

From Where We Stand...

Action Farmers

For the most part, farmers and farm organizations have traditionally gone about their business quietly, with most progress made slowly and often behind the scenes.

Not so the National Farmers Organization. They customarily shoot for the spotlight, as clearly evidenced during the milk-holding action of last winter.

Now their leaders are at it again, and it looks like another storm brewing on the farm front. Whether or not you agree with the NFO militant philosophy — and we assuredly do not — you have to hand it to any organization that can get some 35,000 farmers out for a mass meeting.

This is what happened this week at Des Moines, Iowa. Although no action was initiated, the farmers indicated by their response that they were fed up with being the "poor relations" of the rest of the economy. It has been suggested that a general holding action, following a period of preparation, could be forthcoming. This could mean a holding back on marketing of corn, soybeans, livestock, poultry, milk, and other farm products.

We can't see how the farmer can secure any long-term gains from the NFO approach, unless of course the organization accomplishes complete victory and wins the marketing contracts it seeks — even then, aren't the farmers just getting themselves one more boss to take a cut out of their income?

But we repeat a statement we made earlier: the farm organizations which are going to get the support of farmers in the future will be those actively working on the marketing angle. That is the area in which farmers need help. Again, agree or not with NFO, they're sure going to keep getting public attention, although they may have to continue to compete with the city rioters for prime TV time.

4-H Supports Farm & Home

Many of the more than 1200 youngsters working in 4-H activities have risen to the occasion in support of THEIR Lancaster County Farm & Home Center.

Their contributions won't significantly dent the substantial sum of \$100,000 needed to pay off the building, but their efforts have helped — as does every little drop help fill a bucket.

Several clubs have donated lump sums of \$25 to the campaign, and these donations didn't all come out of the clubs' treasuries. In some cases, special projects were conducted to raise the money. One

club sold household products on a door-to-door basis to raise its donation.

Lancaster County youth is beginning to realize the impact such a Farm & Home Center can have on their future, and they're anxious to see the current campaign reach a successful conclusion. The value of the Center to youth is apparent. It may be slightly less apparent to the adult farmers in the county, but no less important.

Your support is still urgently needed.

"I Smell America Burning"

Approximately 100 years ago a noted poet wrote with confidence and spirit about the "people" of this fair land. The period was the 1860's, in the midst of another great civil strife which threatened to split this then young nation in two.

Walt Whitman listened, and he liked what he heard. He described the songs of the mechanic, carpenter, mason, boatman, shoemaker, wood-cutter, and of the young wife, and the mother. Whitman heard each singing of what belonged to him and to no one else. Strong, friendly, melodious songs, he called them. And he called his poem: "I Hear America Singing".

We wonder; would Whitman interpret the "songs" of today as optimistically if he could walk again among his people?

Some poets are eternally optimistic, and maybe this helps tide the rest of us over during our normal periods of gloom. But somehow we think Whitman might retitile his work: "I Smell America Burning".

And we doubt he'd find much encouragement, or much cause for hope, in the smell of the burning draft cards and smoking ruins of pillaged cities, compounded by too many backyard incinerators, factories, and fuming vehicles.

We wonder how he'd interpret the songs of the city looters: "If we can't blow America up, we'll burn it down!" Is there cause for optimism there? Each singing the song of what is his alone? No; more likely each singing the song of what he wants from someone else, and his wanting it is sufficient justification for taking it.

Mr. Whitman, you lived in a much happier and less complicated time than now.

But then we have the words of another great American poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson, to remind us that: "This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it."



Cool weather is forecast for the weekend with temperatures for the next five days expected to average below normal. A gradual rising trend toward the latter part of the period will bring conditions back to about normal.

Precipitation in the form of showers and thunder showers over the weekend may total greater than 1/2-inch.

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Chester County Youth Top Angus Showman

Sam Wylie, Jr. of Nottingham, was named winner of the National Junior Angus Showmanship contest held recently at Lexington, Kentucky. The twenty-year-old Wylie beat out 79 other youngsters from all over the United States and Canada to win this first national honor.

Among the judges for the event was Herman Purdy, Penn State animal husbandry professor.

Wylie is the son of the manager of Octoraro Angus Farms of Nottingham, and currently works as herdsman for the farms. He has showed Angus cattle for nine years while a member of the Chester County Baby Beef Club, and has regularly represented his county in southeastern beef competition, and won the state elimination contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Angus Association. Wylie was presented with the top prize of \$150 and a trophy donated by the American Angus Auxiliary.

The youths received a VIP

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work out of the Superintendent of Schools' office in Lancaster. His work will be primarily supervising and guiding the efforts of area agriculture teachers, with his time to be divided between the two counties.

The Givler family — including two boys and two girls ranging in age from fifteen to five, reside at Ronks R.I.

4-H Dairy Show

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Participants are advised not to bring any hay or straw to Hershey as this will be provided, and has been included in the entry fee. Winners in county dairy roundups in southeastern Pennsylvania will be competing for district titles.

treatment during the three days they were at Lexington. Following the first day's elimination, they were served lunch and given a tour of Lexington area horse farms.



NOW IS THE TIME...

By Max Smith

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To Lime for Small Grains...

Small grain fields that will go into either clover or alfalfa following the harvest next summer should be limed this fall and worked into the topsoil. The common material to use is ground limestone which requires time to correct soil acidity; much better use of the lime will be attained and the soil will be more suitable for growing legumes if six months to a year is allowed after application and prior to seeding.

To Keep Cows Out of Mud...

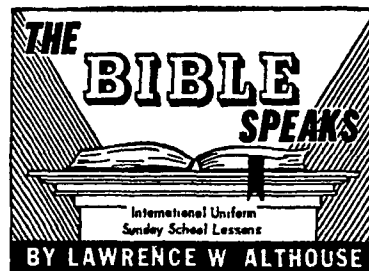
Swamps, mud holes, and muddy barnyards are often the source of acute mastitis attacks on dairy cows during hot summer months. Such areas are sources of coliform organisms which enter the teat ca-

nal and produce severe infection. Rainfall this summer has created many such places in pastures and holding areas. Dairymen are urged to keep the milking herd away from this possible infection.

To Worm Ewe Flock...

The breeding season is at hand for many flocks of sheep; to get a larger number of twin lambs next spring, it is advisable to be certain the ewes are not infested with internal parasites. Worming in the fall several weeks prior to the breeding season, and again next spring, when they go to pasture is good sheep management. Ewes in a healthy, gaining condition at breeding time will throw a more profitable lamb crop.

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The Vital Nerve

Lesson for August 20, 1967

Background Scripture: Acts 19:21 through 20:38.
Devotional Reading: Matthew 6:24-34.

The most sensitive part of the human anatomy, it often seems, is the pocketbook or wallet. A person may seem impervious to all kinds of bodily pain and discomfort, but put your hand on his money and you will find you have touched the vital nerve.

Paul discovered this quite frequently. For example, he was getting along without any apparent difficulty at Philippi until the day when he turned and healed the demented slave girl who was being exploited as a soothsayer by her owners. That did it: "... when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers" (Acts 16:19 RSV). Having given back the girl her sanity, Paul thus destroyed her owners' hope for continuing profitable exploitation. He had struck the vital nerve!

Rev. Althouse

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Their Bread and Butter

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Nor was he the only one concerned, for the cult of Artemis was profitable to many, many people. Tourists came from all over the Mediterranean world to see the great temple of Artemis. The income from these visitors to

Ephesus, particularly the sale of little statues and other pagan articles, was tremendous, employing and providing a living for thousands. Thus, gathering together other artisans and craftsmen like himself, Demetrius gets right to the point: "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth." This Christianity that was growing in their midst was a threat to their vested financial interests. The success of Paul and his associates had become personal because it was touching their pocketbooks.

Bad for Business

Had Paul avoided this issue and concentrated on theology of a speculative nature, he might very well have had a peaceful time in Ephesus. People did not mind one more religion so long as it did not hurt their business in any way. But his gospel was bad for business and the reaction of the merchants and craftsmen was violent: "When they heard this they were enraged, and cried out, 'Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!' So the city was filled with confusion." (Acts 19:28,29 RSV)

This has always been a common reaction to the gospel when the teaching of Jesus Christ lays heavy hands upon people's money and touches that most sensitive spot. Paul and others like him could not help but come into conflict with certain vested interests. The gospel always opposes human exploitation, regardless of how profitable it may be.

From "They" to "Us"

This is no mere historical problem but a vital concern in our world today. The teachings of Christ still come into conflict with vested interests, hurting business enterprise, that is dishonest and dependent upon exploitation. As a rule today, people find Christianity quite harmless; but when it touches their profits, their wealth, their financial gain, then suddenly, having been touched at the vital nerve, they respond as the Ephesians did long ago. Yet, let us not merely say "they," for the gospel often brings similar indignant responses from us when it reaches into our pocket and calls into question our own honesty and integrity. We not become apparent that Paul are all for prophetic Christianity was discouraging these people until the prophecy touches our own vital nerve.

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