

# Happy Father's Day



## LIFE on the farm

By Dieter Krieg, Editor

Daylight was over an hour away when my brother, Ingo, and I closed the kitchen door behind us. As we rounded the turn of the sidewalk next to the house, and passed beneath the huge maple tree outside Mom and Dad's bedroom window, we wondered how much of the milking we might get done before Dad got up. We both knew he was awake — after thousands of days of getting up early in the morning to milk the cows, his biological clock wouldn't let him oversleep no matter what.

Still, Ingo and I liked the idea of giving him an opportunity to rest a little longer than usual. Not one to pass responsibilities to others, it always took some persuasion on our part to convince him he could take it a little easier on Father's Day. Except for his birthday, when we made similar arrangements, this was the only day of the year he could "sleep in."

Eager to do as much as possible, and wanting to prove to him and ourselves we could do it well, Ingo and I tackled the work with special satisfaction and a bit of excitement.

Our goal was always to get as much of the work done as possible before he showed up in the barn. And we wanted to have more milk in the tank than what we'd have ordinarily. But that was no easy task and provided a real challenge for us.

Dad had a long history of being a top dairyman — both in Germany and in the United States. What's more, he has always been religiously faithful to the kind of schedule he kept — even when it meant getting up at 2:30 a.m. to milk 106 cows by himself.

He has worked 18 hours a day for years, never taking a day off, never missing a milking.

And he's the type of man who shows up in the barn on Father's Day morning when he doesn't need to —

simply because he doesn't know any better.

A father myself now, I can more fully appreciate the joys and trials of being a father. So far it's been nothing but pleasure. My children — both of them boys — are aged three and two and think of the cutest things.

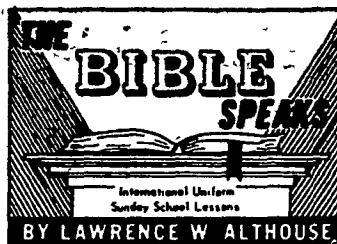
The other day our three-year old, Paul, was in the sandbox playing. When his mother came out to chat with him he happily announced that he had made a cake. With rooster eggs!

Although we do not live on a farm now, we try to stay close to that most wonderful way of life and visit farms frequently. Paul and Karl have taken a real interest in cows, cats, dogs, chickens, and farm equipment. So much, in fact, that they'll say hello to tractors and even yell out "Hey tractor, watcha doin'?"

Recently my wife, Lisa, caught Paul licking his little brother and announcing to her that he was a cow. And the list of pleasurable moments goes on and on. The boys amaze us with their witty and healthy imaginations. They're a source of the greatest joy a parent can ask for.

But it's not just our children who are like that. I suppose most all of them think of unusual things to do at one time or another — if not every day. One enterprising young man in our neighborhood, for example, was pulling his little red wagon around one day with a bit of hay in it. "Hay rides, ten cents!" he called out as he wandered down the street with not a care in the world.

I remember being a kid — and it was great. Now I'm a father (and still a kid at heart) and it's just as great, maybe even better, especially since I have a son who can bake a cake with rooster eggs.



### WITHSTANDING GOD

Lesson for June 20, 1976

**Background Scripture:** Acts 11:11-18; 15: 1-35; 19:23-27; Galatians 2:11-16.

**Devotional Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20.

I have often noted in my study of history that revolutionary movements often tend in time to become very much like the very forces they have overthrown. I think of reform movements that, having grasped power, have become corrupt and decadent themselves. I think of religious groups who came to America to find freedom of religion and, then, having found that freedom, went on to deny it to others. I think of children who have vowed not to be like their parents and then have incarnated the very characteristics they have decried.

#### Justification by faith

Christianity came into being as a revolutionary or reform movement. If we examine the gospels closely, we find that there is one characteristic of Judaism as Jesus found it that was the most recurring negative theme in the mission and message of Jesus: legalism! No group was as subject to his condemnation as the scribes and Pharisees who were the chief proponents of a legalistic Judaism.

The problem, Jesus made it clear, was not with religious laws — he acknowledged the need for these — but with what the legalists did with these laws. These rules and regulations became a substitute for the living God.

So primitive Christianity came into being with a bias against the legalistic approach to religion. Yet, despite that fact, no temptation was more pervasive to the early church than the lure of legalism. Most of the conflicts and tensions in the early church can be attributed to the struggle over this question: what is basic is the Christian faith — rules and regulations or the grace of God offered in Jesus Christ?

#### Even the Gentiles

Well, of course everyone knew that, as Paul puts it, "a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16). Yet, although they knew it, many of the early Christians continued to act as if the rules and regulations were primary. Many Jewish Christians still continued to act in a manner that was reflective of the legalism of the Pharisees.



## NOW IS THE TIME...

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The farm pond becomes a very popular place during the hot summer months for both young and old; we have hundreds of these ponds in this part of the state providing both summer and winter recreation. A word of caution is in order at this time to prevent serious accidents and drownings. Every pond owner should provide rescue equipment at the pond side to be used in case of emergency; this might include a boat, raft, wooden ladder or plank, a rope, or other equipment that can be used quickly to help a person in deep water. Swimmers should not be permitted to swim alone and this equipment should be at the pond — not in the barn or garage. Good pond safety might save the life of a friend or loved one this summer.

releases from Penn State reveals the research was done by injecting a solution of Benomyl into a tree is encouraging for slightly infected or as preventative measure. However, trees that are partly dead carrying heavy infection have not responded as well. We urge elm tree owners to evaluate the condition of their tree and secure professional help getting the tree treated. Materials and equipment needed require considerable knowledge and caution making the treatment. Treatment works best prevent the infection early the attack on the tree.

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## Farm Calendar

Sunday, June 20

Father's Day all day long. Enjoy it.

Dairy Day in Hunterdon County, New Jersey

Wednesday, June 23

Annual conservation sponsored by the Berks County ACC Committee and the Berks County Conservation District. Bus loads at Reading Municipal Stadium leaves 9:30 a.m. Reservations on first come basis.

Thursday, June 24

South Central Pa. Dairy Goat Association meet at the Adams County Extension Service Office 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey 4-H'ers State Presentation Day all day, at Cook College

Friday, June 25

Wool pool, Cook College Rutgers University, New Brunswick Agricultural Engineering Campus Begins at 1 p.m. Open again Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m. Closed each day at 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

4-H horse judges, District hold all-day competition in Lebanon County.

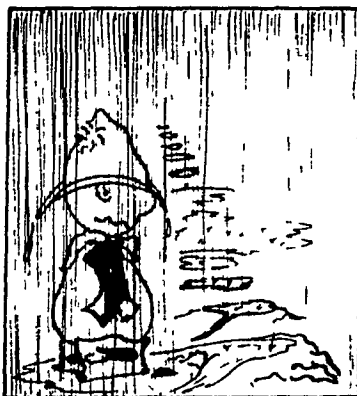
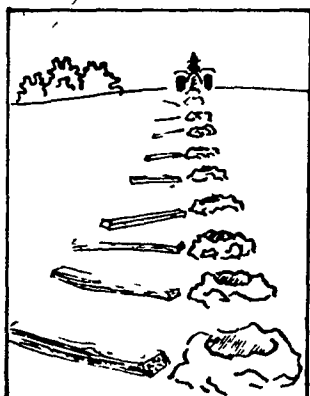
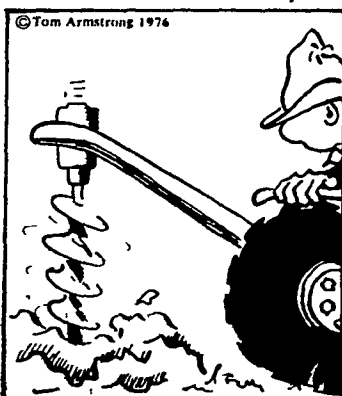
Sunday, June 27

Testimonial dinner for N. Sec. of Ag., Phil Alampi, Cedar Garden Restaurant, Make reservations through Hunterdon County Board of Ag.

#### Statistics Lie?

A life insurance agent naturally quite surprised to see an elderly gentleman, 95 in the office wanting to take out a policy. The agent told the senior citizen the chances were slim his application would be approved. Annoyed, the white haired man commented: "You're making a mistake. If you look at the statistics you'll find that mighty few men die after the age of 95."

## RURAL ROUTE



By Tom Armstrong