

## From Where We Stand . . .

### Milk-Dumping Philosophy

The milk withholding action presently going on in the midwest is like money down the drain!

The National Farmers Organization (NFO) is encouraging its members, and other dairy men, to keep their milk off the market by dumping it. The goal of this maneuver is to secure favorable contracts with milk processors. In our opinion these dairy men are being badly misled.

There's nothing wrong with bargaining for a contract, in fact, we feel certain that more and more farm products will be sold in this way in the future — for one thing, it takes the uncertainty out of the market price, and enables a farmer to plan more realistically when he knows the selling price of his product in advance.

But NFO, if it is truly to represent farmers, must be able to do so with common sense and a velvet glove — not with a club. And the timing is all wrong.

In a surplus situation, such desperate measures as dumping and withholding may be justified. But right now, time is on the side of the dairyman. Milk is well on its way to becoming a deficit product in this country, and Congressional sentiment on restricting milk product imports is favorable.

It seems to us that NFO is doing the same thing it did with hogs a couple of years ago. It analyzes a shortage situation, urges its members to further expand that shortage by withholding their products, then when the price goes up via the supply-demand route, NFO steps in, saying, "Hey, boys, see what we did for you!" Nuts!

About the only thing we can see they're doing is further damaging the farmers' image in the eyes of the American consumer as she watches, horrified, on her television screen while farmers dump milk down the drain.

Certainly farmers need better prices for their products, but we don't feel the NFO approach will lead to the solution. And in the case of milk, we can't see farmers throwing away the great advantage of TIME, which, for probably the first time in history, is now on their side.

There has to be a lot of opinions on both sides of this basic withholding philosophy. We invite you to make this page a sounding board for your opinion. Let us hear from you on this important issue. To be published, all letters must be properly signed, but names will be withheld if you wish.

### Timber Wolves In Lancaster County

It was called to our attention this week that several farmers have been scalped by "timber wolves" in Lancaster County recently.

We understand this is not a particularly new practice, but buyers seem to find new sellers each year who continue to believe everyone is honest.

The way the gimmick is often worked, we are told, is that a buyer will come in and buy a few select trees from a farmer. Often he'll pay cash, or pay with a good check. Later, the buyer will come back and offer to buy a larger stand of timber. He'll cut it, haul it away, and then pay with a bad check, or not at all.

There are reputable timber buyers around, plenty of them. But farmers should be well aware that there are also a few of the other kind.

#### CAUTION URGED

When a farmer is approached by a buyer whom he doesn't know, a call to his local banker might be his best first move. Any bank where the farmer is doing business will more than likely run a credit check on a prospective buyer for him. Some may make a slight charge for this service, but it may save the farmer a serious cash loss.

Another way to assure payment would be to insist that the buyer present a certified check before the timber leaves the original property.

#### KNOW YOUR TREE VALUES

Many property owners may not know the value of their trees. To avoid being taken advantage of, the owner should check with a knowledgeable person before taking one buyer's word for the trees value. The area forester, or a local sawmill operator, or some other qualified person would probably be able to help in this case.

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### Robins And Baseball

Look at the calendar! It says Spring will be arriving in Lancaster County early next week. We haven't yet heard the five-day weather forecast as this is being written, but it'll probably be a beauty.

But the robins are back in force now, and baseball games and scores are back on the airwaves, so no matter what anyone tells you to the contrary, or how deep that late-winter snow may get, don't you believe it!

Spring's comin', for sure! — we think

### Letter To The Editor . . .

Note: As promised in our editorial on March 4, we contacted Dean Russell Larson at the PSU College of Agriculture urging he extend the College's Agricultural Open House invitation to junior high school guidance counselors as well as senior high personnel. His answer follows:

Editor,  
Lancaster Farming,

Many thanks for your letter, your editorial, and your suggestion of contacting counselors in junior high schools. It is an excellent recommendation and, assuming that we can obtain the lists of names and addresses from the Department of

Public Instruction, notices will be sent.

In the meantime, may we advise that announcements have gone to school principals, supervisors and other administrators to encourage attendance at the College of Agriculture Open House on May 6. We are striving to inform all interested teachers, parents, administrators, students, and the public in general to become aware of agricultural businesses and sciences and the opportunities they offer.

Very truly yours,  
R. E. Larson  
Dean

Editor,  
Lancaster Farming

Dear Sir

We appreciate your editorial of March 11 congratulating us on becoming the first county in Pennsylvania to reach a membership of 1000.

Undoubtedly the fine cooperation you have given us over the past few years has helped us to obtain this goal. We want to thank you for publishing our meeting notices, and for the impartial reporting you have done on these meetings. We feel you have been a

real help in our efforts to build a free and independent agriculture with a higher net income.

Sincerely yours,  
Noah W. Wenger,  
president  
Lancaster County  
Farmers Assn.

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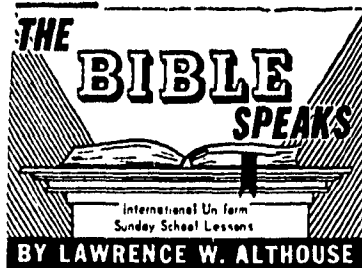
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Health Products are distributed in the Lancaster County area from the company's three-year-old plant located west of Lancaster city.



Spring will have to fight its way into Lancaster County next week with temperatures expected to average much below the seasonal range of 51 to 32 degrees.

Accompanying the colder weather, snow showers will persist through most of the next five days. Precipitation is not expected to total more than 1/10 inch, melted, however.



### A Glorious Beginning

Lesson for March 19, 1967

Background Scripture: Luke 22: 49-53, 55  
Devotional Reading: John 17: 1-11.

Dead at thirty-three!

Why did Jesus die so tragic a death? Some people have wrongly assumed that he desired a martyr's death, that the cross was the goal of his mission. For what other reason would he continue to place himself in jeopardy, constantly courting danger and even death?

Yet, though some men have passionately sought martyrdom, Jesus did not. The cross was not the goal for which he was striving.

This becomes quite evident when we observe him in the garden of Gethsemane following the last supper in the upper room. It is evident that his decision has not yet been made. The issue is still in doubt. Uncertain, he seeks God's guidance and counsel.

#### What He Wanted

Not only does he seek divine guidance, but he also clearly expresses his own deep desire if possible, he wants to avoid the terrible ordeal before him. A man seeking martyrdom would not pray for the removal of his danger. He would embrace it as the fulfillment of his deepest desire. Not Jesus "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me."

If Jesus does not seek death as a martyr, then what does he want? What is his goal? There was only one controlling desire to be obedient to God's will. He had felt free to say what he wanted, but his deepest desire was dependent upon what God wanted. Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done. He would not seek suffering or death, but he would accept either if his devotion to God's will required it. It was a terrible price to pay for loyalty,

but he was willing to pay it. Why, then, did Jesus die so tragic a death? Was it because Christ meekly submitted to God's plan that he die on the cross? No, we must not make the mistake of assuming that God desired the death of Jesus. He did desire that Jesus be faithful to his mission. Man supplied the cross.

Thus it was man who made him a martyr, not Jesus nor God. God was responsible for Christ's tragic death only to the degree that he gave him a mission which was on a "collision course" with the willful desires of men. Jesus was responsible for his martyrdom only in that he remained loyal to his mission, rather than give it up to save himself.

But why didn't Jesus compromise a little? A compromise would have kept him alive and he could have resumed his mission later. Didn't he realize that he who fights and runs away, lives to fight another day? Jesus treasured life, but not so much that he would exchange his soul for it.

#### Not Tragic Ending

Why did Jesus die so tragic a death? Was it because he was too weak to resist God's enemies? Once more the answer is "No," for he did resist God's enemies. His whole life was given to resisting evil. What we must not overlook is that his was an entirely different approach in resisting evil. Whereas the Hebrew law called for retaliation, Jesus resisted evil with the power of love.

Once more: why did Jesus die so tragic a death? His death was not really a tragedy, for he remained faithful even in the face of death and proved that one can both resist and conquer evil with the power of love. A death like that is not a tragic ending, but a glorious beginning.

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## Go To Church Sunday

## Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

### To Control Garlic

The familiar horsetail-like whips of wild garlic can already be seen growing in permanent meadows, pasture fields and lawns. This weed pest responds to control early in the spring ahead of the grazing season. Use a low volatile ester 2,4-D, apply according to label directions. Allow 2 to 3 weeks before pasturing. It should be pointed out that garlic requires three successive spring treatments to completely eradicate the pest.

### To Save Wasted Feed Grains

With feed costs at a high level, more emphasis needs to be placed on reducing losses from wasted feed. Feed grains are the most expensive part of the ration. Pigs, steers and



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chickens will waste feed if the self-feeding equipment is not in good adjustment, or if the operator is careless. If there is feed on the floor, it is being wasted. Keep in mind that animals and chickens do not object to working a little in their eating habits.

### To Improve Permanent Pastures

A good many permanent pastures are now ready to show a big response to lime and fertilizer, if these are supplied. Where larger herds and limited acres are a definite situation on the farm, the more intensive management of pastures has good possibilities. The carrying capacity of pasture lands can most easily be increased by topdressing with fertilizer. Pasture remains as one of the least expensive sources of feed nutrients.

### RAINCOAT LOST

At the recent Soil & Water Conservation banquet at Peter's Banquet Hall, at Joy, someone apparently left with Reverend W. Bernhard's raincoat instead of his own. If anyone is trying to help him locate it, please contact the pastor at 653 1351. He'll be glad to hear from you.

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