

From Where We Stand . . .

Late But Welcome

Hey, how about that rain! It may have been too late, but it sure tried not to be too little.

It was too late for many tobacco crops and for most of the northern Lancaster County corn crop, but pastures and hay fields should get a good boost. Also anyone who had his small grain in the ground before the storm should get some quick results.

Rainfall amounts reported around the county varied widely — Lititz Boro reported 2.85 inches; county agent M. M. Smith recorded 3.9 inches at his home in Lancaster. The Harrisburg-York area boasted over four inches. And some quarters labeled it the heaviest one-day downpour in more than a decade.

No, it may have been late, but it sure was welcome!

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What Others Are Saying

During the national airline strike, U.S. Senator Frank J. Lausche (D.-Ohio) said: "I think the time is at hand when courage must be exercised by public officials. We cannot continue to

tolerate sovereign power being exercised by labor unions in defiance of the rights of 190 million Americans. More than the isolated airline strike is involved. Involved is the message that goes out to the people of the nation as to whether government is supreme or whether labor leaders are supreme."

(NOTE: While we heartily agree with the Senator on the need to curb rampant labor union power, we hope the only choice for the American people does not truly lie between the two supremacies — government and labor. One tyranny is as bad as another, benevolent or not.)

"For some time now the food-population problem has been discussed as though it were a problem of the future. It is not a problem of the future. It is here now . . .," says Secretary of Agriculture, Orville L. Freeman.

(NOTE: We also agree with this statement, but we only wish the Secretary had realized that fact earlier when politicians were speaking so glibly of feeding the world while Administration forces were busy reducing the American farmers' ability to do so.)

Junior Dairy

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by Glengarry Lloyd Royal, her dam is Unicorn Isabelle Esbenschade, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Esbenschade, also won awards in fitting and showmanship classes. He has been active in 4-H work for the past ten years. Esbenschade's calf also won the junior and reserve grand champion titles at the recent 4-H district show.

In last year's junior show, county youths dominated the Holstein classes, but were shut out in other breed competition. Three Closter FFA Chapter members — David Zimmerman, Clifford and Daryl Bollinger — won every Holstein title but grand champion and senior champion.

County placings by breeds

Ayrshire: (4-H), Senior calf, junior champion, James Esbenschade, (FFA), none

Guernsey: (4-H), Intermediate calf, Allan Crider, 3, senior yearling, Mark Z. Watmer, 7, two-year-old cow, J. Nelson Landis, 4; Marvin E. Landis, 8, (FFA), none.

Holstein: (4-H), Junior calf, Marilyn Krantz, 15; intermediate calf, Marilyn Harbold, 4; Cindy Hess, 7; senior calf, Benjamin H. Kettinger, 13; senior yearling, Carol Jean Kettinger, 19; two-year-old cow, Edwin E. Hess, 2 (FFA); Intermediate calf, Lester S. Gerhart, 7; senior calf, Earl Stauffer, 3; Daryl Bollinger, 5, junior yearling, Stauffer, 3; Randall Kline, 11; senior yearling, Linford L. Weaver, 6; three-year-old and over, David

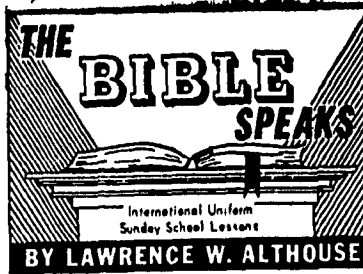


Temperatures for the five-day period Monday through Wednesday are expected to average below the normal range of 55 to 77 degrees. Little day-to-day change is expected, but the weatherman looks for milder temperatures toward the end of the period.

Some general precipitation is indicated for Monday along the coastal areas. This will total 1/4-1/2 inch and may reach inland to Lancaster County.

D. Zimmerman, 3.

Jersey: (4-H), Intermediate calf, Larry Aaron, 6; Shirley Aaron, 7; two-year-old, Stephen Arrowsmith, 4, (FFA), none.



A Substitute For God

Lesson For September 18, 1966

Background Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:16-21; Proverbs 23:31-33; Hosea 4:11-13; 7:5, 7; Luke 21:34-36; Ephesians 5:15-18.

Devotional Reading: Hosea 4:13, 6a, 11.

In his book, *Dare To Live Now!*, Bruce Larson tells of an incident that happened one evening as a men's prayer group was meeting in a New York office. A man came in whom no one knew. Each man in the group assumed that the stranger had been invited by someone else in the circle. So they told him to pull up a chair and join the circle of men who were meeting for prayer and fellowship.

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Several of the men talked about their present troubles and struggles toward becoming whole people and effective Christians. The stranger sat and listened in silence. Finally, the leader of the group turned to the stranger and asked him to introduce himself. The group was not prepared for what they heard him say.

"My name is Paul," he said, "and I am a dope addict." While they digested that revelation he went on: "I came here to rob this office to get a fix, but I think I have found something better." Because he had heard a small group of men being honest with each other about their Christian faith, Paul stayed to pray to God and ask him to help him with his problem.

Where God Should Be

This story points to a fact that we often miss: Alcohol and narcotics may be used as substitutes for God. Narcotics occupied a place in Paul's life that should be reserved for God alone. The same is often true of alcohol. It often becomes the means whereby people try to cope with their problems and the awesome realities of life.

Alcohol is often used by people as a stimulant, as a means of gaining inspiration. This, as the writer of Ephesians makes clear, is something for God's spirit alone. "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18 RSV)

Alcohol or narcotics may become a person's god and provide him with a way of life — or more precisely, of death. The Japanese have a proverb:

First the man . . . takes the drink.

Next the drink . . . takes the man!

Then the drink . . . takes the man!

In short, it becomes a substitute for God, occupying the place in our lives that ought to be reserved for God alone.

Beyond Drunkenness

The moral issue of drink does not end with drunkenness alone. Drunkenness is harmful by itself, but it is even more significant when we consider how drunkenness may contribute to other moral failures. Drink may lead us to dishonor our father and mother, or it may be the cause of the loss of such honor before our own children. It may cause us to take the life of another human being, accidentally or willfully. It may tear down our defenses against adultery or cause us to cheat, lie or steal. It may provide the one necessary ingredient to turn covetous thoughts into covetous actions. If a man takes the Lord's name in vain, it is often drink that loosens his tongue.

When drink becomes a substitute for God, we violate the commandment, "You shall have no other gods before me," and we stand in danger of violating all the rest as well. Alcoholism and Christianity are competing religions. Both are a total way of life. The real answer to alcoholism, then, is not a matter of hiding the bottle, but in finding and experiencing the power of God.

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JAMES R. ESBENSCHADE, Quarryville R2, holds his senior calf, Unicorn Royal Queen Isabelle, that won junior champion Ayrshire 4-H honors at the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show on Monday. At right is Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Carol Ann Stephens.

For Full Market Reports Read LANCASTER FARMING

Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

To Test Forage

The winter feeding season is approaching. It is considered good herd or flock management to know the feeding value of both the forage and the concentrates. In many cases the value of the forage may be sufficient to permit lower cost of the grain feeds. We recommend that both dairymen and other livestock producers invest the five dollars per sample charge to know exactly what is needed.

To Use Good Boars

The swine industry has made progress in recent years by producing a more meat-type market hog. In addition to this market requirement, it is important to obtain cheap



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rate of gain, good feed conversion, and top carcass quality. Fortunately, these traits can be selected for and a good boar can transmit these characteristics to his offspring. A herd-improving boar is seldom too expensive.

To Fertilize Pastures

With improved moisture conditions nearly all types of pastures will respond rapidly in the next several weeks. If sufficient plant food is available, the grazing area has not been fertilized this summer, we'd suggest an application at once. A complete fertilizer for grass-legume pastures, and only nitrogen for straight grasses.

To Add Ground Limestone To Corn Silage

Cattle feeders have been exposed to this suggestion for several years and it continues to give good results. The application of 20 pounds of feed-grade high calcium limestone per ton of corn silage has resulted in increased gains and reduced feed per pound of gain. Limestone-treated silage will be less acid, more palatable, and result in increased feed intake.

Tobacco

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51.3 million pounds, and 19 percent below the five-year average. It will be the smallest crop since 1957.

Late planted tobacco in the county is in much poorer shape than most of the older plants, the service reported, adding that the season had been pushed back several weeks later by the dry weather.

SEEDLEAF STOCKS DOWN 5 PERCENT

The crop reporting service noted also that unused Pennsylvania Seedleaf tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers on July 1 amounted to 136.6 million pounds. This is about 5 percent less than the 143.4 million pounds in warehouses on July 1, 1965, and 11 percent less than was on hand July 1, 1964.

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