

From Where We Stand . . .

The Best \$2 Buy In Town

Your membership in the Lancaster County Poultry Association could be the best buy you will ever make at \$2, and yet only about eight percent of the county's 713 commercial poultrymen have so far had the foresight to take advantage of it.

Income from poultry in the county ranks second only to dairy, and our county ranks at, or very near, the top in the nation for poultry income.

The days when a poultry association served primarily as a focal point for social activities are gone, although that is still one important function. But now, with fewer and larger poultry operations, a local association is a necessity for economic reasons. First of all, your local organization has a direct pipeline to its state affiliate, and the state to the regional, and the several regional associations working together can literally move mountains when it comes to getting favorable legislation passed, or unfavorable legislation tabled.

But the key to success for state and regional poultry associations is held by you, at the local level. If individual county associations are strong, then, collectively, they will be even stronger. If the county associations are weak, and lack popular support, then the state and regional organizations are all built on sand, and destined only for eventual erosion. This would certainly be the poultrymen's loss.

At the recent banquet meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, Walter Wheelock, vice president of the state affiliate, reported that membership at the state level had dropped from 8000 in 1937 to 566 this year. According to the latest census figures, there are 4654 commercial poultry farms in Pennsylvania. A little arithmetic shows that only 12 percent of Pennsylvania poultrymen actively support their state commodity association.

This is not only disgraceful it is downright dangerous. It means that 12 percent of the poultrymen, or probably somewhat less, are making decisions that concern the possible livelihood, present and future, for the 88 percent who are not members!

An example of how this can affect you directly was reflected in a poll conducted last year by the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO). NEPPCO asked individual poultrymen and state poultry associations in the 14 northeastern states for their opinions on a nationwide marketing order for table eggs. Eighty-five percent of the poultrymen said they opposed such controls. Two of the state associations, New Jersey and Connecticut, however, favored such control legislation. Did those two associations reflect the wishes of their state's poultrymen? They did not. Individual poultrymen in Connecticut voted 87 percent against controls, while 61 percent of New Jersey poultrymen did likewise.

That was just a poll, not the real thing. But it surely illustrates the importance of a state association —

whether it's poultry, dairy, swine, or any other farm commodity group — being able to accurately express the wishes of its individual members. But, of course, there's the problem. If there aren't sufficient members supporting the state organization how can it truly reflect popular opinion?

Coming back to the county level, the picture gets even muddier. Membership chairman Jack Huber reported at the annual meeting that only some 60 county members paid their dues for the coming year (this is traditionally done at the annual banquet). Total membership last year was 94. That certainly does not indicate very widespread support for the county's poultry association. And yet approximately 300 persons attend the annual banquet each year.

Why is it so hard for Lancaster County's progressive poultrymen to recognize the need to band together with others of similar economic interests? Businessmen in other industries have deemed this a necessity for years, and have been well rewarded for their efforts.

Assuming that 50 percent of the industry would be a reasonable membership to expect in a commodity organization, Lancaster County Poultry Association should have a minimum of 350 members.

If the poultry business is an important part of your operation why not invest \$2 in the future of your industry today? Join the Lancaster County Poultry Association now. Support it, and it will support you. Where else can you get a better buy than this for \$2 — or at any price?

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Deer Outlook, Dandy!

According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, this year promises to be one of the best of all time for deer hunters. Conditions this year should produce a deer harvest as good as last year's record kill of 64,129.

Of Pennsylvania's estimated 650,000 deer population, the Commission says there may be 90,000 antlered bucks available for hunters when the season opens Monday.

Deer are less concentrated in certain areas of the state this year, it is claimed, making hunters' chances as good in one place as another.

The Commission reminds hunters that only one deer is the legal limit in the state, and that the daily hunting hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. To be a legal target during the antlered season, a deer must have a rack with two or more points to one antler, or have one antler at least three or more inches long. The two-week season will end on December 10, but a statewide antlerless deer season will be open December 12 and 13.

Just a thought — if you don't get this week's Lancaster Farming read before you take to the hills, why not pack it in with your hunting gear and take it along? You'll find it reads just as well in the woods as on the farm.

Good Hunting!

Guernsey Assn.

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elect association officers for 1967

Raymond and Louise Witmer, Willow Street R1, were

presented with a trophy in year-old recognition of the top production record made by their dairy herd in the past year. The Witmers had a herd average of 12,058 pounds of milk and 605 pounds of butter fat.

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Lifetime production awards were presented to Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4, for high-producing cow — 129,245 pounds of milk, and to Harry S. Mumma, Manheim R1, for high butterfat production — 5,780 pounds.

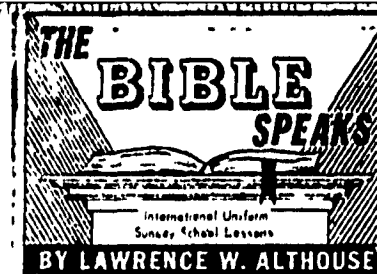
High lactation awards went to Witmer for a two-year-old; K D and Elsie Linde, Oxford R1, and Witmer, for three-year-olds; to Lindes for a four-year-old; and to Mumma, for a butterfat record by a four-

The 93 members and guests at the banquet heard committee reports from Rohrer Witmer on the 1966 field day, from John Breneman on the Future Farmers of America calf award; and from Garber on the Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The featured speaker for the evening was Don Spatz, a radio personality.

E'town FFA Chapter Initiates Greenhands

The Elizabethtown Chapter of the Future Farmers of America initiated twelve "Greenhands" into the chap-



Is There Any Hope?

Lesson For November 27, 1966

Background Scripture: Jeremiah 31:37

Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-16

Several years ago, an American submarine was trapped with its entire crew far below the surface of the ocean. At first it was believed that rescue attempts had a good chance for success. Messages were tapped out on the hull of the stricken sub, establishing contact between those above and below. Despite heroic efforts to rescue the crew, time finally ran out. With oxygen failing, someone tapped out a last, desperate question. "Is there any hope?"

Many today are preoccupied with that question. They look at the pain, the evil, and the turmoil of this complex world today and want some assurance of what the future holds. What kind of world will it be for our children and their children? Will they still stand under the threat of nuclear destruction, under the tension of racial hostilities, under the danger of growing world Communism?

When we read the signs of the times it is difficult to decide which way they are pointing. Every hope seems balanced by some threat, every stride forward by a big step backward, every indication of encouragement by mounting pressures of despair. Commencement speakers and politicians delight in forecasting a "bright new day" before us, but is that really what lies ahead?

Signs Of The Times

Some people are saying, "Stop worrying and leave it up to man — he'll bring a brighter day!" Never before has man had so much about which to be optimistic with himself. His progress in science and technology are unbelievable. Is there no limit to man's potentialities? There is: Man himself.

When the First World War was fought, many believed that they were fighting a "war to end all wars." In the interval between the First and Second World Wars people were apparently optimistic about the ability of man to build a world free of armed conflict. Education, science and culture would eliminate the causes of warfare. Given enough time and motivation, there wasn't anything man couldn't do.

The Nagging Question

Education, science, and culture did expand and grow at a dizzying pace, but so did the causes of war. Mankind's great and optimistic hopes for the future were dashed by the even more terrible World War Two.

Now, once again we are envisioning the paradise of the world that is "just around the corner." The growth of science, culture, and education is far greater than ever before. Once again people are predicting a not-too-distant Utopia: life, peace, abundance to the hilt; life created in the laboratory, test tube; humanity molded into new forms of the management of human existence.

Because many of us remember the disappointments of the past, we find ourselves asking that nagging question: "Is there any hope?" The present can be endured when we have some assurance of the future. The past seems to fairly bellow, "Don't count on man!"

In the dark days when Judah was under siege by Babylon, the people of Judah asked that nagging question of the prophet Jeremiah. Instead of telling them, he showed them. Buying a piece of real estate outside Jerusalem, Jeremiah demonstrated in a very tangible way that he believed God would restore Judah.

This man whom many regarded as the "prophet of doom," actually held the most optimistic outlook. But it was an optimism, not about man, but the power of God.

Do you believe in the future? No, let us not believe in the future but in the God in whose hands the future rests. Is there any hope? Yes, but in God, not man.

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ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

SUNDAY

Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

To Inspect Fire Extinguishers

Every barn should have one or more fire extinguishers, also, every farmstead operator should be certain all members of the family know how to operate the extinguisher, the winter season presents more fire hazards and greater risks in case of fire. All farmers are urged to be well prepared for any fire emergency, a few minutes can mean the difference between a major fire and successful preventive measures.

To Clean Out Downspouts

Eaves, troughs, and downspouts clogged with leaves or other trash can cause water to back up under the eaves of buildings and cause considerable damage. A few minutes on

the ladder at this time of the season may prevent serious real estate damage.

To Eliminate Livestock Parasites

Lower cost of production should be one objective of every livestock producer, one of the major items in this effort is to be sure that all animals are free of both in-

ternal and external parasites. Fecal samples of the manure can be taken to the local veterinarian to learn of internal parasites; then chemicals may be administered to kill the stomach worms. Body lice may be controlled by a number of dusts or sprays to get animal comfort. Infected animals will not produce efficiently.



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ter last Thursday at the Elizabethtown Area High School. The new members were Larry Baum, Eugene Auker, Mike Baum, Dana Brown, Bruce and Ralph Kauffman, Walter Redcay, William Brady, and Robert Smeal.

Five Chapter Farmers were also initiated into the chapter:

Robert Becker, Lester Gutschall, Gerald Heistand, Paul Swanger, and Mel Zimmerman. Following the initiations, Lampeter Fair judging awards were presented to winners. The highest award, a \$25 Savings Bond, was presented to John Seitz by the Elizabethtown Kiwanis Club.