

From Where We Stand . . .

Salute To Dairy Industry

For the past several years, Lancaster Farming has devoted its first issue in June to the county's giant dairy industry. As you will note this year is no exception.

June marks the dairy industry's biggest annual effort to tell its story, and to encourage use of its products. Since our audience is primarily Lancaster County farmers, we don't have to tell you of the virtues of milk products.

But, "June is Dairy Month" is good promotion for the dairy industry, and gives us an opportunity to at least thank our county dairy readers for the fine job they are doing for the health and economy of the county, the state, and the nation.

★ ★ ★ ★ You Can't Stop The World

Contrary to the title of a Broadway play of a few seasons ago — "Stop the World I Want to Get Off" — the problem of June graduates will be: How to learn to live with the world without getting off.

Some sage at some point in history defined wisdom as deriving from accepting the world as it is. We'd like to extend that definition to say: accept the world, not necessarily as it is, but as a reality to be reckoned with.

The youngster graduating into the world is, generally for the first time, flying from the parental nest where he has dwelt in comparative ease and safety for all of his young life. Even if he is going on to college rather than directly to work, he will still be beyond the authoritative protection he has enjoyed (he would say endured) for the past seventeen or eighteen years.

In entering the confused and confusing adult world, he will encounter many of the "stop the world types". These are generally young people who have refused to accept the reality of life. They are quite content, apparently, to let others carry the load and make the decisions. They have, in the "hip" vernacular, "dropped out".

We are led to believe that, particularly among college youths, the use of drugs has become a widespread means of both rejecting conventional morality and finding physical gratification in that never-never world of hallucination.

The king of the drugs these days is LSD (we won't even try to spell out the unpronounceable chemical name). And the self-styled leader of the LSD sect is a former man known as Timothy Leary. Leary's invitation to all who would join his world "Turn off, tune in, drop out". There have always been escapists like Leary and there always have been tools

with which to escape. But the latter are getting more and more sophisticated. Leary himself predicts that one of these days drugs will be old hat; all you'll have to do is plug in a machine and drop out electrically.

For those who would rather fight than twitch, we say, "Hang in there. You can't be unborn by denying reality; you can be reborn, in a sense, by meeting reality head-on and bending it into a better form than it could ever have achieved unopposed."

You will follow many leaders along the way, choose them well. Know that their goals and their ideals match your own. For those of you who are destined to become the leaders, know that your actions beget consequences, and lead as you would have others lead you. Yours is a particularly dire responsibility.

Enough advice. Graduates, We congratulate you on getting this far successfully, and may success and good fortune continue to shine on you forever.

★ ★ ★ ★ Alfalfa On The Increase

Perhaps one reason the alfalfa weevil is gaining in economic importance in Lancaster County is the increase in alfalfa acreage during the past four years.

A comparison of the state's crop and livestock reports for 1963-1966 showed corn acreage gaining at the expense of small grains, and corn for silage gaining 70 percent while corn acreage for grain declined 17 percent.

When it came to comparing forage crops for the four-year-period, we found that, although the acreage grown in the county held fairly constant at about 90,000, the ratio of alfalfa acreage to clover and timothy changed drastically. In 1963, county farmers raised 43,000 acres of alfalfa and 46,000 acres of mixed hay. By 1966, those figures had changed to 53,300 for alfalfa to 37,000 acres for clover-timothy.

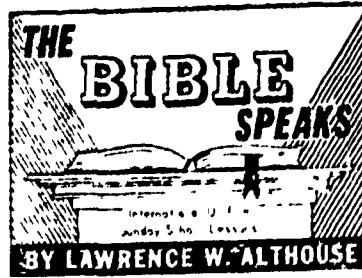
We're not entirely sure of the full implications of the increasing farmer preference for alfalfa, but we're sure of one thing: the weevils are happy about the new trend.

★ ★ ★ ★ Cows And Cars

One Lancaster County dairyman we heard of lately has an idea that may revolutionize cow sales, he's going to list them the way the car dealers do.

For example: One Holstein cow, base price, \$100. Accessories: udder, \$75; two-tone color, \$30; four split hooves, \$10 each, extra stomach, \$35; dual horns (optional), \$5 each. Total price, \$290.

It may not catch on, but you've got to admit, it's different!



Can People Change?

Lesson for June 4, 1967

Background Scripture: Acts 9:1-18
Devotional Reading: Acts 9:1-18

"What's the use of trying? No one will believe that I've changed!"

These were the hopeless words spoken to me by a young man sick at heart after days of answering "want ads" for employment. Every prospective employer gave him an application form; every application form wanted to know whether he had ever been in trouble with the law. Convinced that lying could no longer be a part of his life he told the truth each time. Each time he was turned away with something roughly equivalent to "Sorry, we can't use you."



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No Radical Change

Why would no one believe that he had changed? He was a good-looking boy; despite his history of arrests for various offenses, he had a "sincere face." His appearance was neat, clean, and he was courteous in his manner. If anything, his appearance should have encouraged trust and a willingness to take a risk on him.

Prospective employers would not believe he had changed because there is a basic suspicion that people cannot change radically. It is believed that there is something "fixed" about a person's character, something that remains ever the same. While small changes and minor growth may take place, these have few consequences.

What a strange opinion of human nature for those who count themselves as Christians. They tend to divide all people into the "good guys" and the "bad guys," these divisions remaining quite rigid and unchanging. In doing so, they forget that Jesus taught that all men have potentialities for both good and evil. No one is wholly good

or wholly bad. None of us is doomed to be one or the other.

What God Can Do

Saul, once the passionate persecutor of Christ's followers, encountered this attitude after he had his life-changing experience on the Damascus Road. Taken to Damascus, Paul waited for God to make known his will for him. While he waited the news of his experience spread through the Christian community. One gets the impression that it was regarded largely with suspicion and outright rejection. "Nobody changes that much," seemed to be the general reaction from most people. Even later when he had been accepted by the Damascus church, the suspicion accompanied him to Jerusalem.

Once again in the Damascus Road experience of Saul we see how God can foil the opposition of men to his plans. Saul's persecution might easily have finished the early Church, but God used that danger to accomplish his purpose. Furthermore, when he encountered Saul on his way to Damascus, he accomplished three things in one: (1) raised up someone to take the place of the martyred Stephen; (2) enlisted Saul's talents for the kingdom instead of against it, and (3) ended the persecution against the Church. In other words, he gained an apostle, lost an enemy, and protected his Church.

Yet this might never have happened if someone in the Christian community had not been willing to believe that Saul the persecutor could become Paul the apostle. There was Stephen who prayed for him as Saul watched him die. There was Ananias, the fearful but obedient man who helped Saul begin a new life in Damascus. Finally, there was Barnabas who was willing to risk his own safety to claim a new recruit for the Way.

Unless We Believe

How can people change unless someone is willing to believe that they can change? How is conversion possible when we continue to doubt the power of God to transform a person's life? Why should we be willing to believe that Saul became Paul if we will not believe that the delinquent can become a useful citizen?

If you were willing, like Barnabas, Ananias, and Stephen, to take a chance on God's power to transform men, whom do you know that might become a new person in Jesus Christ?

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Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

To Be Careful With Weed Control Sprays

Chemical weed control is a very common practice on most farms today. Unfortunately, many of the herbicides are non-selective and will kill many kinds and species of plants. Users of weed control chemicals are urged to be extremely careful about the drift from their sprayer and about the residue left in equipment. To spray corn fields with 2,4-D and then use the same machinery for spraying alfalfa fields is certainly very risky. Separate equipment is the safest method.

To Plant Temporary Forage Crops

Late May or early June is the recommended time to plant soybeans, sudan grass, or any of the forage sorghum hybrids. We hope that the soil will become warmer in the next few weeks which is necessary for the proper growth of these plants. These temporary forage crops may be used for pasture, hay, or silage and most of them have the ability to grow well during the hot summer months. Care should be used to keep the seeds separate from fertilizers containing any nitrogen or potash.

To Fertilize Alfalfa . . .

One of the good times to apply fertilizer to an established alfalfa field is immediately after the removal of the first cutting. The common fertilizer to use is one containing both phosphorus and potash.



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such as 0-20-20 or 0-15-30. It is best to apply the fertilizer when the small shoots are dry to prevent any burning from the fertilizer.

The one thing greater than success is ability to stand it.

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BOBBI Penn Springs Moohaven carries the high hopes of co-owners Robert Kauffman and J. Robert Hess, Elizabethtown, RI and Strasburg, RI, respectively, as she heads for the national Holstein Association sale June 29th at St. Paul, Minn. A two-year-old, Bobbi is due to freshen in July. She is the daughter of Oliverdale Inspiration Terry, an aged cow with a 2E92 classification. Her sire is the well-known CRISS-cross bull.



● National Holstein

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Miss Herbert Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, and a five-year old cow owned by Carl L. Martin, Ephrata, RI.

At last year's national sale, Bobbi Penn Springs Moohaven a young Holstein bull consigned by J. Mowery Frey, Jr., 401 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, brought a record \$25,000. She is the daughter of Oliverdale Inspiration Terry, an Ivanhoe daughter with a 2E92 classification. Bobbi's sire is The Hess Kauffman heifer is

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