

From Where We Stand . . .

Poultry Lab For Lancaster County?

Following a meeting of interested persons with state agriculture secretary Leland Bull this week, the chance of getting poultry diagnostics services here — where the chickens are — would seem a good possibility.

Although no commitment was either sought or made, the Secretary appeared willing to thoroughly explore the matter. He suggested that facilities might already exist here for such a center.

In addition it was pointed out that, to make the venture more economically attractive, a well-located diagnostic center could serve southern York County poultrymen, as well, via the proposed Holtwood bridge. The two counties combined represent 29 percent of the state's total poultry revenue; Lancaster County alone accounts for about 23 percent.

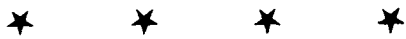
While this effort to get a diagnostic lab located here is not a new one, it hasn't received any all-out attention recently. The Lancaster County Poultry Association has taken the matter under its wing as a project, and directors initiated this week's meeting with Secretary Bull.

We feel the Secretary's proposed alternative to building a completely new laboratory by investigating the potential facilities already here, has some merit.

Millersville State College would probably be the best choice because of its biological laboratories. Another possibility would be one of the three vocational-technical schools which are scheduled for completion in the county by 1969.

Your poultry association could use some support on getting this project sold. In addition to becoming a member of the association and making yourself heard as the collective voice of Lancaster County's poultry industry, you could give the association some factual ammunition such as — How often do you require diagnostic services for your flock? Where do you take your birds now? How much time a year would it save you if there were a lab available here? How big is your poultry operation?

The time may come when this information and your support could be vital to the efforts to secure a diagnostic laboratory for Lancaster County. Let your association know how you feel on this important question.



Permanently Temporary

"It is an age-old Washington and bureaucratic axiom", says Senator Wallace F. Bennett of Utah, "that there is nothing quite so permanent as a temporary government program."

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conservation for that week was on the way and would be distributed to newspapers, and other communications media, and area churches.

A tour by the northern and southern Lancaster County 4-H conservation clubs will be held Saturday April 15, and will leave from the Aaron Stauffer farm Ephrata R1, at 8 a.m., it was announced. The 4-H'ers will see terraces and waterways in use on area farms, and will visit the Miles W. Fly & Son hybrid poplar nursery at Ephrata R3.

FARM-CITY WEEK CHAIRMAN TO SPEAK

It was also noted that a roundup for the two 4-H conservation clubs will be held in conjunction with the District directors' next meeting Pennsylvania Farm & City Week chairman Charles Slaton will be the featured speaker at the roundup, scheduled for May 8

at Ephrata High School. Slaton, who is public relations officer for the Soil Conservation Service, will be one of the project judges at the roundup. The other judge will be Mac Hindman, field representative for the State Soil & Water Conservation Commission.

In other business, the directors approved 14 new cooperative agreements involving 1113 acres SCS work unit conservationist Oival A. Bass noted that agreements are presently coming in "faster than the operators can do the work".

● Farm Calendar

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—7:30 p.m., Organizational meeting, Garden Spot 4-H Community Club, at Smoke-town Elementary School
April 19—7:30 p.m., Lancaster Landowners Assn., at Paul Z. Martin's Sale Barn, Blue Ball
April 20—1:30 p.m., Area FFA

The First 100 Years

They say the first 100 years are the toughest, and that once you get those behind you the rest is a sleigh ride. We may dispute that a little later, but first we'd like to extend congratulations to the Grange on completing its first 100 years.

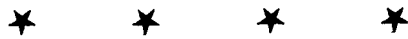
Governor Raymond Shafer has proclaimed April 17-23 Grange Week in recognition of this milestone.

In doing so, the Governor noted the "significant contributions to the development of rural America and an informed citizenry . . . the Grange has provided a vigorous voice for legislation to improve conditions in rural Pennsylvania . . . the Grange promotes the realization that American agriculture must play a vital role in the world's war on hunger. . ."

The Grange, since its 1867 organization as a family fraternity designed to "create a better manhood and womanhood" in the rural areas of America, has grown tremendously and has been effective in the social and legislative arenas.

But as the number of farm folk continues to decline, the Grange — and other such farm organizations — will have to turn its effectiveness more toward the marketplace if they are to retain strong memberships. More and more, we feel, farmers are going to support organizations helping to get them a better price in the marketplace.

We certainly hope the Grange will not abandon its idealistic philosophy of the social betterment of rural mankind, but feel it will have to move more positively in the economic areas, as well, if it is to look back with as much satisfaction on its second hundred years. But taking one century at a time, we again say "a job well done" to Pennsylvania's 625 community Granges!



Think Tall

Did you ever stop to think about the relationship between posture and attitude? It's been well demonstrated that the two travel together.

One authority commented this week that a child's attitude toward his school work, and toward the world in general, can be observed by the way he sits, stands, and walks. One of the tell-tale signs of deteriorating attitude, he noted, is the so-called "teen-age slouch".

While good posture is important to one's appearance, and is a reflection of a person's whole attitude, we wonder if that would work in reverse. That is, can attitude be improved by first improving posture?

Sounds like it might be worth a try, so come on, you teenagers — and adults too, hold your head up high, breathe deeply, and THINK TALL!

● Baby Beef Show

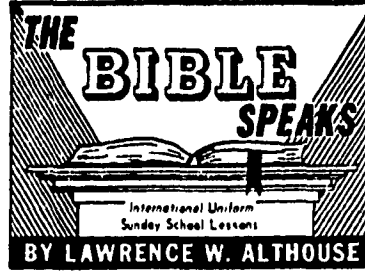
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Lester Burdette, Al Dugan, Dauphin County leader, Kenneth Miller, Northampton County leader, Elvin Hess, Jr., Lancaster County leader, and M. M. Smith, Lancaster County agent.

Reports by counties of 4-H steers now on feed showed Lancaster, 130, Chester, 33, Dauphin, 30, and Northampton, 26.

The planning committee approved the 14 rules and regulations governing the annual event, including the new minimum weight figure of 750 pounds, first applied last year.

A meeting for beef club leaders will be held at Soleil Farms, Pottstown R2, in the latter part of May.

Land Judging contest at Dallsstown, York County, at the Howard Fitz farm
April 21—21st and 22nd, Annual 4-H Play at Manheim Twp HS, Neffsville curtain time, 8 p.m.



Everyone!
Lesson for April 16, 1967

Background Scripture: Acts 2:14-47
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 55:1-13

Do you ever have any of those days when, tired and troubled, your normal defenses down, the very worst in you bubbles to the surface and has a field day? When it is all over and we view the wreckage wrought in a few



short minutes or hours, we are appalled to think that we had conducted ourselves "like that." The sound of angry words continues to resound in our ears and visions of our childishness linger to haunt us. "How could I have done those things?"

All of us have those days sometimes. Humanity as a whole had such a day more than fifteen hundred years ago. On this day in one reckless afternoon, mankind dropped his mask and dared to be his worst self for a little while. To consider the crucifixion as the work of evil men long ago is one thing; to see it as something in which I am involved as a part of mankind is something else.

So it has always been. On the first day of Pentecost a crowd of curious people, startled by the strange behavior of the followers of Jesus, wanted to know "What does this mean?" Simon Peter, a tall Galilean fisherman, stepped forward to give an answer. We can imagine what he may have felt. There was no prepared sermon in his hip pocket. He had no experience in addressing crowds. All he had was the Holy Spirit stirring within him. And it was enough!

What Jesus Did

Although Peter knew nothing about three-point sermons, his answer to "What does this mean?" was threefold. First of all he reminded them of Jesus and what he had done . . . a man with

mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst . . . This Jesus had done only what God had directed him to do. The works of Jesus had really been the works of God.

Next, he reminded them of what men had done. Whereas Jesus had done his best to be faithful to God, "lawless men" had done their very worst to destroy this Jesus. In doing so, they had actually defied God. They killed the man Jesus, but it was really God against whom they had raised violent hands! For centuries Israel had awaited God's anointed one and then they crucified him. Their one great hope had been horribly bungled.

What they had done, however, had not been decisive. Two powerful words change the picture: "But God . . ." This is his answer to man's worst. The decisive act was not what men had done, but what God did. Peter's powerful "But God . . ." changed tragedy into victory. His power, greater than man's evil, raised Jesus from the dead "and made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Not Humanity, But Me

Suddenly the people listening to Peter were aware that he was no longer speaking merely of what had been done by "evil men," but he was saying that they themselves had had a part in it. "Whom you crucified," Peter said. Surely you don't mean us, Peter? We weren't at Gethsemane or the hall of Pilate or Calvary. We didn't press down the crown of thorns or drive the nails.

Yet, when we are honest with ourselves, we know that we do share in this tragedy. When the spiritual asks, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?", we know the answer is really "yes." We too cannot help but be "cut to the heart." Our share of this guilt stabs us until, like them, we cry out: ". . . what shall we do?"

Peter's answer told them what Jesus did, what men did, what God did, and now he speaks of what we must do if we are "cut to the heart." "Repent and be baptized every one of you . . ."

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Plow Cover Crops

As soon as soil moisture permits, it is advisable to plow down most any type of cover crop for best results. Excess top growth may be a problem in getting decomposition and in having good moisture movement in the soil later in the season. Also, in case of dry weather later in the spring, most cover crops will create a plowing problem and more difficulty in getting the ground ready for planting. Most of the value in a cover crop is in the root system and there is little to be gained in permitting excessive top growth.

To Handle Machinery Carefully

The spring rush will soon be here and many pieces of farm equipment will see intensive use. Operators are reminded of the need to practice safety at all times and insist that all hired help and members of their family do likewise. It is not modern farm machinery that is dangerous and presents safety hazards, it's the operator of the equipment that is often guilty. All safety shields should be kept in place and high rates of speed with any equipment should not be allowed. Tractors are manufactured to haul only one person — the operator. Don't make the mistake of permitting extra passengers.

To Check Lightning Rods

The thunderstorm season is approaching when lightning rods are expected to give protection to buildings: that is, providing they are properly in place and grounded into moist



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