

From Where We Stand . . .

Biggest Farm Show Under One Roof

Next week in the farming communities all across the Keystone state, all roads will lead to Harrisburg.

Farmers and their families and friends, along with a good sprinkling of their city cousins will migrate toward the capital city of the commonwealth for the state's annual mid-winter Farm Show.

Billed as the "Futurama of Pennsylvania Agriculture", the 47th annual staging of the show will portray many of the changes taking place in the farming industry that keep it abreast with other space age developments.

New discoveries in the science of agriculture will be highlighted by speakers at meetings of more than 30 statewide agricultural organizations.

New high standards of excellence will be seen in the exhibits of livestock, dairy cattle, fruit and vegetable and farm crops, and the many items of home economics.

Commercial exhibitors will be on hand to explain and demonstrate the latest refinements in farm machinery and equipment.

One refinement, nearing completion, which will be a welcome addition to dairy exhibitors, is the new milkhouse. It will replace the temporary one in use for several years.

The giant farm show building, the largest such facility under roof in the United States, will be pushed to the limit to accommodate all the farm and commercial exhibits. Some "doubling up" of exhibits is already anticipated by those who assign space in the 570,000 square feet of exhibit area. Because of the shortage of stable space, some of the teams in the horse pulling contest will have to be quartered in the vans bringing them to the gala affair.

Farmers exhibiting livestock and produce at the show will share in a whopping \$63,289 50 in premium money, but those who do not enter the competition can enjoy the show as well. Two arenas with a total seating capacity of nearly 10,000 will accommodate large numbers of the more than 500,000 persons expected to attend.

Judging of livestock in the large arena during the day will give way at night to entertainment including a State Police rodeo, square dance festival, horse pulling contest, tractor driving, 4-H horse show, FFA band concert and a livestock parade.

From scattered exhibits of fruit and grain at annual meetings of a few farm organizations at Harrisburg, the first Farm Show in 1917 has grown to

the largest free indoor exposition in the United States under one roof.

The main building with approximately 11 acres under roof was dedicated in 1931 and cost approximately \$1,440,000. The large arena was dedicated in 1939, and cost about \$1,250,000. Visitors parking free on the 45 acre lot can ride to the exhibition building on wagon trains supplied by the exhibitors of farm tractors and wagons.

This year, farmers will be able to view an added attraction just across the street from the main Farm Show building. Ground breaking ceremonies for a new building to house the state's Agriculture Department were held in October and construction has begun.

With the stated purpose of "Education through cooperation", the 1963 Farm Show promises to help advance Pennsylvania Agriculture in the New Year.

See you at the Farm Show!
At least that's how it looks from where we stand.



Farm Show Weather

It is not often that we hope to be disappointed — or hope to see anyone else disappointed, but next week we will be happy to have one traditional event come out backward.

It is a well worn phrase that "Farm Show Weather is the worst of the year."

Well, if it turns out this year that the weather during the week of Farm Show is not horrible, we will be happy — even if it does mean a break with tradition.



PSYCHOANALYSIS FOR COWS?

The syndicated "Dear Abby" column has come up with a new twist — psychoanalysis for cows. In good humor of course, the column came up with the idea in response to a letter from a farmer with a cow that allegedly hates women but is "very friendly to men whether she has seen them before or not."



NO MORE RAIDING

New Jersey has passed an anti-raiding bill to protect cooperatives from having members baited away from them.



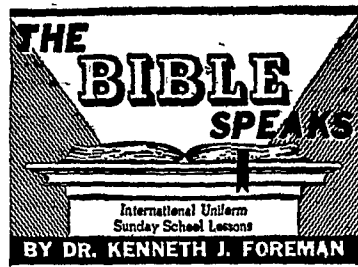
THE GROWING CROWD

The United Nations says that world birth rate is now double the death rate. There are 5 million new babies born every month. U.S. population now is 186 million, India 440 million, Soviet Union 215 million, China 700 million.

and miles traveled Northampton won the county trophy in 1961 Lancaster county, at the 1962 Farm Show.

Rex G. Butler, technical supervisor of the service said crop reporters located throughout the state submit monthly or periodic crop and livestock reports to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service on acreages and yields of the principal crops grown in the state, also livestock on farms, and livestock production, and prices and values of both crop and livestock production. From this data official estimates are determined.

Exports of lard from the U S for the first nine months of 1962 totaled 336 million pounds, an increase of 30 million pounds over the same months of 1961. The increase was almost entirely accounted for by larger shipments to the United Kingdom.



Bible Material: Mark 1:1-13.
Devotional Reading: I Timothy 4:7-10, 14-16.

Ready, When?

Lesson for January 6, 1963

THE same man or woman will be admired by different people for different reasons. Our Lord was no exception. What is it in Jesus that draws, as he said, "all men" to himself? It is now as it was then.



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Not every one would say the same. The four Gospels are not alike, and one reason they are not alike is that the four evangelists (writers of the gospels) found different aspects of Jesus' life and thought challenging and compelling. Mark, from whose short book these Bible studies for the next three months are to be taken, was drawn to Jesus on account of what he did rather than what he said. Jesus is here introduced to us as the mighty Son of God, who demonstrated his right to be Master of Men by his acts of power. Jesus had a meek and gentle side; but there is not much in Mark about a meek and gentle Jesus; rather about the kind of character that would appeal to the Romans among whom the book first circulated, Jesus the Mighty One.

Not by Age, not by Books

When is a man ready to go out and begin his life's work? Many young people begin too soon. They drop out of high school and get married, they are burdened with the cares of a job (or trying to find one) and a family at a time when they should still be preparing for such responsibilities. Others keep on "preparing" because they are actually afraid to go out and get into the swing and the fight of living. A person is not necessarily ready when he has read a certain number of books. A book, many books, can help handily in preparing those who read them for active useful living; but a young man may have put his nose into many books without

ever having put his mind into any one of them. In many books is much knowledge; but in many books may be little wisdom. Age by itself will not prepare a youth for living. In two states young people can legally vote at the age of 18; in two others, 19 and 20; and in all the rest, 21. The theory is that anybody old enough to fight is old enough to vote. But is this true? Does any one suppose that every boy or girl just turned 21 is suddenly endowed with the sense and the ability to make the serious choices demanded of a good voter? Mere years will not bring wisdom.

The call of God

Jesus of Nazareth, be it remembered, was not a bookish man. He knew his Bible, but there is no evidence that he had attended any of the great schools of that day. His "ignorance" was always thrown up to him by those who failed to "see" him. Furthermore, Jesus was what some would call over-age before he embarked on his life-work. He was thirty years old before beginning to preach. Book-wise, he was less than ready; age-wise, he was more than ready. But he considered these things (if at all) as being far down the list of indispensables. Jesus did not enter on his life-work until he was convinced that he had a divine call. Now the call of God comes to people in various ways. But surely it stands to reason that no matter what you know or have experienced, if you set out on a course God does not want you to take, you are headed for real failure.

The Voice of the Tempter

There was once a dedicated woman missionary. On her furloughs in this country, she would go from college to college, looking for those who had volunteered to go as foreign missionaries. She would talk to these young people, and try as hard as she could to persuade them not to go. She turned more than two hundred away in this fashion; but those who could not be discouraged were the ones she was looking for. They were the ready ones. Now if it is necessary to hear the voice of God (which may well come to us in the voice of a friend or loved one) before we are actually prepared for our life's work great or small as God wills, it is also well that we should listen (as Jesus had to) to the voice tempting us to do something else, anything else but what God calls us to do. Only those are truly ready who have learned to say NO to the Evil One.

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Plan For Windbreaks

Snow drifts can be controlled to some extent around buildings and in some lanes by the use of windbreaks, these may be in the form of trees, shrubbery, or temporary snow fences. Many farm homesteads are protected by the planting of trees (such as evergreens) that will reduce the wind velocity and deposit the snow before reaching lanes, driveways, and buildings. Now might be a good time to determine where these windbreaks are needed.

To Study Farm Records

Now is the time to evaluate your farm's enterprises of 1962 and to plan for the coming year. A good set of farm records is the place to start; a study of the income and expenses on the various sources of income should point out some changes to be made and reveal the most profitable efforts in your farming program. In most cases time spent behind a farmers desk or "pushing a pencil" pays good dividends.

To Attend Farm Show Meetings

The educational value of the State Farm Show is not only demonstrated in the show ring but in the dozens of meetings, rooms and banquet halls in the Show Building and in Harrisburg. Most state farm organizations hold one or more educational and business meetings during the week. Local producers are urged to secure a copy of the Farm Show Program and attend these worthwhile events.

To Control Those Rodents

Recent weather conditions

may have increased the rat and mice population around many buildings. Good farm management dictates that the pests must go; a good clean-up program to remove nesting and harboring places is one place to start; several poison bait stations in each building will also help to reduce poison baits from week to week. It is suggested to attract more rats and mice; be sure to keep these baits away from children and all poultry and livestock. Don't allow rats and mice to reduce net income.

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Two Lancaster Countians will be among the 20 crop reporters to be honored for outstanding service by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. State Department of Agriculture

The awards will be made at the fifth annual meeting of Crop Reporters, January 10 at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

The two countians are H. Clinton Engle, Engle Brothers, Mount Joy R1, who reported on tobacco conditions, and Frank M. Herr, Elizabethtown R3, who reported on poultry. Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture, will present the awards, including a "Gilded Milkpail" that goes to the county making the best showing at the meeting in numbers present