

Serving The Central and Southeastern Pennsylvania Areas

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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### Ag Progress aptly named

The Ag Progress Days is aptly named because it annually shows the advances that are being made in both agriculture and agribusiness. Think back just a couple years - or 10 or 15 - and it's remarkable how rapidly things are changing in the field.

In a very real sense, this makes farmers efficiency experts. Consider the amount of production and the costs involved and the receipts

received. Costs are going up, but prices received are often up. If continuing to produce under such circumstances isn't being efficient and progressive, then I wonder what is.

Those involved in agriculture and agribusiness - and very especially the farmers - are to be commended for their fine showings year after year.



Ag Progress Days for the Bicentennial Year contrasted old and new.

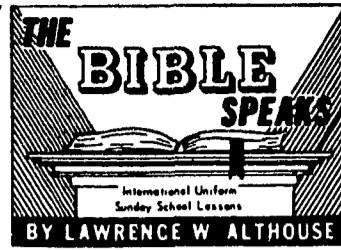


Field demonstrations were a popular attraction at Ag Progress.



Photos by David Hamilton

Riding the wagons was one way to see the show



### UNTIED BRETHREN

Lesson for August 29, 1976

Background Scripture: John 10:1-18; 1 Corinthians 1:10-31; 3:5-9

#### Devotional

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13.

Before uniting with the Methodist Church by denominational merger, I was a minister of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. In preparing my weekly worship bulletin, I, like many other EUB pastors, had to be careful of one rather recurring typographical error. It was more than a few times that I found my masthead publicizing that we were "Untied" rather than "United" Brethren. And there were always some congregations for which the former term was more appropriate than the latter.

#### To Who Do We Belong?

The New Testament makes it abundantly clear that we are called to be united: "...that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement" (1 Corinthians 1:10). But it is also evident from this book that even in the early churches Christians were sometimes more "untied" than "united." Paul says to the church at Corinth: "...it has been reported to me...that there is quarreling among you" (:11).

Yet, as Paul goes on, it is apparent that there is more than just "quarreling," there is also factionalism, "party spirit." There is the "Paul faction," the "Apollos faction," the "Cephas (Peter) faction," and even a group known as the "Christ faction" (tray that on for religious one-upmanship!). "Terrible!" we exclaim from our comfortable contemporary perspective. We are properly aghast at that kind of divisiveness in the Church of Jesus Christ. Methodists are scandalized at such factionalism, as are Presbyterians, Baptists, Lutherans, UCC's, Disciples, Episcopalians and all other sectarians!

Despite what the Corinthian Christians were saying, they did not really belong to Paul, Apollos,



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#### TO BEWARE OF SILO GAS

Silo filling time is here and there is always danger of poisonous gases forming for the first 10 days after filling the silo; we have known of many cases of suffocation and severe respiratory damage from these gases. A partly filled silo is very dangerous and should never be entered without running the blower for 10 to 15 minutes. Most of these gases are heavier than air and will collect on the surface of the silage or at the bottom of the silo chute; some are yellow in color while others are colorless; most of them will have the odor of laundry

Cephas, or any other apostle. They belonged to Christ alone.

#### Not With Eloquence

Furthermore, in their exaltation of individual apostles over others, Paul saw the dangerous trend toward focusing on the wisdom of individual interpreters rather than the gospel of Christ. Christ had sent Paul to preach the gospel, but "not with eloquent wisdom lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power" (1:17).

No, said Paul, they were wrong in identifying themselves as being followers of any of Christ's apostles. Let no man say, "I belong to Luther" or "I belong to John Calvin." Where is the line between legitimate and fruitful sectarianism and destructive "party spirit"? What we need to remember, says Paul, is that all religious leaders are but "servants" through whom God accomplishes his purposes. Their purpose is to exalt the Christ rather than themselves. We are all but "fellow workers," but God alone "gives the growth" (3:7).

So, let us be united, not "untied."

bleach and irritate the eyes and nose. Farmers are urged to warn their employees and their family about the danger of this gas formation. Don't take chances from the time the silo is being filled for at least 10 days.

#### TO EVALUATE FEED SUPPLIES

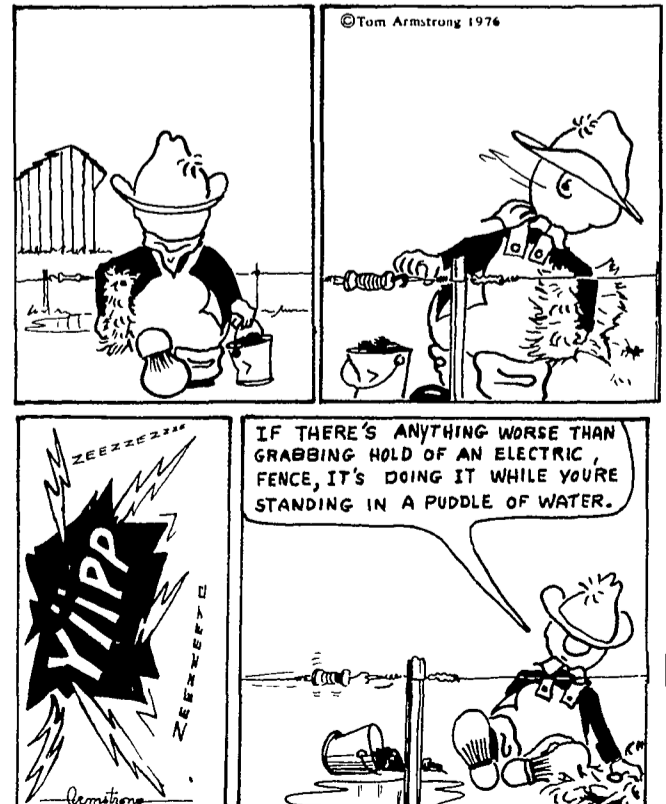
The fall season is approaching and soon the winter feeding schedule will be needed. Where will your herd or flock get their most economical feed nutrients this winter? With cattle feeders and dairymen no doubt sufficient supplies of forages such as hay and silage will give the cheapest production. The good corn crop that is now maturing will no doubt make more milk or pounds of beef per acre when made into corn silage. Cattle feeders will have to manage their feeding operations very carefully because of the depressed market conditions; gains from silage and roughages will surely be cheaper than from grain feeding. Feed costs are one of the most important parts of efficient production. Take time to decide from where your cheapest nutrients are to come.

#### TO STUDY THE CATTLE MARKETS

Cattle feeders have been in a bind for most of the summer; the forecasts are not encouraging for much of an increase in fat cattle prices. Prices of feeders and replacements are, as usual, extremely high when considering the fat market prices. This means that the producer should get well acquainted with market trends and conditions so that he can move quickly for his own benefit. Too many feeders are holding fat cattle waiting for the market to improve; I hope this will happen very soon but it appears to be very slow in coming; perhaps these feeders should start to move a load or two of their heavier

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### RURAL ROUTE By Tom Armstrong



### Farm Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 29  
Lancaster County Farmers Association picnic, Quarryville Fairgrounds 1 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 30  
Entry date for fruits and vegetables, Flemington (N.J.) Agricultural Fair  
Middletown Community Fair opens at Middletown.

Tuesday, Aug. 31  
Flemington (N.J.) Agricultural Fair opens.

Wednesday, Sept. 1  
Lancaster County Conservation District board meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Thursday, Sept. 2  
Schuylkill County DHIA directors meet, Extension office, 8 p.m.