better chance of keeping the affected persons happy than does a program imposed by some outside person or agency

However, we believe the chances for success of the program are in a precarious position

Such experiments in the past have shown that farmers are reluctant to cooperate fully enough to make any voluntary program of production controls work

We hope we are being too pessimistic, and that the farmers of the county prove us wrong

We think the Lancaster County Farmers Association are to be commended for their foresight and leadership in this venture, and we hope the tobacco farmers of the county back them up

Only with the cooperation of all tobacco growers can the program hope to succeed

At least that's how it looks from where we stand

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Is Big Best?

We have heard it said time and again, "The big get bigger and the small get swallowed up"

The facts may seem to prove this but the implication is wrong

It is not bigness alone that guarantees the success of a venture, nor is it smallness alone that condemns a venture to oblivion

Rather it is excellence and efficiency of operation that allows a business to prosper, and it is poor management and inefficiency that causes a business to close its doors forever

There is still, and in our opinion always will be, a place for the small business that is run efficiently

And this includes the business of farming

When asked how many cows are needed for a profitable dairy operation a Penn State University dairyman said recently, "It is not the number of cows that is important It is the number of pounds of milk each man can produce from his cows"

The specialist then asked three outstanding county dairymen about the size of their herds. These three men, tops in Dairy Herd Improvement Association records, normally milk 25 to 30 cows, and they do it with little or no outside labor

Wasted skills, wasted space, wasted macihnery, wasted time, or wasted production ability on the farm all result in wasted money, and wasted money results in failure of any operation.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand

Read — And Heed — That Pesticide Label

The United States Department of Agriculture has recently released a Revised Handbook on Pesticide Recommendations.

There are those who would still have us believe the use of pesticides will put us all in an early grave

Pesticides play a vital role in the production of high quality foods in the United States, says Dr Dale Bray, University of Delaware entomologist They contribute to the most efficient agriculture in the world

They help to make Americans the healthiest and best fed people on earth

Pesticides can, and are, doing these things without endangering public health, says Bray The important thing is to use them according to direction on the label There have been no cases of death or even illness traceable to pesticides used according to lable instruction, he says

There is really no problem with the pesticides on the market today Manufacturers are controlled too closely to put a harmful product on the market

It is simply a matter of reading the label and doing EXACTLY as it says

At least that's how it looks from where we stand

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-•- Letters To The Editor

Editor Lancaster Farming
Dear Sir

Having only recently read your editorial of February 10 entitled Let's Begin A Fad For Milk I've an idea Why not bottle milk in individual serving-serving sized bottles following the lead of soft-drink manufacturers?

Personally I thoroughly dislike milk from any container but glass I agree with you all should drink more milk

Sincerely
(Mrs) Nancy S Myers

Editor Lancaster Farming
Dear Sir

I am writing in connection with the articles which you carry in your newspaper for women Recently I was discus-

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Law of Love

Lesson for March 25, 1962

IN the sight of God, what is my most important duty? What can I do that will yield the best returns in life? It is a happy discovery to learn that the answer to both questions is the same We know this is true because Jesus himself was asked both questions, and gave the same answer each time The strangeness of his answer is that he did not directly say to either questioner DO—anything whatever The highest duty and the most rewarding effort is not action but attitude For Jesus' reply to these questions was **Love God; Love your fellowman** Jesus was not the first to sum up the Law and the Prophets—in short, the entire Old Testament—in these two commands, love to God and to neighbor, but he gave his approval to this way of summing it all up.

Dr. Foreman

Love to God

We have called love an "attitude." This is not quite fair, for love which is only an attitude, never resulting in action, is not what Christ and Christians after him mean by the word. Nevertheless, love is an attitude before it is an act. You might say, love should be the atmosphere, the light, in which you see, or think about, God and your neighbor. Now it is clear that love to God can't be precisely the same as love to men, even the best of men. From all that is said of "love" in the New Testament—for instance in I Corinthians 13, or John 13 through 17, it is plain that love, as God approves it among men, involves helping them when in need But God is never in need. Also, love is at its high point when it is expended on the unloving and the unlovable; but God is never unloving nor unlovable. Perhaps we can put together love to God and love to man this way: **Love**

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In reading the Bible

We must add a little but important postscript When this question came to Jesus, on one occasion he gave the answer himself; in another, he got the answer out of his questioner The point is that he answer came from the Bible; but not (so to speak) from right on top of the Bible How often do you, for example, read the book of Deuteronomy or Leviticus? That chapter 6 in Deuteronomy has quite a bit in it which does not fit us; but verses 4 and 5 do intensely concern us In that 19th chapter of Leviticus (perhaps no one's favorite chapter of the Bible!) there are some very peculiar laws, which passed away when the nation of Israel ceased to be Today people plant two kinds of seed in a field, or wear clothes made of more than one material, and never think of it; modern people are not tempted to tattoo themselves as a sign of mourning There is much here that no longer has force with Christians But "Love your neighbor as yourself" does have force, it did not pass away when Jerusalem fell

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Prevent Chilling Of Udders . . .

All dairymen are reminded of the danger of allowing the milking herd to lie down on the cold ground this time of the year when the weather gets nice during late March or early April the cattle are turned outside for too long a time and they will lie down the ground is too cold and the udder becomes chilled and udder inflamation (or mastitis) may result Turn the herd out daily but do not let them lie down in the cold ground.

To Rake Tobacco Beds Lightly

Growers who are preparing their tobacco beds for seeding should be careful not to rake more than one to two inches deep in order to have a weed-free bed When raked deeper some of the weed seeds may not be killed and they will be brought to the surface of the bed Rake very lightly because it's only the top inch or two that needs to be prepared

To Observe Seed Varieties Of Tobacco

Tobacco growers are reminded that it is not recommended to keep their own seed from last year's crop of either of the two new hybrid varieties introduced Both the Pennbel and the Pennleaf varieties are hybrids and therefore the seed from them is not to be planted this year Growers will be disappointed in the plants if they try to keep these seed New seed of these two varieties is available at a number of places and growers are encouraged to grow some of this disease (wildfire and mosiac) resistant tobacco

To Allow Dairy Calves Exercise

Young calves and heifers being grown for herd replacements should have daily outside exercise, if these calves are confined in small

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