

From Where We Stand...

Impress City Friends

A new revised edition of the pamphlet, "Lancaster County Agriculture" is out — a beautiful thing produced by the Agriculture committee of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce. The brochure it up dates was also nice, and when you compare the two editions, you get an interesting view of Lancaster County Agriculture today as compared to a few years ago.

Some of the photographs (by Grant Heilman) remain the same. The field of nearly mature tobacco looks about like it did before. The pictures of the livestock market and the corn field look the same and we still bale hay. And a field of potatoes being sprayed has been added.

But when you look at the poultry and dairy pictures you see real change. For the dairy, instead of cows standing contentedly out in the pasture, the cows now eat out of bank feeders and contentedly move to their free-stalls in a spacious barn.

The chickens aren't running out on the ground with feeders and shelter pens sitting around. They are on slatted floors or in cages and the operator moves along picking up eggs in the isles.

In the years between the 1964 summary and the 1968 figures there have also been some changes. Dairy cows moved from our second ranked value industry with \$25,367,000 to the top value business with 1968 figures showing \$36,417,000. This in spite of cow number reductions from 71,000 to the present 64,000.

The poultry business continued to grow though now ranking second in County dollar value with \$31,221,000. In 1964, the total value is reported at \$27,586,000. Combined layers and broiler numbers are also up 4,944,000 head to 14,902,000.

Beef cattle with 78,800 head in the County has a \$13,440,000 value, up from the 1964 figure of 67,900 head valued at \$10,219,000. Hogs showed 41,000 head valued at \$1,168,000 in 1964 and now are up to 76,000 head with a value set at \$2,604,000.

The County ranks first in Pennsylvania in all these major commodities — dairy, poultry, beef cattle and hogs. County sheep still rank third in the state as it did in 1964 but numbers and dollar value are down considerably from 14,300 head valued at \$176,000 to the present 8,000 sheep valued at 150,000.

More acres with higher yields were reported for corn. In 1964, corn for grain totaled 86,300 acres with an average yield of 60.3 bushels per acre and a value of \$7,040,000. In 1968, 92,400 acres were grown with an average yield of 97.7 bushels and a value of \$9,681,000. Silage corn also jumped in acres, yields and dollar value to the present \$5,962,800 from \$3,882,700 in 1964.

Tobacco acreage was down 8,700 acres. And though yields per acre were up 90 pounds, total crop value was down from \$13,100,000 to \$9,679,800.

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The little folder is a fine representation of the Lancaster County Farm Industry — something worth having, especially if you wanted to impress some city friends of our importance. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

View Lancaster County From The Air

You might like to see Lancaster County from the air again. Or maybe you never have? From our experience last year, it is worth it.

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the annual Air Tour of Conservation will be held again June 29, leaving from the New Holland Airport. Rain date is July 6.

Things do look different from up there. You take off from New Holland without much fuss. The pilot turns a few knobs and pulls a few levers. He guns the motor and you're on your way — up of course.

Things get smaller soon. The farm buildings and houses turn into miniature villages. The farmer's crop contours make interesting patterns in the rich farm land. The streams and highways make thread-like lines across the countryside. It's a different way to see Lancaster County and we think it's a good way.

If you have any hankering at all to see the land from the windows of an airplane you should go on the Lancaster County Air Tour June 29th. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Keep The Banner Rolling

Egg sales were up ten to twelve percent in the local store where Lancaster County poultrymen used their Farm Show Banner to promote local eggs. And that increase came during a period where table egg prices remained steady.

You will recall that we reported Lancaster County produced eggs receiving a boost the week of May 24, when the Farm Show Banner won by local poultrymen in January started it's rounds of local food stores who sell only eggs produced here. The banner and a large printed display card were placed in Erb's Super Market at East Petersburg. And now the results are in.

Lawrence E. Kegerreis, Marketing Specialist, Division of Market Development, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, who worked with the Lancaster County Poultry Association on the promotion project said, "Egg sales the two weeks the banner was displayed were up ten to twelve percent."

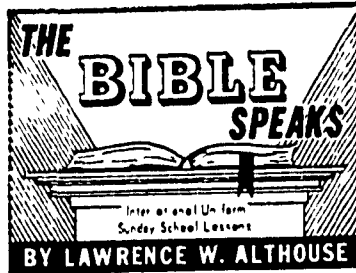
At the time the project was started we called the display "Effective promotion — a sure promotional winner." And we still think it is. With a good idea requiring only nominal expense, local poultrymen have proven that promoting local eggs can increase sales. And now Kegerreis and the local poultrymen are contacting other stores to try the idea. And as the producers, distributors and the retail stores work together, even more eggs will be sold. And this is what advertising is all about. So keep the banner rolling.

Local Weather Forecast

(From the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Harrisburg State Airport)

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average below normal with daytime highs in the 70's and over-night lows in the 50's. Hot on Saturday turning cooler in the late weekend. Warmer again at mid-week. The normal high-low for the period is 83-60.

Rain may total three-fourths of an inch as showers about Sunday.



RENEWAL AND THE WORD

Lesson for June 15, 1969

Background Scripture 2 Kings 22:3-23:25 Psalms 118:24-29 130 Ephesians 3:7-10, Colossians 3:16, 1 Timothy 4:11-16
Devotional Reading Psalms 78:1-8.

What is the place of the Bible in the life of the Church? One of the best ways to find an answer to that question is simply to turn to the history of the Church, ancient and contemporary, to see what influences the scriptures have exerted. As we do so, we find that every movement to reform, renew, and revive the Church has found its origin in the rediscovery of the Bible's message.



Rev. Althouse

Josiah's reform

This was true in the history of the Jewish nation. In the seventh century B.C., King Josiah set in motion a great reform movement that renewed the Hebrew faith for a time. The source of this reformation was the rediscovery of some old scrolls of scripture (possibly Deuteronomy 12-26) in a forgotten corner of the temple. Discovered by the high priest, Hilkiah, during some repairs to the temple, the scrolls were shown to Shaphan, the king's secretary. He, in turn, took them to King Josiah.

As Josiah read the message of these scrolls he found it critical of the nation's spiritual and moral condition. Although written for another generation, its judgment against irreligion and immorality were scathing indictments of Josiah's Judah. Instead of rejecting this message, as many Hebrew kings would have done, Josiah responded to the promptings of his own conscience and set in motion a great reformation of the Hebrew faith.

"Here I Stand!"

It is a story that has been repeated many times in the history of both the old and the new Israel. It was his study of the Bible, for example, that led Martin Luther

to attempt to reform the Roman Catholic Church. In the scriptures, Luther caught a vision of what the Christian faith ought to be, and he could not help but be struck by the comparison of this with what the faith had actually become. It takes nothing away from Luther to say that it was the Bible, not Luther alone, who began the Reformation.

Brought before the Diet of Worms to retract his teachings, Luther turned to the scriptures as his source of authority: "I beseech you by the mercy of God, that whoever can, whether high or low, let him bring forward the proof, let him convince me of errors; let the Scriptures of Prophecy and Gospels triumph, for I will be wholly ready to revoke every error, if I can be persuasively taught..." Challenged one final time, Luther again replied: "Unless I shall be convinced by the testimony of Scriptures or by clear reason, I must be bound by those Scriptures which have been brought forward by me; yes, my conscience has been taken captive by these words of God. I cannot revoke anything, nor do I wish to; since to go against one's conscience is neither safe nor right; here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

God's judgment

The scriptures still have the same effect upon us today when we let them speak to us. We hear much of renewal today. Renewal almost always stems from a conscience that has been enlightened by the rediscovery of the Bible's message. If the church is attempting to change people's lives and effect rebirth, it is because the Bible has made it clear that such rebirth is both necessary and possible.

If the church is striving to reform society, it is because the scriptures have pricked our consciences and indicated to us God's judgment upon our world.

When the church is responsive to the Bible it is a church that is constantly in the midst of rebirth and renewal. This is why Paul and others were so anxious to keep the scriptures central in Christian experience: "Attend to the public reading of scripture..." (1 Timothy 4:13), "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another..." (Colossians 3:16).

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NOW IS THE TIME...

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To Treat For Internal Parasites

Stomach worm infection is present in nearly all species of animals on many farms; a decade ago we were more concerned about the control of worms in sheep and hogs; now it is also important to treat cattle and horses for this problem. The young of all species of animals should be given special treatments more often than the older animals; in most cases it requires more than one treatment to remove all of the worms and worm eggs. Owners of animals are urged to improve production and output by eliminating all worms. Consult your local veterinarian.

To Make Farm Ponds Safer

Hot weather is at hand and many farm ponds will be used for recreations, owners are urged to provide rescue equipment at the side of the pond that can be used in an emergency. Items

such as an inflated inner-tube, a wooden ladder, a raft, a boat, ropes, or wooden planks or boards; any of these may save a life when swimming or boating is permitted.

To Control Thistles

Every land owner should make a special effort to control Canada Thistles on his property; the time is approaching when the first crop of thistles will be maturing and they should not be permitted to produce a seed crop. In many cases the winter barley or wheat fields will have several areas with many thistles and these will be allowed to stand until the combine cuts them; by that time they are ripe and the seeds will be spread over the area. Everyone should adopt the practice of not allowing thistles to go to seed. Why spend more trouble over your land?