

From Where We Stand . . .

Is Sprayed Alfalfa Safe Feed?

Since the U.S. Department of Agriculture withdrew recommendations and cancelled registration of heptachlor for use on alfalfa plantings, many farmers have been concerned over the use of hay crops sprayed with the chemical last fall.

Many farmers applied the spray according to directions (correct amount at the proper time) last fall when heptachlor was approved for weevil control. Now the question arises; can the hay or silage made from those fields this spring and summer be used as feed?

According to university entomologists, the first cutting would normally be more susceptible to residue; therefore, the following suggestions are made.

If the sprays were applied according to recommendations, the forage may be used in a normal diet ration, but if possible the first cutting should be fed to beef cattle or to non-milking dairy cattle. If the first cutting is fed to milking cows, the experts suggest mixing it with other feeds or hay in the ration. The latter cuttings should be safe for any use, the specialists say.

The insect and pesticide specialists are understandably wary about making any flat statements concerning the use of sprayed forages, and usually preface any remarks with "using all available research information".

If there is still a question about illegal residues on any forage sprayed last fall, we would suggest having a hay or silage sample analyzed before feeding it to dairy or beef cattle. A list of laboratories which specialize in such analysis is available from the county agent.

Such a test is not cheap, but it might be worth every penny if it contributed to peace of mind.

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

★ ★ ★ ★ Milk For Athletes

It gives us a great deal of pleasure to report that the athletes at the Olympic Games in Tokyo next October will be assured of a plentiful supply of milk and ice cream.

An olympic milk and ice cream bar will be operated in the recreation hall at the Olympic Village where the more than 6,500 athletes and officials will live. The bar will be co-sponsored by the American Dairy Association, Dairy Society International, and Japan Milk Association, Inc. under an agreement among the three organizations made in Tokyo early this month.

Similar to the dairy bar sponsored by the American Dairy Association during the Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, California, in 1960, the Tokyo counterpart will supply dairy products to official residents of the vil-

Lititz-Manheim Sewing Club Meets

Future events were discussed at the second meeting of the Lititz-Manheim 4-H Sewing club held last week at the home of Mrs. David Buckwalter, Lititz R3.

These include Demonstration Day at Penn Manor High School, July 6, and Field Day at Long Park, July 16.

Barbara Jean Rohrer and Janice Bomberger presented a "show and tell" program on the proper procedure of stay-stitching.

Judy Buckwalter, president, was in charge of the meeting, and Judy Rohrer was secretary.

At a previous meeting the members were given 4-H cards providing a 10 per cent reduction on the price of materials in certain stores.

The next meeting will be held June 16 at the Warwick High School from 9 to 11 a.m.

Sanitation is the number one requirement in a good summer fly control program around farm buildings.

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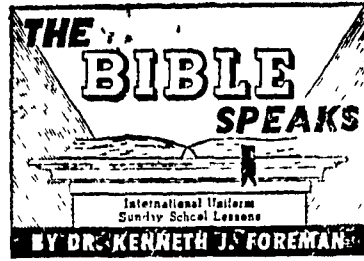
Sales of U. S. Savings bonds in Lancaster County, January through April, totalled \$2,853,865, according to Milton H. Ranck, county Bond chairman. The sales in April came to \$409,637.

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Nationalism Lesson for May 31, 1964

Background Scripture: Isaiah 10:5-11, 20; 31:1; Amos 1 and 2, Acts 17:22-31.
Devotional Reading: Acts 17:22-28.

AS OF October 25, 1962, there were 110 nations in the United Nations Organization. (How many can you name?) Nations are there which did not exist when World War II ended. Nations are there whose very territory was marked on maps UN-



KNOWN or UN-EXPLORED just a few generations ago, when the writer's father was a boy. People all over the world who never gave much thought to Dr. Foreman it before, now want to belong to a nation, able to take its place, perhaps a small place but a real one all the same, among the nations of the world. Great nations that used to take themselves more or less for granted, now are keenly aware of their role in the world of nations.

The good in nationalism

Nationalism is a state of mind. It is no more visible than the "Spirit of Old Siwash" on the college campus; yet as with the college, so with the nation; the kind of spirit it is, the kind of national outlook and inlook that prevails, determines what Siwash College or the nation itself shall be. Like all states of mind, nationalism is not just one thing but a combination of things. At base it is patriotism, the love of one's own country, a wish to work for its welfare; it is pride in the achievements of the pioneers, a sense of the living reality of the history of the nation; it can be a sense of national ideals, an "image" of what one's country wants to be; an awareness of her resources, a sympathy with one's fellow-citizens, a proud and happy sense of belonging.

The bad in nationalism

Like all good things, nationalism can be spoiled. It is like

family feeling in some respect. It is good to be pleased with one's family, even to be proud of it and to uphold its standards, but the very words "family pride" have a bad sound, because in practice it means, too often, nothing but snobbishness, family conceit. Nationalism can degenerate. It can take the form of bragging. American tourists are in many places unpopular. They go to poor countries and keep complaining all the time about the food and the language and the people, they never see anything abroad worth out telling you how much better they do or make things back to good old Siwash, U.S.A. They are like rich people going on a trip through the slums and making loud unfunny remarks about the way the people in the slums live. But when a slum clearance program comes up, these same people don't want any part of it. They are willing to tour around and make fun of the way the poor who are miserable have to live but they aren't on hand to help when something is being done to make the slum more livable. Likewise nationalism can easily become simple conceit, unwillingness to co-operate in progress.

"Man's other religion"

Nationalism has been called "man's other religion". This is the greatest danger in its imaginary danger, as history plainly shows. Nationalism becomes a religion when the citizens think of their nation beyond criticism; when devotion to it becomes fanaticism; when many forms of anti-social behavior are tolerated in society so that it becomes a religion when the criticism of elements in national life that call for criticism. It becomes a religion when its commands are taken to be the highest authority on earth.

The prophets of the Old Testament had a good deal to say about nationalism. They were heeded. It might be truly said that the Hebrew nation persisted of repeated attacks of nationalism. One thing, however, the prophets made perfectly clear: God has no pet nations. Some nations know him, some pretend to honor him, some perhaps really do. But every nation is "under God." What will be his verdict on us?

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Buy Purebred Rams

Sheep producers are reminded of the great value of using purebred rams on the ewe flock this summer and fall. Sheep production is on the increase in this part of the state and we have approximately one million head of sheep in Lancaster County. A good mutton-type ram will increase the value of each lamb; the grower will get more pounds of higher value meat the next spring. Rams of unknown background often produce lambs of undesirable market value. Growers are urged to obtain purebred rams early in the summer.

To Trim Pine Christmas Trees

Growers of any variety of pine trees

for ornamental purposes or for Christmas Tree production should do some trimming and shaping of the trees during June. Usually the pine trees will have completed most of their growth by early June and at this time the trees may be trimmed for the purpose of trimming is to improve the shape and fullness of the tree. Most evergreen trees should be trimmed following their new growth; the spruce trees will not be ready for trimming until August or September.

To Manage Alfalfa Stands

Many fields of alfalfa have been cut early to reduce weevil damage, application of a phosphorus-potash fertilizer (0-20-20 or 0-15-30) within a few days after the first crop is removed will help improve later cuttings. Also, the spraying for leaf hoppers when the new growth is 4 to 6 inches high will help get more quality forage. One of the later cuttings, preferably the third cutting, should be permitted to come into at least 75% bloom

before cutting. This will help rhizome formation for the year's growth.

To Feed Young Heifers

Don't neglect young heifers by turning them to pasture too early. They may need supplemental feed and some grain and salt. Heifers under one year of age should be stunted on grass. The size and production of the future herd depend on good calf raising.