

From Where We Stand...

The Poultry Business Is Big

Unquestionably, the Lancaster County Poultry Industry is big business. With the latest figures listing 11,930,000 broilers valued at \$7,831,000 and 2,972,000 layers and the eggs they produce valued at \$20,484,000 it is no wonder that Lancaster County is ranked No. 1 in Pennsylvania in all phases of the poultry industry.

In fact, when you add the value of turkeys, ducks, geese and all other poultry the total volume of poultry business production reaches over \$30,000,000 annually. This includes income from hatcheries, market eggs, broilers, and poultry processing and represents over one quarter of the county's gross receipts from the sale of agricultural products. On top of that, the impact on allied industry such as feed mills and equipment manufacturing plants can not be discounted.

The poultry industry has seen great expansion in Lancaster County in the past ten years. And with the renewed interest in bringing back the pullet growing operations to the local area there really seems to be no indication at all that the industry will lose its share of the County's gross income and there is every reason to think that it will continue to expand. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Brotherly Attitude

Congresswoman Edith Green, in a courageous statement, has taken exception to the idea that a college education is a necessary attainment for every living soul. She declares: "Too much emphasis has been placed on a four-year education as a prerequisite of success and happiness. . . ." She said college entrance requirements have been waived in too many cases to take in persons who are incapable of competing at that level. The result has been students who are not accepted and cannot accept college life at the four-year level. She attributes much of the campus unrest of today to the fact that there are people in college who should not be there. She said she would prefer to see extensions of vocational and technical education for those whose intellectual bent leads them in that direction. Her remarks make sense.

A lot of the problem could be overcome, we think, if we could adopt a little of the attitude expressed by our visiting IFYE student, Miss Maria Garcia from the Canary Islands. In her country, socially everyone is equal regardless of the person's occupation. The garbage collector is respected for his contribution to the community just as much as the business executive. We could use more of that kind of brotherly attitude in our community. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

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Watch That Litter

An official of the U.S. Forest Service reports a dramatic increase in the use by the public of the 15,000 square miles of land in the United States that have been set aside as wilderness areas. People who can no longer find camping space in state and national parks are taking to wilderness trails and waterways by foot, pack train and canoe. No doubt, the current fall hunting and fishing season flow of wilderness seekers will reach record levels.

Of all those who seek the wilderness, how many will appreciate its blessings sufficiently to treat them with respect? How many of those who go into the wilderness with all of the trappings of civilization — paper cartons, packaged foods, cases of beer and ingenuous plastic containers of all kinds — will take the trouble and the effort to bring their garbage back with them or to dispose of it in a suitable manner?

There is nothing that can destroy the wilderness quicker than an array of bullet-punctured beer and pop cans glittering with malevolent obscenity from the bottom of a crystal clear spring or stream.

And the same thing is true of Lancaster County rural roads and farm land. With all the tourists seeking a little mental relaxation by driving along our back winding roads, the same litter problem exists. Just the same as in the U.S. Forest Service's wilderness areas, those visitors to Lancaster County should also dispose of their refuse in a suitable manner. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Across The Fence Row

DID YOU NOW — that

The Opportunity of a Lifetime is a secondhand car. You can always hear it knocking.

A Farm is a portion of land covered by a mortgage.

A Reckless Driver is a person who passes you when you are exceeding the speed limit.

Laughter is the sound you hear when you stumble, or lose your hat in the wind.

A Parking Space is an unoccupied space about seven feet wide and fifteen feet long next to the curb — on the other side of the street. The place where you take your car to have little dents put in the fenders.

Sickness means not to feel well. There are three stages: 1. Ill; 2. Pill; 3. Bill. Sometimes there is another: 4. Will.

YES is a married man's last word.

A Bus Driver is the person who tells you where to get off at.

A Careful Driver is the fellow who has made the last payment on his car.

Election Year is one year in four when the great dish is applesauce.

One ship drives east and another drives west

With selfsame winds that blow,
It's the set of the sails and not the gales

That tells them where to go.
Like the winds of the sea are the winds of fate,

As we voyage along through life,
It's the set of the soul that decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

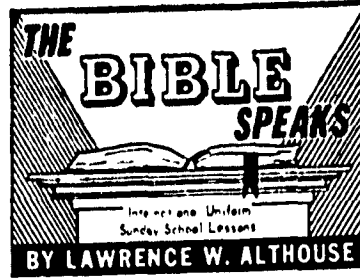
One should learn to disagree without becoming disagreeable.

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 above normal with daytime highs in the mid 70's and over-night lows in the mid 50's. Mild at the beginning and end of the period and a bit cooler in the middle. The normal high-low for the period is 68-45.

Rain may total one-fourth to one half inch as showers about Sunday and again near the end of the period.



OUR STORY?
Lesson for October 12, 1969

Background Scripture: Kings 17 through 18.

Devotional Reading: Psalms 47.

Jim Jones is having difficulty. He is losing the battle against drowsiness, an old enemy against which he seems particularly vulnerable on Saturday evenings as he prepares to teach his weekly Sunday school lesson.



Rev. Althouse Jim into the captivity of slumber.

An interesting story

His conscious mind is freed of pondering the Sunday school quarterly, but the conscious mind seems reluctant to let go of it, sending to the sleeping Jim a dream. He finds himself confronted by a man who at first appears to be his father. As the man draws near to him, however, his appearance changes. Jim recognizes him as the prophet Elijah. "I see you have been reading my story," the man says to him. "What did you think of it?" "It was . . ." Jim falters, ". . . very interesting . . ." "Interesting?" Elijah asks. "Yes," says Jim, "particularly the part where you challenge the priests of Baal and the people of Israel turn back to worship God alone."

The prophet says nothing, only looks at Jim as if expecting something more. "Very interesting," Jim repeats. More silence. "I think it is the kind of story every Sunday school child should know." Still more silence. Jim doesn't know what else to say and smiles awkwardly. He knows he has failed in his answers, but he does not know how or why.

Beyond "interesting"!

At last Elijah breaks the silence with a stern, "Is that all

you can say about it? 'Interesting'! What you mean is that it is an old story that is very entertaining!" Jim cannot reply. "Don't you realize that this is your story too?" This last came to Jim so forcefully that he physically flinched and the shock of the movement jarred him awake and from the grasp of the dream. Sitting bolt upright, Jim looked around in confusion.

It was only a dream. Yet Jim couldn't help but ponder the prophet's stern questions. What had he meant when he asked if it was not Jim's story too? What more was he to have understood from it?

Elijah's tale was one of national infidelity. The people had not given up the worship of the Hebrew God, but they had also taken up the worship of Baals as well. It was not that they were entirely forsaking their ancient faith, but that they were adopting another faith as well, even mixing the two together. Baal, they thought, brought prosperity and success to their pagan neighbors. Why should the Hebrews miss out on this blessing?

Hard to root out

Today, you and I can easily see the need for the Hebrews to understand that they could not worship Baal and God, that it was quite necessary for them to choose one or the other. We can see that Baalism became so intertwined in their lives that it was hard to distinguish and root out.

We find it more difficult to see our society in the same bind today. We are oblivious to the Baals around us. We do not realize how pagan culture has permeated our religious life, or that our values may be just as idolatrous as the Baalism of old. We find it difficult to realize that we too "want our cake and eat it too," God and Mammon.

It is one thing to find Elijah's ancient experience an interesting tale. It is something else to recognize it as our own story.

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Attend The Church of Your Choice Sunday

Read Lancaster Farming For Full Market Reports



NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By Max Smith
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To Worm Young Stock

Many young heifers are carrying a heavy worm infestation, this is especially true on farms where cattle have been produced for many years and when the numbers of cattle have been increased. Also, cattle feeders who are buying calves for fattening purposes may have heavy worm infestation. All producers are urged to have fecal samples checked with their local veterinarian and eliminate internal parasites.

To Be Equipped

Handling livestock is much easier and cheaper when proper equipment is used. All producers including dairymen have use for a loading chute or ramp. Cattle feeders should have pens for proper sorting and segregation, this is especially true at

the beginning of the feeding period when some animals may become sick. A narrow chute with a head gate is needed for injecting and treating animals. Plans for most of this equipment are available at our Extension Office.

To Seed Cover Crops

The importance of a cover crop during the winter months should not be overlooked. On many fields where corn is produced year after year, and where weed herbicides such as atrazine have not been used, there is still time to seed domestic ryegrass, field bromegrass, or winter grain such as rye. This crop will help reduce both wind and water erosion during the winter months and furnish some organic matter to plow down next spring.