

# Farm Commentary

## Weed Control Field Day

John Yocum, who's in charge of the Penn State Research Farm near Landisville, says he's got a weed control field day set for July 31, rain or shine, and everyone's invited. Dr. Nathan Hartwick will be coming down from Penn State to talk about weeds in corn, Dr. Richard Cole, also from Penn State, will cover weed problems in soybeans, while Yocum will talk about keeping the pesky things out of tobacco.

Demonstration plots are all set to provide visual proof of the three

experts' guidelines. You'll see all and hear all if you get to the farm by 1:30 p.m.

Directions to the farm, from Lancaster and south: take Route 283 west to the Salunga-Landisville exit. Go north about half-a-mile, turn left on Shenk Road, drive through the first covered bridge you see and you'll be at the farm. From the Manheim area, take Route 72 to Auction Road, turn onto Auction Road and continue for about three miles until you come to the farm's sign.

## Still Time to Enter the Plowing Contest

Level land and contour plowing contests will again be staged for Lancaster County plowmen, this year on August 6. George Hough, Peach Bottom RD2, is the host farmer this year. August 7 is the rain date.

If you haven't already entered, you can do so by contacting the County Conservation District Office at the Farm and Home Center, phone number 299-5361.

Besides the plowing events, there'll be a land judging contest for FFA students. Ronald Althoff, vo-ag teacher from Solanco, will be in charge of this event.

And for the kids who really want to

get into things, there'll be a greased pig chase for youths aged 8 to 13, and a rooster chase for the youngsters under 8. We haven't been told whether or not the rooster will be greased.

Directions to the Hough farm: Drive south on Route 272 to a point three-and-a-half miles south of the Buck. Turn right on Spring Valley Road and continue about half a mile to Slate Hill Road. Turn left at this junction on Slate Hill Road and continue for about three miles. The plowing contest will be on the left side of the road, and there'll be signs to guide you along your way.

## Doing Something About Troubled Waters

The Ephrata Young Farmers have agreed to pitch in and help clean up a section of the Cocalico Creek still filled with debris from the Agnes storms of two years ago. About 50 members of the group are expected to show up ready to work, bringing their own tractors, chains and chain saws. They'll converge about 10:30 on a section of the stream that runs through the Titus Zimmerman farm, between the Triple G Dairy Store in

Denver and Route 222. Afterwards, they'll converge on Stevens hog producer Terry Scheetz, who's promised to barbecue a hog for the occasion.

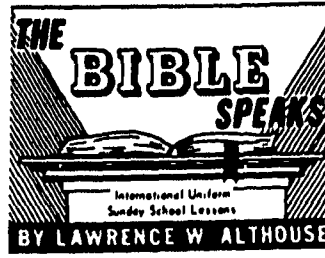
The whole effort was coordinated by the Cocalico Watershed Association, which is asking various farm and civic groups to adopt and care for sections of streams in the Cocalico watershed area.

## Young People Opt for the Simple Life

The 30-year floodtide of farm and rural youth to the big city is slowing to a trickle, according to assistant U.S. ag secretary Will Erwin, who's in charge of the USDA's rural development program. Part of the reason, Erwin said, is that more job opportunities are opening up in rural areas, and lots of young people simply

prefer country life to the big-city hassle.

Erwin said that one of the goals of his work is to get more small town and rural groups to organize comprehensive development plans for their communities as a means of providing job opportunities.



## THE GOAL

Lesson for July 28, 1974

**Background Scripture:** Philippians 2: 1-18; 3.

**Devotional Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13.

A mother sent her little boy to the store for some groceries. Much later, the little boy returned empty-handed. "Where are my groceries?" his mother wanted to know. "Groceries?" replied the boy, "Oh yeah, I forgot about them, I guess!" He had become distracted along the way and forgotten his purpose.

### Distracted by rubbish

That is a parable of life, for many of us get distracted along the way and never achieve our goal. Wasn't that the problem in the tale of "The Tortoise and the Hare"? The hare got distracted along the way and didn't finish the race. The tortoise, however, plodded on and reached the goal.

Of course we all know that we must not become distracted from our goal, but resisting those distractions along the way is not so easy. One of the reasons is that the distractions are usually very attractive. They have the power to divert our attention from the goal.

In Philippians, Paul speaks of some of the distractions which keep men from their goal. There is the temptation to settle for manmade qualifications and achievements. For example, says Paul, if you want to talk about qualifications, look at these:

circumcised on the eighth day

of the people of israel of the tribe of Benjamin a Hebrew born of Hebrews as to zeal a persecutor of the church

as to righteousness under the law blameless (3:5)

What a pedigree!

"I press on"

No, not really, says Paul. It all looks good, but it is so much rubbish in light of the true prize and goal: "... knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (3:7). All these qualifications, bright and glittering though they may seem, are but worthless distractions that cause men to stop along the way and fail to finish the race of life.

How easy it is to be distracted and settle for something other than the goal. This is no less true for us than it was for Paul. Just think of all the distractions that cause you to take your eyes off the real prize of life!

The secret is to realize that you cannot stop before you have reached the goal. "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own..." (3:12). If we stop along the way, we may become satisfied and never finish the race. With Paul, we must learn to say: "... forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!"

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## NOW IS THE TIME...



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### To Check Alfalfa Management

Maximum yields of quality alfalfa hay or forage crop silage should be the goal of every alfalfa grower. There are many practices involved in top yields but the proper time of cutting and management in the fall is one of the most important for a long-time stand. We refer to the cutting of the third or last crop during September and October. We find some difference in opinions about the last cutting but most authorities seem to agree that in this part of the country alfalfa should not be cut during the first half of September. To remove a crop during this period is sure to weaken the plants for the future. Growers are urged to become familiar with the proper late summer and fall management practices.

### To Utilize Testing Services

One of the important scientific advances in today's agriculture is the availability of testing services for soil and forage crops. We are aware that some producers are using these testing services to an advantage; however, no doubt many more crop and livestock producers could benefit from knowing the actual needs of a soil or the actual contents of a forage crop. We refer to the testing services available through the Penn State Testing Laboratories or from other individual concerns. Forage crops now being harvested, (both hay and silage) need to be tested soon in order to develop the proper grain rations. Feeding recommendations are available along with the results if requested.

### To Beware of Wild Animals

Rabies is a serious infection for both man or beast. At this time of the year all rural people and anyone going outdoors or spending time in the woods or mountains are urged to be careful about handling the young of wild animals. Also, a wild animal that is acting tame or peculiar should never be caught or handled. The temptation for youngsters to make pets from these small animals is always present; however, parents are urged to make their children leave them alone and let them stay outdoors. Many farmers are inclined to properly eradicate wild animals acting peculiar along with stray dogs and cats. In many cases these animals may carry rabies as well as other infectious diseases.

### To Evaluate Markets

We have often heard that farmers should spend more time on marketing rather than all their time on production. At this time of the year when many cattle feeders might be planning to fill their feedlot in the next few months, it would be helpful to follow the markets more closely and attempt to buy at the right time. Weather conditions in some parts of the country make it possible to buy feeders at an advantage if the existing conditions are fully known. Some effort to study market conditions of various commodities being produced, might make it possible to make better purchases and to sell at an advantage. Good marketing has got to be a vital part of today's agriculture.

# Farm Calendar

**Monday, July 29**  
Goshen Country Fair, West Chester 29 - August 3  
Lancaster County Poultry Association Board of Directors. Meet at Farm and Home Center 8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 30**  
FFA Hog Show and Sale 8:30 a.m. Lancaster Stockyards

**Wednesday, July 31**  
1:30 p.m. - Weed control field day, Penn State Experimental Research Farm, Landisville. Will be held rain or shine.

**Thursday, August 1**  
Lancaster County Holstein Field Day, Galen Crouse RD1, Stevens, Pa. Yorkshire Coop Association Show and Sale at the Lebanon Area Fair Grounds.

**Friday, August 2**  
Pa. Yorkshire Swine Coop Sale.

## Editor's Quote Book

*Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date*  
—Shakespeare

## PUNCH LINE OF THE WEEK



IF YOU'RE WRONG, LEARN TO CHANGE. IF YOU'RE RIGHT —BE HUMBLE.

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# Letters

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