

From Where We Stand...

Poultrymen Favor "Freedom" 9 To 1

A recent poll of poultrymen by the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO) showed they would oppose a nationwide marketing order for table eggs at a ratio of nearly 9 to 1.

Eighty-five percent of the northeastern poultrymen responding to the NEPPCO poll indicated they did not favor marketing orders and production controls. In effect, they said, "Please, Uncle Sam, we'd rather do it ourselves." A truly radical sentiment in this day of governmental dependency.

It was interesting to see that size of operation had little effect on the negative sentiment. Producers with between 25,000 and 50,000 layers were the least opposed to controls with 76 percent voting NO. All other groups — from under 3000 hens to over 100,000 — rejected the control idea at a rate ranging from 83 to 89 percent.

One confusing note is disclosed by the poll results. From the questionnaires directed to the state poultry associations in each of the 14 states served by NEPPCO, Connecticut and New Jersey only indicated they would favor such enabling legislation. New Jersey's response was probably predictable because of its unique situation. According to Richard I. Ammon, NEPPCO executive director, its per acre real estate tax of \$12.50 is not only the highest in the nation, but is eight times the national farm real estate average. In addition, it ranks 44th among the 49 continental states in rate of egg production per layer. Ammon said the combination of these two items makes for some pretty unrealistic production costs. Even so, 61 percent of New Jersey poultrymen responding to the NEPPCO poll indicated they would not favor such controls.

But the shocker was the favorable response by the Connecticut State Poultry Assn. When one recalls the spirit of "Yankee" independence which historically made Connecticut, and New England, famous throughout the world, the two viewpoints are hard to reconcile. However, the Connecticut poultrymen responding individually to the poll vindicate our judgment of Yankee independence, they voted 87 percent against such controls. This would seem to indicate that their state association is actually representing the best interests of very few poultrymen in Connecticut.

In contrast, we were glad to see that 89 percent of Pennsylvania's poultrymen responding were in agreement with their state association in rejecting the idea of marketing orders and production controls for table eggs.

We agree wholeheartedly with NEPPCO's stand in opposing legislation which would permit such controls. Like NEPPCO, and the vast majority of poultrymen in the northeast, we subscribe to the basic principles of free enterprise and the free market system wherein "property is privately owned, privately managed, and operated for profit and individual satisfaction."

The egg industry, working within the framework of supply and demand, will solve its own problems. No national marketing order or production control legislation is warranted to try to raise the inefficient producers in one state to an acceptable national income level.

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Future Farmers Of America Week

Lancaster County can be proud of its Future Farmers, not just during this nationally celebrated week — February 19-26 — but the year around.

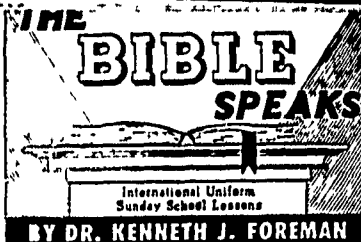
FFA boys from the county consistently lead the state with their achievements, as illustrated in a news story in your farm paper last week, stating that Lancaster County furnished 13 percent of the state's Keystone Farmers in 1965 — almost three times as many as the next highest county.

Also at the state level, their leadership and outstanding ability is generally reflected in the number of elected offices they traditionally hold.

Vocational agriculture is taught in nine of our county high schools, and the high caliber of the men who teach these boys certainly deserves recognition in its own right. Through the vocational agriculture program the boys are provided with the basic knowledge and training they will need to enter farming, the broad agribusiness field, or to further their education.

The Future Farmer's organization supplements the regular school instruction by providing opportunities for leadership development. Its goal is to help train young men for a wide horizon of agricultural occupations. And this is a needed and valuable goal.

So Future Farmers of America, and especially of Lancaster County, we salute you!



Against God

Lesson for February 20, 1966

Background Scripture: Genesis 3:1-13; 7:24; Romans 1:18 through 2:11; Mark 7:14-23; 1 John 1:5-10; Devotional Reading: Psalm 51:1-12.

ANYBODY WHO read this col-umn last week must have felt said. The sins Jesus names are there was something wrong about (we would say) partly visible and it. The writer painted a picture outward, partly invisible. Envy with rose colored paint. He made and evil thoughts, for instance, it out that in the Bible man is are "inner", while theft and de-located next to God, the one ceit would be called "outer"; but creature on earth Jesus says they are all "from that is like God, within". A sin is just as real, "in his image", just as personal, just as bad. All this fine talk whether in human eyes it can when anybody be seen or not. Sin—in other who knows any-words — is not just what we do, thing at all knows it is the way we are. The cure that men are of, for it must be something deeper ten much, more than cutting off a bad habit here like devils than and there. The cure must be a change in our very selves, our writer gone clear off his rocker, spirit first of all.



Dr. Foreman like God. Has the or is the Bible dismally, ridicu-ly wrong about man and man-kind? Not at all. Man is by God's intention and purpose made in the image of God; this is man as God wants him to be. But no book is plainer than the Bible in showing that many a man is an abysmally long way from what God's dream for him is. The race of man has been infected with a disfiguring and disabling dis-ease. The name of this disease is — SIN. Each person individ-u-ally, and the race of man as a whole, is raddled with it.

A race of liars

But sin is more than a mis-fortune, an accident, or a disease. Sin is something for which man is responsible. However much we may blame others or even blame God (as the first man did, in the Genesis story) the fact is, you are responsible, I am responsible. Each of us and all of us. For sin is an active, not a passive thing. It is as active as an armed rebellion; it is an armed rebellion — against God. Most sins are against people, but every sin is against God. Sin is utterly bad be-cause at the root of it is a colossal pride, a lie that reaches to the

his love, his wisdom, his truth, his will. Sin is the final folly. Sin is saying to God, "Get down off that throne and let me take your place. I know how to manage my life better than You do. I do not need Your help, I do not need You." Sin is so mingled with falsehood that in the Bible the Devil is called the father of lies.

From within

We can speak of sins in general, but we should not forget that no one ever commits sin-in-general. Sins are always particular, concrete. Jesus of course knew this. He once gave a rapid list of sins, (Mark 7) and then said a re-markable thing about them all. They all come from within, he umn last week must have felt said. The sins Jesus names are there was something wrong about (we would say) partly visible and it. The writer painted a picture outward, partly invisible. Envy with rose colored paint. He made and evil thoughts, for instance, it out that in the Bible man is are "inner", while theft and de-located next to God, the one ceit would be called "outer"; but creature on earth Jesus says they are all "from that is like God, within". A sin is just as real, "in his image", just as personal, just as bad. All this fine talk whether in human eyes it can when anybody be seen or not. Sin—in other who knows any-words — is not just what we do, thing at all knows it is the way we are. The cure that men are of, for it must be something deeper ten much, more than cutting off a bad habit here like devils than and there. The cure must be a change in our very selves, our writer gone clear off his rocker, spirit first of all.

But if not . . . ?

This is what "Conversion" means, isn't it? Conversion means a turning around, a turning of the entire self; from hating and despising and neglecting and slandering God, to loving and glorifying, and obeying and wit-nessing to God in every possible way. Only God really can turn us around. Only he can convince us we need to change, only he can reach those inner rooms of life from which emerge all our particular acts of thoughts of pride and disobedience, and to work the impossible miracle of bringing us to the point of accept-ing his love and not demanding it, — of saying Thy will, not mine, be done. But suppose we say a final No to God? Suppose our hearts are so icy that not even God's love will thaw them? Then — well, what is the prospect for any man in permanent rebellion against the Lord of all?

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Letters To The Editor

Individuals Not Bound By Union Dictates, Reader Says

Editor,
Lancaster Farming

You are to be commended for your contradiction of the statement of James Patton urging the granting of dictating powers to labor unions.

He should be informed that individuals may participate or not, with cooperatives. Unions not only demand regu-

lar dues, but rob the member of his liberty by dictating that he subscribe to and abide by rules of the union, even to the ignoring of the laws of our nation.

Please continue to publish the truth in these matters.

Yours respectfully,
Ernest W. Eshleman
Gordonville R1

● Farm Calendar

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— 7:30 p.m., Community Watershed Pollution Prevention meeting at Martindale Fire Hall.

February 24 — 7 p.m., Lancaster Farmers Union annual dinner meeting at Redman's Hall, Oxford

— 7 p.m., Garden Spot Young Farmers Awards Banquet at Garden Spot High School Cafeteria

— 7 p.m., Chester County Agr. & Home Econ. Ext. Service annual dinner meeting at Upper Octorara Presb. Church.

— 7:30 p.m., Ephrata Adult Farmer Class, "Weed and Insect Control Developments"

February 25 — 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Lancaster County Crops & Soils Day at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster

Eggs Hit The Road In Workshop Trial Run

Eggs "hit the road" early in February as representatives of the industry in Indiana and Ohio, in cooperation with the Poultry and Egg National Board, held egg workshops for editors and other food communicators in selected Ohio cities. The workshops formed a trial run for what is hoped to be a series of similar workshops in some 20 other states.

In each of the cities in the trial run, the food communicators heard the latest about eggs, egg care, handling, preparation and serving. Questions submitted by the guests were answered, and information was distributed.

Local industry representatives told the guests about the extensive care taken in preserving the high quality of eggs during the production distribution and until the eggs are picked up by the consumers.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence — A Lincoln

You cannot establish security on borrowed money — A Lincoln

Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

To Feed Hogs With Cattle

Pork and manure are two of the hidden profits in the beef cattle feeding industry. When cattle are fed ear corn, shelled corn, or corn silage it is advisable that hogs be run with them to utilize the undigested feed in the droppings. Shoats from 50 to 150 pounds each are the desirable size. One pig for every 2 or 3 yearlings, and a pig for every 3 or 4 calves is recommended. About 1/2-pound per day of hog supplement should be supplied for each pig. For more rapid finishing extra grain from a self feeder may be provided for the hogs.

To Prevent Damping-Off

This is the time of the year when many greenhouse operators and growers of plants have trouble with a fungus disease known as "damping off." As the plant seedlings come up, they suddenly drop over and die. Damp conditions encourage this problem. The trouble is most common in untreated soil. Steaming of the soil or the use of chemicals can prevent this trouble. Ferbam captan, or terracel may be used as a soil drench.

To Avoid Sowing Weeds

In the next several weeks many acres of alfalfa and red clover will be seeded by the broadcast method in winter grain. All growers are urged to be certain they are not sowing weed seeds along



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with the legume; this is often done when using un-tested and non-Certified seed. Certified seed is always safer from additional weed infestation and good germination. If local seed is to be used, insist on meeting the law requirements of a germination test and weed seed count from the Bureau of Seed Certification at Harrisburg.

PROTECT COWS

When winter winds blow, watch those open doors, broken windows and large cracks in the dairy barn, warns Joe Taylor, extension dairy specialist. Drafts chill the udders of high-producing cows, and mastitis can result, says Taylor.

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