

## From Where We Stand . . .

### Farm & Home Center Approaches Reality

With each passing day, your Lancaster County Farm & Home Center edges a little closer to reality. According to building committee chairman Jacob Kurtz, Jr., the rough grading has been finished, and the basement excavation should be done by next week. Soon after that, the foundation will begin to take shape, and the rate of progress thereafter will be swift.

It was reported Tuesday night at the Farm & Home Foundation's 3rd annual meeting that cash on hand, investments, and unpaid pledges totalled very close to \$300,000. It was also reported that the total cost of completing the Farm & Home Center is approaching one-half million dollars. In making this last announcement, fund drive co-chairman Levi H. Brubaker suggested that if that figure scared anyone it would be well to remember that gross agricultural income in Lancaster County in one year is more than 200 times greater than the amount which will be invested in the Center. And the Center will serve this community for many, many years.

It was also pointed out that the Foundation needs less than \$1500 more to match a "challenge" gift of \$25,000. If they don't match it then, of course, they don't receive the \$25,000. But with your continued support we know the challenge will be met.

The directors and other supporters have worked tirelessly at the often thankless task of soliciting funds for construction of the Center. Their hope is to turn it over to the people of Lancaster County debt-free. Then, the income from rental of office space can be

used entirely for maintenance of the facility instead of being used to meet large mortgage payments.

We have always believed wholeheartedly in this project to give Lancaster County a community center worthy of this great farming area. Countless other folks have believed also and supported it with their money and their efforts. Have you been a "believer"? If not, it's not too late. Become a believer now, and help push this project — so bravely begun — to a speedy completion.

### ★ ★ ★ ★ How Much Good Is A Woodchuck?

As you may have heard, that subterranean sage the Woodchuck emerged from his lair Thursday to give us his annual weather outlook. And, like most weather forecasters, you can take your pick — you want six more weeks of winter? According to the famed Punxsutawney Woodchuck Order, you've got it. And Lancaster County's own Quarryville Woodchuck confirmed his furry cousin's findings.

Or, would you like a little Instant Spring? Then, by all means, harken to the happy harbinger from Camp Hill. He came out of the ground, failed to see his shadow, and said Spring is just around the corner.

And there you have the basic difference between an optimist and a pessimist. The former looks the situation over, notes the favorable points, and renders his verdict accordingly. Meanwhile, the woodchuck with the gloomy outlook assesses the same set of facts and says, "Cheer up; things have got to get worse." So whom can you really believe these days? It's getting so that even the woodchucks can't seem to get their stories straight.

### ● Farm & Home

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Russer was elected treasurer, succeeding Noah W. Kreider.

#### FOOD PRICES—UP

Food prices in the future will go only one way—up, Secretary Bull predicted. He said that when they get too high, Washington will step-up agricultural imports in an effort to keep domestic prices down.

As food prices continue upward, the production of synthetic food products, and mixtures of synthetics and natural products, will also increase, Bull said.

Pennsylvania has a long way to go to expand its markets to meet the growing potential for Pennsylvania certified farm products, the secretary noted.

Speaking on natural resources, particularly water, he said, "In the future we'll have water almost as a public utility in the Susquehanna River Basin. We must keep our leadership informed on our water needs."

He called for tax relief on agricultural land, labeling it "a must if we are to stay in business."

The secretary outlined plans for expanding the Farm Show facilities, saying that funds had been requested for planning the new complex in the next two years. He said the

first structure that will be built will be a two-story building that will be partly on the road and partly on the present incinerator site.

He urged the Farm & Home members as leaders in Lancaster County to get acquainted with their legislators — of which 73 are new this year — and their congressmen. "You have got to sell your representatives on the value, and the need to promote, Pennsylvania agricultural products," Bull said.

In reporting on the financial condition of the Foundation, Noah Kreider told the farmers that cash on hand, investments, and unpaid pledges totaled \$299,315. He said that less than \$1500 more is needed to match the current \$25,000 challenge gift.

Fund drive co-chairman Levi Brubaker told the audience that this (Farm & Home Center) has come to be a \$500,000 project. He pointed out that this shouldn't scare anyone if they will stop to realize that it represents only about one-half percent of the \$100,000,000 annual gross income of Lancaster County farms.

### ● Diagnostic Lab.

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agnostic laboratory located in Lancaster County were discussed.

It was decided that president John H. Hess would contact State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull to set up a meeting to further explore the problem.

In other business, Hess appointed committee chairmen and co-chairmen to serve the association this year. Appointed were:

Membership — Noah Geh-

man and John R. Huber, co-chairmen

Tour — John Jacob Oberholtzer

Banquet — Paul Hiestand and Claude H. Hess, co-chairmen

Educational — J. Harold Esbenschade and Dr. Wilson Miller, co-chairmen

Nominating — Daniel Good and Roy Erb, co-chairmen

Publicity — Don Timmons

### ● Egg Marketing

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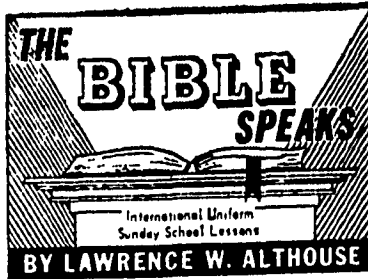
Everyone interested in this vitally important subject to egg producers is urged to attend this meeting, according to program chairman J. Harold Esbenschade. Meeting time is 7:45 p.m., he noted.

The series is being sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association in a continuing effort to help the county's \$30-million poultry industry keep up with the many changes occurring in the industry. The final meeting in the series will be held February 28, and will feature information on "Financing", Esbenschade said.

### SOLANCO CONSERVATION 4-H CLUB HAS ELECTION

by Darlene Hoover, reporter  
The second meeting of the Solanco Soil and Water Conservation 4-H Club was held on January 30 at the home of Vincent Hoover. Leaders of the club are Vincent Hoover and Harry Troop.

A fifty-minute film was shown called "Conserve Our Heritage." Mr. Hoover then gave a demonstration on how soil was formed. Following the demonstration an election of officers was held. Elected as president was Steve Mitchell. (Continued on Page 7)



## The False Peak

Lesson For February 5, 1967

Background Scripture: Luke 11 and 12.  
Devotional Reading: Psalms 73:1-3, 21-26.

"In the realm of morals," says A.C. Craig, "there is only one thing harder than climbing up: it is climbing down from a false peak." To Jesus, Pharisaism was such a "false peak."

Of course we immediately recognize the term "Pharisee." They were the villains of the New Testament, "the bad guys." Probably more than any other group, Jesus condemned these men and it is not at all difficult to understand why they hated him as they did.

Why did he judge them so harshly? These men, he said, were hypocrites. The Greek word hypocrisis means "to play a part on the stage." They gave the appearance of being highly moral, God-fearing men, but they were merely playing pious roles, pretending to be something they were not. Jesus called them hypocrites; today we would say they were religious fakers or "phonies." They really were not what they appeared to be.

### Deceived Themselves

Not only did they deceive others, but, worst of all, they deceived even themselves. They not only pretended to be pious, but allowed themselves to be deceived into believing their own pretensions. Diligent in obedience to even the most minute requirements of the law, they fell victim to pride in their achievements. They would no have put it this way, of course, but their attitude was very much like a man would say: "God's pretty lucky to have a nice fellow like me."

Thus, they reacted to Jesus in much the same way that the Duchess of Buckingham reacted to the preaching of the early Methodists:

*Their doctrines are repulsive and strongly tainted with impertinence and disrespect toward their superiors, in perpetually endeavoring to level all ranks, and to do away with all distinctions. It is monstrous to be told that you have a heart as sinful as the common wretches that crawl on the earth.*

It is monstrous to be told that, yet it is precisely what Jesus came saying to the religiously respectable people of his own day. He called them to give up their hypocritical piety, to come down from their false peaks of self-respect. There are none of us too righteous to pray: "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." Our salvation is dependent, not upon our righteousness, but upon his gracious mercy.

### Side Effect Of Virtue

Why all this interest in Pharisees? Why concern ourselves with something which is of little more than historical interest? The answer is that although the Pharisees of old are dead, Phariseism is not. Hypocrisy did not end when the party of the Pharisees went out of existence. It continues as one of the perpetual dangers within the church today.

The basic problem of the Pharisees was not that their cause was evil — it had some of that finest objectives — but that it got side-tracked and detoured from its goals. Like a powerful medical drug that has unfortunate "side effects," Phariseism has often led men into arrogant hypocrisy. Because they were deeply concerned with living righteous lives, because they therefore searched the scriptures diligently, these men became very proud of their moral achievements. They failed to understand that the truly righteous man is the one who, in humility, realizes that he is not righteous, but a sinner in the sight of God.

Is this not still a danger in the twentieth century? Are we not in approximately the same position as the Pharisees of old: proud of our respectability? It is still easy to be dishonest about our lives, both with ourselves and others. There is still much play-acting among the religiously respectable today. Don't you ever need to climb down from such a false peak?

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## See Our Want Ads For Bargains

## Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

### To Beware Of Weed Seeds

The control of weeds costs our farmers and our home-owners millions of dollars annually. It is the feeling that some of this weed infestation is spread through the use of untested and unknown crop seeds. This is often true in the case of using home-grown grains and home-grown clover seeds. Pennsylvania law states that all seeds sold or offered for sale should have purity, weed content, and germination tests. This regulation should be respected if one is to use home grown seed. The use of certified seed is strongly recommended to all growers for best results.

### To Control Parasites

Many farm animals may be carrying a heavy body lice infestation at this time of the year. The long hair coats make treatment more difficult. Lice infested animals are not comfortable and will not make the best use of their feed. Two treatments two weeks apart are recommended to eliminate these parasites. Cost of production will be lower without the body lice.

### To Plan For Legume Broadcasting

It's not too early to be making plans for the early spring broadcasting of alfalfa or clover seeds in winter grain. If the broadcast method of seeding is



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to be used, then it is important to get the job done the last week in February or the first week in March. Early seeding will have a better chance for success. The seeds should be inoculated before seeding.

Of all the original forests in the United States, about 1/4 are still standing, about 1/4 have been used for fuel and buildings, and about 1/2 have been destroyed by fires or insects.

Experience is not so much what happens to you, as what you do with it.

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