

From Where We Stand . . .

We're Interested Too

With the change of editorial guard as announced last week, "From Where We Stand" is in new hands. But the principles of "Lancaster County's Own Farm Weekly" are not changed. We again dedicate ourselves to inform, protect and speak for our farm neighbors and associated friends. And never before have we been in a better position to do it. For now Lancaster Farming has nearly twelve years experience. We know first-hand the joys and sorrows of farming.

And along with the new editor we know what it's like to plow along smoothly when suddenly a hidden stone meets the shear with a snap-bang-broke-in-the-middle thud. We've looked across the meadow on a dusky morning to see a favorite cow stretched out — dead — after having done all possible the night before to be sure she was OK. Yes, we understand.

But we've also stood on top of the gentle rise in the calm of a summer evening and looked over the rich fruit of our toil. We have smelled the new cut hay, listened to the crickets and watched the harvest moon rise over the barn. We've thrilled to the report from the maternity stall, "It's a heifer".

Yes, if you're interested in pigs and chickens or vegetables or cows or horses or corn or hay or sheep or cash crops or a special farm organization, we are interested too.

No question about it. We stand where the farmer stands because we are farmers at heart.

May we count on you to keep our farm weekly informed of the joys and sorrows on your farm.

In The Top Of The Farm News This Week

Breeders Told To Give Up Individual Independence

Frey's Dairy Hosts National Breeders

Poultry Directors Have State President As Guest At Meeting

Black and White Three-Year Old Class To Feature Five Champions

Shooting Hours Newly Revised In Pennsylvania

Weather Forecast

Temperatures during the next five days, Saturday thru Wednesday, are expected to average below normal with daily highs in the upper 60's North, to mid-60's South. Over night lows will be in the low 50's North to upper 50's South. It will be normal at the beginning of the period, cooler at the beginning of the week and normal again at the end of the period.

Rain may total more than one-half inch during the first part of next week.

The normal temperature range for this period is high 79 to low 58.

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Someone Is Doing Something Right

The following letter was read to the directors of the Red Rose DHIA last week at the regular board meeting held in the Production Credit Building. We asked permission to publish it because— Well, you read it and see for yourself.

Lampeter, Pa.

Directors of Red Rose DHIA
Gentlemen,

At the June 2nd testers meeting I was instructed, without dissenting vote, to write a note of appreciation for the \$1.00 per herd increase in wages you had provided for us in your action at the May board meeting. Your alertness to the fact of increasing costs of living and automobile upkeep; and your courage to act upon it is to be commended.

Your awareness of our needs and your willingness to do something about it without our asking is deeply appreciated. I trust that your confidence in us will be rewarded by our added devotion to our work.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

J. Wilbur Houser

For Red Rose DHIA supervisors

To us, this letter is a wonderful example of the way employer-employee relations can be if each has a genuine concern for the other. In this case the employer is the DHIA. The farmer directors have in their hands the livelihood of the 16 association milk testers. Approximately \$8,000 per month must be budgeted for salaries. And when you consider all the other expenses that must be dutifully and properly distributed out of the total 12 to 13 thousand dollars monthly income, truly the DHIA director has a sizable responsibility.

The tester (in this case the employee) has the responsibility of honestly recording and reporting records of 1000 cows in maybe 25 different herds each month. He may have many more on the Owner-Sampler Program. The irregular milking time and routine from herd to herd keeps the tester hopping, not to mention the different personality of each owner that must be appeased each time around.

But with all the problems and responsibilities of both the employer and the employee, we believe Lancaster County has the best DHIA relationships in Pennsylvania. Not only do we conclude this from the above letter but also from the fact that we now have nine testers that have been with us ten years or more and one that has served between five and ten years — Someone must be doing something right. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Across The Fence Row

"Uncle Zeke," a young man once asked, "How does it come you're so wise?"

"Because," said the old man, "I've got good judgment. Good judgment comes from experience, and experience — well, that comes from poor judgment!" — Quote

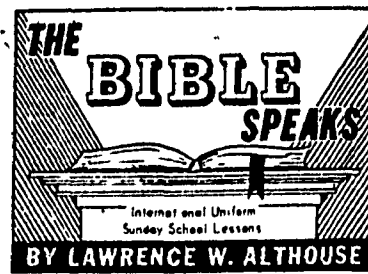
Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

Too many fellows think they can push themselves forward by patting themselves on the back.

Few men have ever repented of silence. — Patrick Henry

Then there's this story — A farmer, interviewing a farm hand applicant, remarked, "You ask high wages for a man with no experience"

"Well," the prospect replied, "It's so much harder to work when you don't know anything about it."



BEYOND THE FRINGE

Lesson for September 10, 1967

Background Scripture Acts 25:13 through 26:32
Devotional Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

"Tell me about this Christian faith of yours," says a young man who is both a dropout and an alcoholic. Encouraged, you try as simply as you can to speak of what Christ means to you and your life. When you have finished, you cannot determine what effect it has made upon him. He nods, rises from the table, and says: "Thanks, I'll think it over."



You do not know it then, but it is the last time you will see him. Several weeks later you find that he has been shot and killed while breaking into a liquor store. Your witness, it seems, has been a failure.

WHAT IS FAILURE?

Anyone who attempts to witness for his Christian faith has suffered the same sense of failure. We have done our best, it seems, but our hearer does not make the necessary response. Our efforts appear to have been in vain.

The Apostle Paul knew this kind of "failure." Appearing before Festus and King Agrippa, he gave a powerful testimony. Yet, when he is finished, Festus says, "Paul you are mad; your great learning is turning you mad," and Agrippa responds, "In a short time you think to make me a Christian!" Nothing has changed. Paul's witness has not won them to Christ.

Are we to conclude, then, that Paul has been a failure? If chalking-up personal victories is the measure of success, then he has failed. Paul, however, was not called to win these two men, but to witness to them. This he did and powerfully. Their response to that witness is their own and if

they do not respond favorably, the failure is theirs, not that of the witness.

NO COMPULSION

God, we must remember, does not compel people to come to him and accept his gracious love. He appeals to them, woos them, pursues them, but the choice is always theirs. Paul's obligation was not to add Festus and Agrippa to his list of converts, but to make very clear to them what it was they were being called to choose or reject.

So it may be with us. We too are called to witness faithfully. Our concern should not be a matter of how many "scalps" we can collect, but how clearly and faithfully we present the invitation of Christ. Certainly we are deeply concerned about those who do not accept the invitation. We want them to grasp it, but we need to realize that we cannot force Christian discipleship on anyone.

Because we seem to forget this fact, our outreach too often takes on the image of "Aw, c'mon!" We become accustomed to coaxing people to serve Christ and some people become accustomed to being coaxed and make a life-long career out of being hard-to-get.

OFF THE FENCE

This is why so many churches become the association of the faintly interested. The task of the congregation becomes that of constantly trying to find new ways and means — in many cases, gimmicks! — of coaxing these people to "come back to the church." Someone has suggested that, instead of coaxing people ad infinitum, we might better encourage them to get off the fence and become declared atheists — if they can!

Perhaps one of the best ways to discover the reason for Christian discipleship is to attempt to live as a full-fledged atheist. Many people never come to appreciate fully the power of the Christian faith because, instead of rejecting it and discovering what life is like without it, they hang on to the fringe. It gives them just enough to escape the complete emptiness of life without God, and too little to experience the fullness of life with him. If you cannot bring yourself to make a full commitment to Christ, perhaps you ought to try living without him at all — if you can!

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Read Lancaster Farming For Full Market Reports



NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By Max Smith
Lancaster County Agent

To Wait For Dent-Stage Corn Silage

Corn has matured rapidly during the past week but many crops are still green and not ready to make top quality silage. Growers are urged to wait for the dent stage in order to get maximum feed nutrients per acre. When so many dairy and livestock producers are placing more emphasis on corn silage as a means of cutting feed costs, it is important to harvest the crop when feed value is the highest

To Plan For Corn Drying

Many corn cobs and regular storages will not hold this year's corn crop. The practice of piling ear corn on the floor of the barn or other buildings often means poor ventilation and molding of

the crop. Growers are informed of two corn drying meetings elsewhere in this publication and are urged to become acquainted with the important practices to get good curing conditions.

To Top-Dress Alfalfa Stands

Early fall is one of the very good times to fertilize established stands of alfalfa. After the removal of the last crop during September or early October, applications of phosphorus and potash will be taken up by the plants and result in increased yields next season. A complete soil test should be used as a guide whether or not to use an 0-20-20 or an 0-15-30 analysis of fertilizer. Nitrogen applications to healthy alfalfa is questionable at any time and especially in the fall.