

From Where We Stand . . .

Educate The Educators

With the unfortunate School Board-Vocational Agriculture department conflict at Warwick High School still fresh in mind, we were pleased this week by an announcement from Penn State University.

It was noted that an Open House entitled "Agriculture — Where the Action Is" will be held for high school guidance counselors on the main campus on May 6. Don't know whether this is the first time the College of Agriculture has attempted this informative approach to educating the educators, but it's certainly due.

It has been our experience that wherever a concentrated effort has been made to inform guidance personnel of the opportunities in the vast agribusiness field, agriculture enrollment has responded favorably.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ACTION

We think promotion of this open house is an opportunity that should not be overlooked by any of us concerned with the future of agriculture in Lancaster County. With that thought, we have alerted the County Superintendent of Schools to the event and received Dr. Harry Gerlach's assurance that guidance counselors in county high schools would be encouraged to attend the informative session.

In addition, we intend to contact Dean Russell E. Larson at the College of Agriculture requesting that the invitation which he will send out to guidance people in the state next week be extended to counselors in the junior high schools as well. It is at the 7th and 8th grade levels, particularly, that we need to make non-farm youngsters aware of the opportunities in agriculture — or, specifically, AGRIBUSINESS.

As an aid in getting important agribusiness information to guidance personnel, Lancaster Farming plans to send each office a copy of this editorial, and will follow up with any pertinent editions in the future.

We urge vo-ag teachers in the county to each launch a personal drive to be sure counselors in their respective schools are aware of the importance of gaining a better understanding of the job opportunities available in agriculture. This needs to be a continuing educational effort, and we're sure many county agriculture teachers are already doing this as a matter of course.

But even so now is a good time for a stepped-up effort to get those counselors thinking agriculture.

Saturday Delivery Guaranteed

Once in awhile it is brought to our attention that someone in Lancaster County didn't receive his Lancaster

Farming on a particular Saturday.

Unfortunately, we generally learn about it quite some time after the delay has happened, and it becomes more difficult to determine and correct the cause.

We are guaranteed Saturday delivery of Lancaster Farming anywhere in the county; anytime we're not getting it we have a legitimate complaint against the Post Office.

It would be very helpful to us, and would correct any delivery problem you may have at anytime, if you would advise us promptly if you ever encounter a late delivery.

Reduce Taxes To Raise Conservation Interest?

At a meeting this week, a leading conservationist recommended a tax break for those farmers who would apply sound conservation practices. Is this the incentive needed to get conservation into high gear? We wish we knew!

In this case, it is far easier to define the problem than to come up with a clear-cut answer. In a nutshell, the problem is this: we are not using what we know; because we are not, the chances for establishing or achieving, a good world tomorrow are diminished.

The problem states that we are throwing away the precious resource of land at a far faster rate than we, or our descendants, can afford. What can we do about it?

Well, we have the knowledge at our fingertips to control the loss of soil and to utilize the available water supply. In Pennsylvania, only 12 percent of the total land area is signed up for conservation utilization. And — this is an even more shocking figure — only slightly more than one-third of these land owners are actually practicing conservation.

In a sense, farmers already have a tax break under the ACP — agricultural conservation program — which pays 50 percent, or more, of the costs of applying approved conservation practices. The result? Largely negative. Only about one-third are taking advantage of this bonanza.

Maybe it will take something as dramatic as a tax reduction to convince farmers they should give conservation a try. If so, we're for it. It is one of those rare things on which you can't lose. The farmer benefits from increased production, his children benefit by inheriting a farm that still has productive topsoil on it, and the whole population — present and future — stays in business by having enough food to eat and by keeping the fields out of the roads.

The possibility is worth examining.

SCS Serviced

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Diversion 7536 feet farm ponds 7 grassed waterways, 217 acres pasture & hayland renovation 22 acres pasture & hayland planting, 83 acres, stripcropping 1789 acres open drains 1390 feet
Cropland terraces 35342 feet tile drains, 11,710 feet tree planting 62 acres wildlife habitat 369 acres, land adequately treated, 67985 acres cropland to grassland, 1249

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County Swine Assn. Carcass Show March 13

The Lancaster County Swine Producers Association reminded swinemens this week that next Wednesday is the deadline for entering the Spring Carcass Evaluation Show to be held at the Lancaster Stockyard on March 13.

The contest, which will begin at 1 p.m., is open to all swine producers, and anyone interested is urged to contact association secretary James Z. Martin, Christiana, R1.

The on-foot evaluation, which will precede the actual carcass analysis, is open to anyone who would like to test his skill at judging carcass factors, Martin said. The winner will get the ham from the champion hog, and the loin will go to the runnerup.

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The SCS staff consisted of Orval A. Bass, work unit conservationist; Abner J. Houseknecht and Clement W. Squires, conservation technicians; and Ruben C. Keese, soil conservationist.

Farm Calendar

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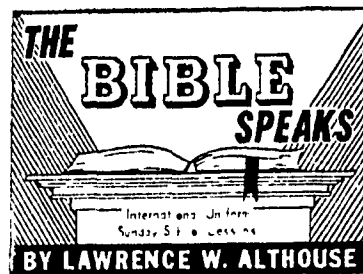
—7:30 p.m., 4-H Guernsey Club at Raymond Wilmer's farm, Willow Street R1

March 9—Noon County Agr. & Home Ec. Extension directors organizational meeting at Meadow Hills Dining House

—6:30 p.m., Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District annual banquet, at Hostler's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy

—7 p.m., Solanco FFA Parent-Son banquet, at Solanco H.S.

—7:30 p.m., Lititz-Manheim



Continue, Continue

Lesson for March 5, 1967

Background Scripture: Luke 19:47-27
Devotional Reading: Luke 17:1-10

Paul Tournier, the Swiss physician, once determined that he would spend a whole hour in meditation to see if it could be done. It was an hour of utter humiliation, for after a few minutes, it became apparent that he, an avid churchman, did not know the first thing about communing with God. When the hour had ended, it did not seem that God had said anything to him. Nevertheless, he writes, 'at the end a thought came to me: "Continue . . . Continue . . ." And I told myself, "Wait a minute! Perhaps that idea comes from God."'

With Persistence

So, although his first attempt met with crushing failure, he tried again and again, and, in time, he began to find that he was slowly but surely learning the art of meaningful prayer and meditation. It meant perseverance, continuing, continuing, even though the results often seemed utterly fruitless.

This is the meaning of the parable of the widow and the reluctant judge. It was only through the persistence of the widow that the judge was annoyed enough and moved to grant her request. It was her "continual coming" that wore down the judge's resistance. Therefore, said Jesus, if a reluctant judge will give in to persistence, how much more we can expect from a loving heavenly father! We must pray with persistence, however, refusing to be easily discouraged if God does not answer as quickly as we desire.

To Wear a Groove

I too have found that persistence is vital in learning to pray. It is not that we must persuade God to bend to our desires, but that it may require considerable time until we can place our lives in harmony with his power. A string rubbing on a stone makes no immediate impression, but in time the string will begin to wear a groove if we continue. The practice of the prayer life is a matter of wearing a groove through which the abundant waters of God's power will first seep, then trickle, and finally flow.

We all would like to experience God in mystical encounters. To hear a voice, to see a vision, would confirm the reality of God. The living Christ, however, may also be encountered in the life of cultivated companionship. By this I mean that God may reveal himself to us over a period of years, a life time, as we open ourselves to him in meditation and prayer. The cultivated companionship is not a snapshot, but a time-exposure.

In The Long Run

So it has been in my own life. In the years of disciplining myself to seek him, there have been many days of absolute failure. Many times I have done little but go through the motions of meditation and my prayers have been hollow words. Some days the light of Christ that filtered through was barely discernible.

Yet, when I view the total stream of experience in this daily seeking, when I take the long-run look at this life of cultivated companionship, I realize that in it I have experienced the reality of the living God. Somehow, through all my failures, despite all my days of spiritual bone dryness, he managed to speak to me and place his mark upon me.

This life of cultivated companionship teaches us humility. To wait for God's answer in his own good time is destructive to our pride. As Dr. Tournier discovered, then, the answer to those who experience failure in their attempts to pray is this: "Continue, continue . . ."

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Go To Church Sunday

Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

To Kill Cattle Lice

Numerous reports indicate a very heavy cattle lice infestation this spring, this is especially true among beef cattle fattening herds. The problem of making profit from cattle feeding is big enough at this time without permitting parasites to reduce gains and feed efficiency. For each dollar spent on lice treatment, many dollars will be returned. Feeders are urged to inspect their cattle closely and treat at once, two treatments will be necessary about two weeks apart. Materials to use may include malathion, cydium, methoxychlor, ronnel, or pyrethrin. Sprays, dusts, or cable treaters may be used successfully. The important thing is to treat the cattle at once to get better gains from the feed.

To Plow-Down Corn Fertilizer

Spring plowing will soon get started and growers are reminded of the value of turning under the large part of the fertilizer for corn. This is especially true of any nitrogen that is to be applied. The fertilizer may be in either liquid or dry form but the important point is to use the form that

4-H Community Club at John Neff School

March 10—6:30 p.m., Warwick FFA Parent-Son Banquet at Warwick H.S.

—6:30 p.m., Grassland FFA Parent-Son Banquet at Garden Spot H.S.

—7:30 p.m., Manheim 4-H Horse Club at Manheim FFA Hall.



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gives you the most fertilizer pounds for the dollar. A complete soil test will reveal the pounds of actual plant food that is needed. A starter fertilizer high in phosphorous is strongly advised in the now.

To Plant Early

With some spring-planted crops it is very important to get them into the ground just as soon as possible. I refer to spring oats to broadcast seedings of legumes in winter grain, and to straight seedings of alfalfa. All of these crops will get a much better start and give greater yields if planted during March or very early April. With spring oats the yields will decrease measurably with any planting delay after the first week in April. Timing is important with these crops.