

From Where We Stand . . .

Two Good Men, Tried And True

We were very pleased to read recently that Governor-elect Raymond Shafer had asked Scranton-administration secretaries Lee Bull and Maurice Goddard to stay on as members of his cabinet.

These are two men who have served Pennsylvania well. Undoubtedly, there were many other worthy men in Scranton's cabinet, but these two — Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Forests and Waters, respectively — are perhaps best known to those of us concerned with agriculture.

Goddard, nationally known conservationist, will be serving with his fourth governor. He was named to the forests and waters post in 1955 by Governor Leader and reappointed by the three successive governors.

Leland H. Bull was appointed by Governor Scranton in December, 1962, and has been both popular and effective — a difficult combination for a public figure to carry off, incidentally.

Bull came to his post with a solid agricultural background of nine years as Centre County agent and several years as assistant agent in other counties. He has administered his secretarial duties well. We think Shafer has made two excellent choices.

★ ★ ★ ★ Around Livestock Too Long?

Human beings have been suffering from "foot-in-the-mouth" maladies probably since time began, but we heard a new twist on that ancient problem this week. An Associated Press report out of England told about a farm worker who had apparently contracted the dreaded hoof and mouth disease of cattle.

On learning that he had the dubious honor of being the first known Briton to suffer from the disease, farm worker Bob Brewis roared with laughter.

"My only worry was that I might have to be destroyed," he quipped. Guess it's convenient to have a good sense of humor under such circumstances.

An epidemic of hoof and mouth had raged through the county where Brewis

worked on his brother's farm. Some 45,000 sheep, cattle, and pigs had been shot as a result.

Brewis broke out with blisters on his hands and in his mouth, and a laboratory test later confirmed his doctor's diagnosis. The only other two cases of humans infected with the disease known to experts occurred in Germany and Denmark, the report said.

We knew a poultry professor about 16 years ago who actually contracted Newcastle disease while vaccinating pullets. There have been occasional such cases reported, especially in the early days of vaccinating for Newcastle when vaccines were often carelessly handled.

Did you ever think what a diseased mess civilization might become if humans suddenly developed susceptibility to the many animal and poultry diseases?

The veterinary labs would be so crowded we not only wouldn't be able to get our vets out to visit sick livestock, we probably would have to start taking our small animals to the medical doctors for treatment.

★ ★ ★ ★ More Women Vets

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the trend toward more women enrolling in U.S. veterinary schools and colleges is continuing.

AVMA said that for the 1966-67 school year, about 18 percent more women enrolled. While this percentage sounds quite high, it only really represents a gain of 45 students nationally. But it does reflect the trend.

Women presently represent about six percent of the nation's total veterinary student enrollment, but they're gaining.

There are now a record 4388 students studying veterinary medicine in the nation's 18 schools and colleges, AVMA said. Other sources of information predict a continually increasing need for more veterinarians.

So, girls — and boys, too — if you like working with animals, perhaps this is a field you should consider.

Animal Accommodations At State Farm Show Face Standing Room

HARRISBURG — Not even quarters for a relaxed atmosphere.

Mann was confronted with the task of paring the entry list down to size. With dairy cattle this was not difficult since they are accepted on a "first come" basis. Swine breeders were assisting with adjustments in that department. Sheep were more of a problem because of large entries in several breeds.

Less difficulty was expected in other departments where entry numbers have conformed more nearly to available space. In some of them, entries will not close until nearer show time.

Garden Spot Farmer Classes Starting; To Feature Finance Talks

The Garden Spot High School Young-Adult Farmer classes will start next week, according to vocational agriculture instructor Robert Elmer.

The first meeting, set for December 6, will feature a panel of financial experts who will discuss "Financing the Farm Business—Part I," and answer questions on the subject.

The panel will consist of representatives from the Blue Ball National Bank; Farmers National Bank & Trust, New Hol-

land; Farmers Home Administration; Farm Credit Assn.; Reynolds & Co.; and Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co. The class will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school agriculture room.

Part II of Farm Financing is scheduled for the following Tuesday evening, and will feature a discussion of investment of farm profits, and buying and selling real estate.

All classes will be held on Tuesdays and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Area Holstein Beats 1/2-Ton Fat Mark 5th Time

Another official production record exceeding a half ton of butterfat has been completed by Caernarvon Greenwood Ellen, a registered Holstein cow owned by Andrew D. Stoltzfus, Elverson. This is the fifth time that "Ellen" has achieved the 1,000 lb. butterfat production level in a single lactation. "Ellen" is the 18th Registered Holstein cow to have completed this feat. This record ranks among 2,154 similarly completed by Registered Holstein cows on official test.

The Elverson Holstein's official record of production totaled 21,213 lbs of milk, 1,019 lbs of butterfat and 1,859 lbs. solids-not-fat in 365 days. She started her lactation at the age of 13 years and 5 months



Something To Change

Lesson For December 4, 1966

Background Scripture: Isaiah 9:27, 11:19.

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 9:27

Standing before the congregation of a small church near his summer home in Heath, Mass., one summer morning in 1934, theologian Reinhold Niebuhr prayed: "O God, give us serenity to accept what cannot be



changed, courage to change what must be changed, and wisdom to distinguish one from the other." At the close of the service, H. C. Robbins, a summer neighbor, asked if he might have a copy of the prayer and was handed the original with these words: "Here, take the prayer. I have no further use for it." What Niebuhr discarded so casually, Christians everywhere have reached for gratefully and today its three petitions are frequently repeated and paraphrased.

The Uninevitable

Three petitions — for serenity to accept, for courage to change, for wisdom to distinguish. The most crucial of these today, perhaps, is the "wisdom to distinguish" between what can and cannot be changed. Too many of us are engaged in a frantic quest for serenity in a world we assume we cannot change. Among the "given things" of this world which we accept with fatalistic resignation is WAR. We talk about "the next war" as if it were an inevitability.

A minister of a large church recently scheduled a Sunday evening forum on the subject: "The Christian And The Race For Peace." Five people were all who came and three of these were people who had forgotten the nature of the subject, coming out of loyalty to the minister. Explained one absent member of the official board, "I didn't come because there didn't seem to be anything to discuss; it's out

of our hands. If war comes, it comes, and if it doesn't, it doesn't — there's nothing we can do one way or the other." This man chose to pray for serenity in the face of something he was sure he couldn't change.

This is probably the majority view. From the perspective of immediate action or response, it is true. Nothing I do today will persuade the North Vietnamese to remove their troops from South Viet Nam, nor influence the reunification of Germany, nor end the persecution in South Africa. No deed I could do, no word I could say will ease the threat of atomic destruction that hangs by a thread over the world. Neither I nor my next door neighbor can constructively change the world today, tomorrow, or next week. So how can the individual Christian have any responsibility for world peace?

Saving Face, Losing Soul

Someone has said, "My neighborhood is the world in miniature." What he meant, of course, is that the world reflects at large the specific human problems and resources which provide the dynamics that operate between people in a local community. Basically, both a community and my world are governed by the principle of returning evil for evil. This principle goes by many names: "honor," "face," "courage," "self-preservation," "justice," etc., but the essence is always the same. My desire is for peace, my religious convictions counsel love, but my "honor" requires that I return the blow I receive.

Peace among nations can hardly be achieved so long as individual men live by the law of "eye for eye" and "tooth for tooth." Almost daily we read the letters-to-the-editors of those who want to salvage American honor, return insult for insult, threat for threat, bomb now — pray later.

If ever the way of Christ is to prevail we must begin to witness to the conviction that love is more powerful than retaliation, that it is necessary to "bless those who curse you," to "repay no one evil for evil," to leave vengeance to God alone. We will never overcome evil with more evil.

Paul says, "So far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all . . ." God give us the wisdom to understand the extent to which responsibility for world peace does rest upon us and to know that war is something we can change.

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Mulch Strawberries

Severe winters are often very hard on strawberry crops, but applying a mulch late in the fall will help produce a good crop of berries for next summer. A covering of 2 to 3 inches of wheat straw, or some other light, weed-free material, applied when the ground begins to freeze will help control ground temperatures and prevent heaving from intermittent freezing and thawing. Some of the mulch may be left between the rows next spring and thus produce cleaner fruit.

To Care For Heifers

Dairy herd replacements are getting more expensive and the real good ones are hard to find. We suggest that the best of care be provided for the heifer calves because they will be the milking herds in just a few years. Special quarters that are warm, dry, and draft-free are very important for the first several months. Some attention to better calf growing practices is appropriate on many dairy farms.

To Keep Farm Records

In planning for the 1967 farming program the keeping



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and was milked two times daily.

"Ellen" was bred in the herd of Naaman Stoltzfus, Morgantown. She was sired by Greenwoodmaster, a bull that has earned Gold Medal Sire recognition.

The value of jade found in the U.S. is about 15 times that of diamonds found here.

Chewing gum can be removed from most everything by tossing the article into the deep freeze. After it's frozen, gum comes off in a wink.

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