

# From Where We Stand . . .

## Whose Problem Is Air Pollution?

Since air moves freely from place to place all across the country, it automatically becomes everyone's concern. Perhaps Lancaster County adds very little to the total contamination of the air, but so long as we're interested in breathing good "fresh" air here we have to be concerned with the problem everywhere.

Air pollution is not a brand new problem, but the rate at which pollution is accelerating is of major concern. The technology of identifying and measuring specific sources of pollution has been seriously lacking until recently. The formulation of effective regulations and enforcement has been haphazard. Some communities have been vigilant and strict, others have no program at all. So says an interesting new report called "Clean air and water in a complex society" published by DuPont Chemical Company. The report discusses the general problem of pollution and describes what some industries are doing to combat it. It is well worth reading!

But what are we doing about pollution of the air we breathe? According to a Department of Health engineer, James Hambright, Pennsylvania made a comprehensive survey of the area in 1960-61 which outlined the problem locally. On the strength of the survey re-

commendations, Hambright said his department suggested establishment of pollution control and enforcement authorities at the local levels. He said this has not been done.

"We'll never succeed in completely rolling back air pollution — as conditions get worse we'll do well to hold the line at reasonable levels," Hambright said.

And conditions are going to get a lot worse before they get better, according to the way it looks from here! We have such sterling examples before us in Los Angeles, and the New Jersey-New York industrial complex. Granted it may be a long time before our problem reaches such proportions — hopefully, never. But when the experts talk of the not-too-distant day when the area from Boston to Washington will be one giant city — megalopolis, they call it — we better realize that we're going to be just upwind of that mess.

The time to start keeping pollution under control is before it gets to be a serious problem. And that means right now. Let's not make the mistake we have seen made so many times before — neglecting responsibilities at the local level, and then having a bunch of general and often unneeded regulations crammed down our throats from the state and federal levels.

### What Do YOU Think?

## ● Cliff Bollinger

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contest which involved skill in handling a tractor and implements — manure spreader and wagon — and in tractor maintenance. He has been working around tractors since he was about 11 years old, and apparently has acquired a pretty good knowledge of them judging from his success in competition.

By winning the tractor contest, he won the right to represent the area in the state contest which will be held during FFA Week at Penn State University. But he isn't going to do so! He's entering the dairy judging competition instead and will represent Cloister Chapter in that event in the state contest.

Cliff is currently president of the Cloister Chapter and is corresponding secretary of the county Red Rose FFA Chapter. He has served as sentinel of his school chapter and as a delegate to the county FFA group. He is president of his chapter's Parliamentary team which placed third in recent county competition.

This junior class member of Ephrata High School is not only capable in FFA leadership activities, he has also been on the high school honor roll since the 10th grade.

His supervised farm projects include dairy — a cow and two heifers, all regis-

## ● Jay Greider

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tered Holsteins, two beef steers, 11 Hampshire sheep — including a ram and several ewes, and lambs which he grows for market and for replacements, four market hogs, bought as 8-week old feeders, three acres of corn, one acre of tobacco which was planted 2-3 weeks ago and will be transplanted about mid-June. In preparation for dairy judging at the state contest

since 1959. He attributed this to the addition of larger laying-flock patrons, to marketing success with the Exchange's exclusive chicken roll, and to a general increase in efficiency of the cooperative's management. With the addition of Greider to the board of directors, it is now up to its normal complement of nine men. Other directors are: Harry P. Metz (president); Mark S. Hess (vice president); H. Raymond Stoner (secretary); Melvin R. Stoltzfus (treasurer); Lester Gehman, John Melhorn, Lester Hershey, and Joseph Kreider.

in June, Cliff will participate in the county workshop which will be held in the Ephrata area about June 9th under the tutelage of Lewis Ayers, Ephrata vocational agriculture instructor. Boys from all the county schools will get a chance to judge four classes of dairy and review the reasoning behind the placings before they meet the touch competition in the main event at Penn State.



THIS BEEFY HEREFORD IS IN GOOD COMPANY with his owner Cliff Bollinger at the halter, and vo-ag teacher Charles Ackley of Ephrata High School looking on. This 1000-pound steer is one-half of Cliff's beef project; the other is a steer calf that he will use in the show ring later this year. L. F. Photo

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## ON BALANCE, GOOD

Lesson for May 16, 1965

Background Scripture: I Samuel 16: 1-13  
Devootional Reading: I Samuel 16: 7, 11-13

NO MAN on earth is absolutely good, so good he can't be better. No man on earth is absolutely bad, so bad he can't be worse. In pre-election campaign speeches, to be sure, you might get the impression that one candidate has all the virtues, the other all the vices. Which one depends which one you are listening to at the moment! It is so with men now, no doubt it was always so. It was certainly true of David, second King of Israel. Many good things could be truthfully said about him and many bad things too. Going rather beyond the "Background Scripture" for the day, as the reader is always welcome to do, consider the remarkable recommendation David had (unasked) from an anonymous young friend of his, some time before the fight with Goliath. I Samuel 16:18.) It is the kind of recommendation any young man would be glad to have.



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### The good in the man

First of all, he is identified as a son of Jesse of Bethlehem, only a few miles away. This is not a long-distance recommendation, it is testimony about a neighbor. Further it was true of David, no doubt, as it usually is, that much of the credit for his good traits is owed to his ancestry. If Jesse had been a shiftless character, his name would hardly have been mentioned as it was. David is also a man of valor, a brave man. We don't need to be told this, because we remember Goliath, the lion and the bear; but the young friend of David had not heard about all this because it hadn't happened yet. But the man was sure that David was brave enough for all emergencies, and so it turned out. Fur-

ther, David is said to be a well-trained soldier at a time when soldiers were needed; and not a silent strong man either, but "prudent in speech," knowing when to talk and when to keep still (the young are not always thus!); and good looking besides. Two other facts: he is "skillful in playing the lyre;" music was his hobby, and evidently he worked at it, otherwise it wouldn't have been said that he was skillful. David was not the last man in history to get started on a career through the gateway of a hobby. Best of all was the last: "The Lord is with him." That speaks volumes . . . but how did the young man know this?

### Evil in the man

Not so often mentioned in Sunday school are some facts on the other side of the scales. That these facts were remembered and set down in the historical documents of the Hebrew people speaks well of their frankness and honesty. It is a fact that David had a number of wives and concubines. By the time he became king he was already the husband of six wives, and how many concubines (wives from a lower social level) he had, the story does not say. Probably no official figures were ever issued. He was a "man of blood," to use his own phrase. He became head of a gang of raiders who would fall upon defenseless villages and slaughter every living human being.

### On balance

And yet David's evil and good have to be weighed against each other. We have to judge him as we should judge all men, on balance. Now only God can finally say what the balance is. And we do have the testimony that he was a man after God's own heart. This does not mean that God pretends that wicked deeds are not wicked. It does not mean that some people are God's pets and have any kind of special license to sin. But it means, at least, that God judges a man by the general aim of his life, by his underlying and foundation-traits. A lifeboat in a high sea may point this way and that as the storm goes on; but if the man at the helm keeps the boat headed into the wind, he is steering well. So David — on balance — steered by the star of the grace of the holy God.

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## Now Is The Time . . .

### To Stop Using Heptachlor and Dieldrin

These two materials are not to be used on any crop for any reason in which food or feed is being produced at this time of the year when corn and tomatoes are being planted the subject of cutworm and wireworm control is presented, even though both heptachlor and dieldrin may have been used in the past, and the label permits their use on soil insects, we strongly recommend that local farmers refrain from using either of them this year. Chlordane is a good substitute.



MAX SMITH

### To Reduce The Fly Problem

Warm, humid weather means that many insects including house and barn flies will be hatching and causing their usual problems. Around the farm we suggest that a fly control program start with a thorough clean-up. If fly breeding places are eliminated, the population will be less. Manure piles, box-stalls, and any place with filth and moisture should be eliminated in order to prevent more fly reproduction. Spray materials may be used to supplement a good sanitation program.

### To Regard Stage of Maturity

Many forage crops will be cut for hay and silage in the coming weeks. For top quality forage the correct stage of maturity when cut is very important. Many crops are permitted to get too mature and too ripe before being harvested. Alfalfa is best in the bud to early blossom stage, red clover in the early blossom, all grasses in the heading stage, and small grains either at flowering time or in the dough stage. Feed value is the highest at these times of maturity.

### To Use Caution With Weed Sprays

This is an old thought but still gets many spray operators into trouble. From now until the end of the growing season it is risky to use any form of 2,4-D weed spray except the amine form; any of the ester forms will give off vapors that may drift to another property and do considerable damage. We urge caution in using these materials and in protecting the rights and property of others.