

## From Where We Stand . . .

# One Man's Meat - Another Man's Poison

One man's meat is another man's poison, as the saying goes. And nowhere is the saying so applicable as in wildlife preservation.

Ask the Vermont dairy farmer about his deer problem — and be prepared for a half-hour outburst of anger and frustration over damage to his crops. But the West Coast gamekeeper can give you twenty different reasons why deer should be protected.

The West Virginia cherry grower can lose thousands of dollars of fruit to birds, but the Dallas suburbanite quails at the thought of the effect his neighbor's insect spray may have on a passing robin.

It all boils down to the fact that a bird, mammal, or tree — wildlife, in general — which is valuable one place by one person is a pest someplace else.

There's a big hue and cry at the moment about the alleged damage done to "good" or "bad" wildlife by agricultural chemicals. Yet the facts prove otherwise. Such immediate damage to wildlife as there may rarely be is quickly overcome by the forces of Nature.

Results of research carried out at Mississippi State College indicate that birds and other vertebrates (animals with a backbone) can become immune to pesticide chemicals — and probably do. Tests made on frogs showed that those which had been exposed naturally to pesticidal chemicals had become immune to damage from repeated exposures

Take the bobwhite quail, Georgia's top game bird. The Georgia Game and Fish Commission has recently showed that bobwhite quail populations have suffered no bad effects from a pesticide used to eradicate the fire ant from large areas of the state.

Bird populations, in fact, have shown a seven-fold increase over the past 20 years, according to annual bird counts made by the National Audubon Society and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Robin populations have multiplied nine times, cardinal numbers have doubled. Flickers, mockingbirds, killdeers, redwing blackbirds all have increased. Even the very destructive crows and starlings have multiplied two- and eight-times respectively. Most organic pesticides have been developed and introduced — and widely used — in the last 20 years.

Several states in which pesticides have been used extensively in agricultural production and large-scale pest control projects have reported that hunting "has never been so good."

Pesticides have actually done much good for "the great outdoors." They're used to make fire breaks and fire roads for forest protection, kill rodents in tree nurseries, eradicate pond-choking and duck-starving aquatic plants, control eels which prey on trout, and make landing strips for geese in dense forest.

Right around home pesticides rid your garden of grass and protect the grass in your lawn. They knock the Japanese beetles from your roses and save the bees in your apple trees. They kill pesky poison ivy, and protect your shade trees from insects and disease.

"Good" or "bad", wildlife is here to stay with pesticide chemicals.

National Agricultural Chemical Ass'n.

## Congratulations To FFA

A kingsized bouquet is due the Solanco Chapter of Future Farmers and their energetic advisor William M. Fredd.

Winning the top prize in either the public speaking contest or the parliamentary procedure contest is a feat worthy of praise, but this group brought both honors to the county and to their school.

The win by Solanco is even more noteworthy when you realize that the department lost one of their teachers on February and is operating with one teacher on a temporary basis.

In our position we have been forced to sit through so many dull, drab, uninteresting speeches and so many mishandled business meetings that we anticipate with pleasure the day when these young Future Farmers will take their places at the head of farm organizations.

The training and encouragement they are getting in the FFA should go a long way toward making farm organization business meetings shorter, more businesslike and more enjoyable for all concerned.

Congratulations Solanco, and congratulations Mr. Fredd. We can all be proud of your accomplishments.

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



## Advisors Or Specialists?

Some folks will tell you that farm advisors should specialize.

There is a feeling in some circles that teachers of vocational agriculture, county agents and others who advise farmers should be highly trained in one specialty.

Some people have proposed that we should have one agriculture agent in poultry, one in corn, another in beef, another in dairy, and so on — and on, with each serving several counties.

Modern agriculture is a complex business with new methods, materials, equipment, medicines and chemicals being developed. It is impossible for any one farm advisor to have all the answers. It requires an engineer to lay out a modern farmstead. Feeds are being formulated with hormones and drugs to do all sorts of things to livestock. And more and more the farm leaders are being called on to diagnose the trouble with a sick rose bush.

But will technical help solve the farmer's biggest problem. The engineer can tell a farmer how many inches of insulation he needs under the roof of a chicken house. A feed expert can tell the farmer which additive in the feed will bring a desired result, but could he help the farmer decide if he should build the chicken house or feed the livestock in the first place.

Where can the farmer turn for training toward being a better manager?

We believe technical advice is important, but we believe the county agents and teachers of vocational agriculture need to be more than mere technicians.

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### He Lives

Lesson for April 14, 1963

Bible Material: Mark 15:42 through 16:8.  
Devotional Reading: Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20.

CHRIST is risen! That will be said countless thousands of times this Easter day. If the human race has not wiped itself out by this day, there will be millions of Christians throughout the world who say this amazing sentence with thankful joy.



The words should never become commonplace. Consider what the early Christians meant by this. All the first Christ-believers were Jews; and at that time they all believed that somehow, somewhere, many if not all human beings who had died since the human race began, would come to life again. "Many of those who sleep in the dust shall awake," was the way they put it. (Daniel 12:2.) As we would put it, they believed in a kind of delayed immortality. If you had asked the ordinary pious Jew of Jesus' day, "Where are the dead, now?" he might have said, "Asleep in the dust," or "Among the others in the shadow-world of the grave."

#### He lives!

But after the first Easter Sunday, the Christians did not go around saying, "Christ is asleep in the dust! Christ is a ghost among ghosts!" Those are far from comforting thoughts. What the Christians said was, "He is risen!" which means, if it means anything, "He lives!" And they didn't mean "in heaven." They meant right here, where they had seen Him and spoken with Him. It is true, after a time He disappeared and was seen on earth in the old way no more. But that did not depress those Christians. They never knew how to explain it, and they did not try. But what they had seen, they had seen, and nothing ever shook them out of the conviction: Jesus lives! To put this in another way; The characteristically Christian way to think

about Jesus-Christ is as a now living person. He lives; he is not a ghost. Books have been written to show that Jesus was a real historical character; but that is not the point. Past tenses have never been enough for a Christian speaking of Christ. True, He was and He did thus and so. But it is more important to remember that He is and He does so and so. Read through the New Testament and you will find that Christ is in the past tense in the gospels, because they are dealing with history. The rest of the New Testament speaks of Jesus mainly in the present. He lives!

Another way to look at this Easter-faith of the church is to emphasize that little pronoun HE, He lives. The early Christians could see a difference between the Jesus they knew before Calvary and the Jesus they knew after the resurrection. The difference was great enough so that they sometimes did not recognize Him at first. Nevertheless when they did break through their hesitations and believed what they saw, it was never as a stranger that they saw Him. If the man next door to you is a man you know little of except that he is a friendly grey-haired man who always has a pleasant word for his neighbors and works on his yard on Saturdays,—and then one day you discover he is a superior court judge, you may be taken aback; you may not recognize him with his robes on up there on the bench. But it's the same man. So the Jesus, whose living-forever the church celebrates at Eastertide, is the same Jesus we read about in the pages of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Not somebody better or different, but Himself. HE lives! "Risen in you"

"If Christ be risen in you,—" so begins a famous chapter in Colossians. This seems at first like a strange way to think about the Resurrection. Not as a historic event outside us, like most events, but an event that happens inside us. Is this a miracle? Perhaps it is. But perhaps it is what God intended for us all along, that we should not be burial-grounds in which the thoughts and the love of Christ are laid away, but resurrection places, from which Christ rises every day, not once in a lifetime,—rises to think in our thoughts, hope in our hopes, work in our work; or rather rises in us so that we have to say at last, All the good in me is not mine but His!

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## Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH

### To Be Alert For Termites



Many buildings in southeastern Pennsylvania are infested with the wood-eating termite. During early spring they swarm and may be found at or near windows; these termites are often confused with flying ants, that are not so destructive. The termite will have one elongated body with four large wings, while the ant will have a two-section body with two pairs of wings different in size. All home and farmstead owners are urged to be on the alert for termites at this time of the year.

### To Be Careful With Chemicals

All farmers, gardeners, and custom sprayers are reminded of the danger in the improper use and storage of agricultural chemicals. With the growing season at hand and the wide interest in the proper use of chemicals, we must be very careful. All sprayers are urged to read the labels and the directions, and to follow them carefully. You are responsible to protect the product and the consumer.

### To Plow Down Nitrogen

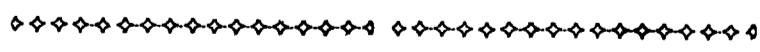
Corn and tobacco growers are reminded of the recommended practice of plowing down most of the nitrogen for this year's crop, this may be in the form of granular or liquid fertilizer, or barnyard manure, each ton of manure should add approximately 5 pounds of actual nitrogen. If a green manure crop is to be turned in then it is advisable to apply the nitrogen to the cover crop, disc thoroughly, and then

### To Make Complete Soil Test

A complete soil test is very important in determining the needs of a soil for any crop; in many cases dollars are spent for one of the soil elements that is not needed to produce a good crop. Corn and tobacco fields should by all means be tested as a guide in making fertilizer application. Soil testing does not cost — it

### Buying Basic Dress

Because a basic dress should last a long time, buy a dress in the best quality fabric you can afford. That's a reminder from Bernice Tharp, Penn State extension clothing specialist. A plain fabric with subdued texture and no design is a wise choice. Select a weight fabric that is suitable to almost any season. Lightweight wool, wool blends, or silk blends are desirable fabrics.



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