

# From Where We Stand . . .

## The First Major Milestone

Ten years ago this month, a dream became a reality. Following months of discussion, hatching ideas, discarding some and polishing others, talking with farmers, with advertisers and agricultural specialists, and other seemingly endless preparations — Lancaster Farming was born.

It was not an effortless birth, and the proud parents that had conceived the idea of giving Lancaster County its first real farm newspaper in this century tended the new infant with determined vigilance.

Lancaster Farming was pledged to serve the interests of farmers in Lancaster County with emphasis on meetings, markets, crops, legislation, rural youth activities, and anything else of interest and importance to farmers. We sincerely believe that pledge has been kept. Your continuing warm reception of Lancaster Farming in your homes over the years reassures us that we are living up to your expectations.

The first few issues of your farm paper were mailed out to 28,000 rural boxholders in the county with an offer of special consideration to charter subscribers. The subscriptions poured in so fast and furiously the staff was snowed-under for several weeks in processing them. Thousands of countians became charter subscribers, and most of these are still faithful readers of Lancaster Farming. We'd like to take this occasion to thank you — each and every one — and to renew our pledge of service to you for the next ten years — or for as long as you will permit us to enter your homes each week. We are very proud of that privilege, and will strive to remain worthy of your trust.

### Here's What They Wrote

That Lancaster Farming was an immediate hit is evident from the letters that poured in from all parts of the county. Here's a few examples:

**HOLTWOOD** — "Lancaster Farming cannot help but be successful. It has been long overdue. Best Wishes." **NARVON** — "I have just received by second copy of your paper. Congratulations on a fine paper. Wish you success. It is the kind of paper we need in Lancas-

ter County. I am a Lancaster County farmer and Granger."

**STRASBURG** — Please put my name on your list of charter subscribers. I looked through the first issue and it looks very good. I was pleased to see no liquor or tobacco ads, as I hate to have them laying around my home. I certainly wish you success."

**COCHRANVILLE** — "You are giving our part of the country a new light on its operations that the next-door neighbor didn't even know about. I feel that it is a long overdue service to the people of this part of the country. Keep up the good work. It is sure to be a success."

**LITITZ** — "Please find money enclosed for my charter subscription to Lancaster Farming. I sure do enjoy reading the paper from cover to cover. It's honest-to-goodness, clean, worthwhile reading; no foolish, nonsensical trash like many publications are these days. Wish you success." **SALUNGA** — "We enjoy your friendly paper coming into our home." **MOUNT JOY** — "Enclosed is check for one year's subscription to Lancaster Farming. Enjoy reading up-to-the-minute news on farming."

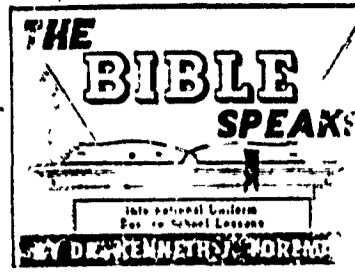
And the welcome praises went on and on. Your enthusiastic reception right from the start, and your support along the way, has enabled Lancaster Farming to become a Lancaster County tradition.

### Lancaster Farming Features

Features of Lancaster Farming that originated with those first few issues and are still to be found in your farm paper because you indicated you wanted them are: Dr. Foreman's column, "The Bible Speaks"; Women's pages — including recipes and household hints; Farm Calendar; the latest market reports; picture and news coverage of local farm activities and personalities.

Since this is your paper, we rely heavily on you to tell us what you want to read. If you don't see what you're looking for in Lancaster Farming, it is only because you haven't asked for it. Ask and you shall receive.

Thanks again for helping us to serve you!



God and ...  
Lesson for November 23, 1965

Background Scripture: Amos 1: 11-12  
Devotional Reading: Lough 4. 1

IT TAKES all kinds of Christians to make a church. It takes all kinds of servants to carry out the work of God. The four greatest prophets of the 8th century before Christ were very different men. One of them



Dr. Foreman never far away from a heartache. A third, I can't say, was a small-town numskull and punster. The fourth, named Amos, was right from the bottom of the pile, a very poor man, a migrant farm-hand, a sharecropper we might call him. Dr. Amos was not a profession prophet. As far as we know he did not join any prophetic society; he had no friends among other prophets. He was a "loner," with only God for an intimate friend.

### God's plain man

Amos could well be called God's plain man. He had no advantages of what we call "background." His college was the "university of hard knocks." Such a man often knows more about what's really going on in the world than those who have more sheltered lives. If you have gone to Samaria — Israel's capital city, where Amos delivered his fiery messages — and asked almost anybody what conditions were like in Israel, you would have got a glowing report. The country was at the peak of prosperity, all was at peace, everybody was making good money, people in plenty could afford two houses, one for winter and one for summer, imported silks, coats with ivory, everything was common, homes were decorated to continue prosperity for a long time to come. Into

this complacent optimism Amos threw his bombshells. As he saw it — or as God had shown him through his personal experience — things were not well with the country. The fact was, the citizens of the country had made comfort and money and luxury into gods. Amos (coming as he did from the submerged classes) knew what it was to be poor, underpaid, ignored, robbed by the wealthy land-owners. The prosperity of the country had been gained at the expense of underpaying the workers.

### Justice is people

Justice does not go around by itself, fighting with injustice also going around by itself. Justice and injustice are in the hearts and lives of men. We often speak of unjust conditions and unjust laws; but back of every law and condition, good or bad, are the people who make it so. Justice means more than anything else equality — not equality of ability and character, for hardly any two persons are equal in this way. But justice means equality of opportunity. It means (as far as it is within power) that no human being shall find the road to his highest achievement artificially blocked off by conditions which can be changed.

### Justice is religious

Is America a country where justice reigns? Yes and no. Everybody (especially politicians) is in favor of justice; but history shows that there have been whole classes of persons who have not had a square deal. Amos would be on their side, Indians first, then Negroes, Orientals, immigrants, children, the mentally ill, sharecroppers, people who cannot find jobs, — these have always found the underside of life in America rough indeed. Lately the church has begun to sit up and take notice. So long as religion has to do with the way we deal with our fellowmen, all problems of man are the Christian's problems. Religion is many things, but not least of them is Justice.

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## Go To Church Sunday

## Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent  
To Protect Evergreens

Winter weather is often very hard on evergreens resulting in the winter kill of some shrubs. During the fall and early winter before the ground freezes it is advisable to soak the ground thoroughly around the roots of the plants; this will prevent drying out and killing. Also, in exposed areas to the north and to the west it is best to put up some kind of a windbreak made out of wood or burlap; this will break the strong forces of prevailing winds.

### TO TEST ROUGHAGE

Dairymen are urged to give some attention to the testing of their hay and silage. Through the Penn State Forage Testing Service, at a cost of \$5.00 per sample, the nutritional value of both hay and silage may be learned. With this information the grain ration can be developed to meet the needs of the dairy herd. Dairymen can get a feed recommendation without additional charges when both hay and silage are tested.

### To Get Agronomy Guide

The 1966 Agronomy Guide is just off the press and ready for distribution, this Extension publication covers all major crops in Pennsylvania and is a very useful handbook for all Lancaster County farmers.

### To Protect Dairy Udders

The milking udder is very sensitive to injury and cold, dairymen are urged to prevent their milking herd from lying down on cold ground during the fall and winter

months. All obstacles should be removed from the barnyard or exercise lot that may cause injury. In the barn proper ventilation is needed to prevent drafts on the udder. When lying down on concrete floors every effort should be made to maintain some bedding between the udder and the concrete. Injury or chilling of the delicate udder tissues may bring on serious udder inflammation.



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## Herr Holstein Repeats 1/2-Ton Butterfat Level

Another official production record exceeding a half ton of butterfat has been completed by Maple Lawn Roburke Rosette, a registered Holstein cow owned by John J. Herr, Mount Joy. This is the second time that Maple Lawn Roburke Rosette has achieved the 1,000 lb butterfat production level in a single year.

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## Letters To The Editor

Editor,  
Lancaster Farming:

The other day I was looking at a framed copy of the front page of Lancaster Farming that hangs on a wall in my home. It is Volume 1, Number 1. The date reminded me that it will soon be 10 years since that first issue.

As the one who conceived Lancaster Farming and who helped nurse it through that first precarious year, I can't help but feel a twinge of satisfaction that LF not only survived, but since then has prospered.

Congratulations to all on completing Lancaster Farming's first decade, and my best wishes for many more years of service to agriculture.

## Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average above the normal range of 46 to 29 degrees. It will be mild at the beginning of the period, change to colder Monday, and continue cold for remainder.

Precipitation may total 1 1/2 inch, occurring as rain on Saturday and possibly scattered showers later.

in Lancaster County and Pennsylvania.

Cordially,  
Wallace Abel

(Note: Wallace Abel was business manager for Lancaster Farming in those early days.)

Editor,  
Lancaster Farming

My congratulations as Lancaster Farming approaches its 10th birthday. More than 500 issues, more than 8,000 pages — a mountain of paper and lake of ink — have kept up the philosophies established November 1955.

Since leaving Lancaster Farming, I've roamed the communications field well, covering agriculture from all approaches — feed and pharmaceuticals, farm equipment and chemicals, public relations and advertising. I still love Lancaster County.

May your next ten years be as successful as the first decade.

Best regards.

Ernest J. Neill  
(Note: Ernest Neill was the first editor of Lancaster Farming.)

Ready-to-cook demand improved slightly, ranging slow to fairly good in instances. Delivered prices continue very competitive.