

## Happiness is . . .

Lancaster Farming and its editor were recently given a "feather" for their caps when a reader wrote: "Dear Editor Krieg -

"I was sent a gift subscription to Lancaster Farming by a friend a few years ago and have continued my subscription ever since. I enjoy it very much, as it helps me in my position as a member of our Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning and Zoning Commission. I personally feel that your editorials alone are worth the subscription rate. They are very inspirational and seem to get to the heart of the problem with very few words."

Further down in the letter it was noted that one of Krieg's editorials and an editorial cartoon on OSHA were used by the gentleman to make a point with state and federal legislators.

Mr. Robert Risley, from Palmer, Alaska, sent the letter. Lancaster Farming and its editor thank him publicly for this very fine compliment.

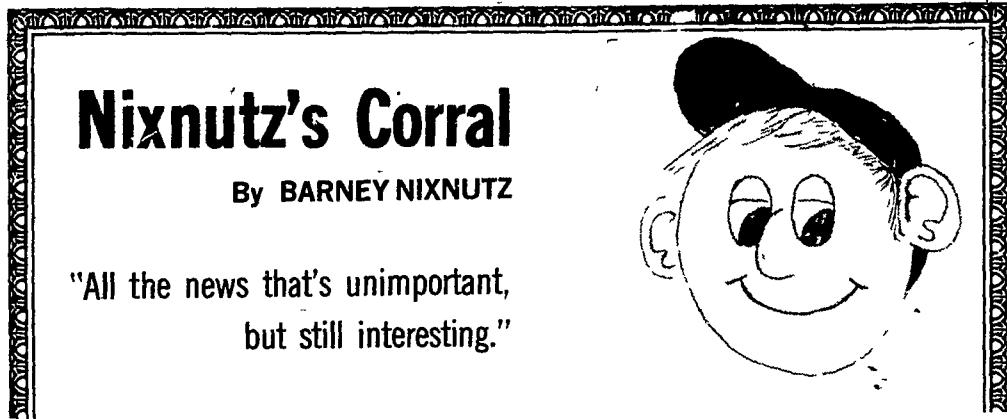
## Bull story

Several weeks ago the Lancaster County Farmers' Association put on a

## Hats off to the ladies!!

Farmers' wives deserve an awful lot of credit for the many things they do. Not only do they do the housework and raise a family, they're also busy helping with the chores and bill paying.

One would think that this would saturate anyone's schedule. And probably it does.



## Nixnutz's Corral

By BARNEY NIXNUTZ

"All the news that's unimportant, but still interesting."

big promotional effort at the Park City shopping mall, Lancaster. One of the highlights of a few dairymen there was the reaction of a lady proprietor whose store wasn't far from the dairy display. Being an observant woman, she took notice that a Holstein was bigger than the Guernsey which had been on display the day before. Commenting to the dairymen about it, she presumed that the bigger cow must have been a bull.

## Slim pickins

There's a rumor going around that cattle prices are so bad that one partnership of brothers isn't making money even when one rustles cattle and the other swipes feed.

## Powerful dryer

A report coming out of Lake Crystal, Minn., where the big FARM-FEST '76 was held, says that the whole place turned into a sea of mud for much of the proceedings due to badly needed rains finally reaching the parched area. While the rains were indeed welcome to the area's farmers, they did make the fest a bit uncomfortable at times.

A number of dignitaries were on hand to make speeches, including a cabinet officer and a senator.

After the big rain fell, the cabinet officer announced: "Farmfest will dry out in a half hour if the senator is a speaker."

## Peanut stories

When the editor of this newspaper walked into his office on Wednesday

morning, his desk was full with the usual amount of papers, pictures, pamphlets, etc. Scattered all over the top of that were scores of peanuts. They were put there by an employee who had promised to do the deed if Krieg's candidate lost the election.

Another employee noted that the recent election proves a fellow can work for peanuts and still get to be president.

On the same subject, a young farmer near Denver said his outlook on agriculture was good until Wednesday morning.

## Support needed

The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association has an interesting proposal on its agenda. They're thinking about notifying the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to use more macadam and less shovels when fixing potholes. The group of farmers, like most anyone else, has noticed that a lot of the shovels are being used to lean on and they're getting tired of it. A legislator who was present at the meeting told the farmers that unions have made it mandatory to send road crews out in complete units. In other words, if you've got five in a crew, and you need six, you'll automatically get 10.



## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

BY DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR

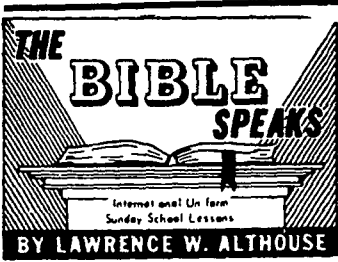
Nevertheless, farm women find or create time to do even more than the above. For example, it was the ladies who organized the fabulous

promotion at Lancaster's Park City shopping mall last month. It was a huge undertaking, and they deserve a lot of credit for having had the am-

bitation to follow through. Similar events have taken place or are being planned elsewhere. Again, it's the ladies who are doing much of the planning.

This past Thursday the Farm Women Society of York County donated \$6000 to their 4-H organization. All told, they've presented that particular program with over \$20,000.

That, too, is quite an undertaking and quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to all involved!



### TO BE GOD'S COUNSELOR

Lesson for November 7, 1976

Background Scripture:

Romans 10:1-13; 11.

Devotional Reading:

Isaiah 42:5-9.

Paul's rhetorical question sounds absurd:

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" (Romans 11:34)

But it isn't! The fact is that lots of people pose as and attempt to be God's "counselor." Not quite satisfied with God's rule of the universe or his revelation, they are constantly at work "improving" upon it, helping God with his implied "communications gap."

Of course, these people would hardly think of themselves in that role, in fact they would be horrified and scandalized if someone were to suggest that they were giving the impression of

acting as God's "counselors"! But being ignorant of the significance of their actions and attitudes does not make them one bit less significant. Aware or unaware, it is blasphemy to try to improve upon one's Creator! Unsearchable and inscrutable

It is not that we do not have sufficient warning. All through the Bible (as well as in other sacred writings) we have one warning after another of the danger of trying to usurp God's role. In Romans, for example, Paul cries;

"O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge

of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!" (11:33).

Here is a tacit admission that God's wisdom, knowledge, judgements, and ways are often far beyond our feeble comprehension. What this calls for from man is a deep sense of humility. The more we grow in our understanding of God, the more firm is our relationship with Him, the more humble we should be in the face of these awesome realities, the less ready we should be to substitute the ways and judgements of the creatures for those of the Creator. "Everyone"?

Yet, despite all these affirmations and warnings, "religious" people have often attempted to "ascend into heaven" and even "descend into the abyss" to find the revelation that will bring them closer to God and make them more privy to his secrets. And with these "secrets" clutched tightly in their hands, they have assumed a stance, not of humility and awe, but of arrogance. By virtue of what they now "possess," they see themselves standing higher than other men. Even if they grudgingly acknowledge that there may be something to your path, they will gather their skirts

closely to themselves and shrink from all others lest the purity of their revelation be adulterated by contact with yours.

How distressing then when Paul asserts that in the grace of God "there is no distinction between Jew or Greek" (or between Protestant and Catholic, etc.) Even worse is Paul's declaration that "the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him" (10:12). Everyone, Paul? Yes, says Paul, "everyone" (10:13).

Thank God we are not His counselors!

### TO UTILIZE CORN STALKS

Many fields of corn have been picked and the rank fodder growth is on the ground. This fringe benefit from a real good corn crop may have two additional uses on livestock farms. First, the corn stalks and leaves have some fertilizer and organic matter value when incorporated into the soil; rotted crop waste is a good source of organic matter. Secondly, fodder has a potential bedding value in livestock barns and feedlots.

Shredded corn fodder has real good water absorption powers and can be very useful in keeping livestock clean and warmer during the winter months. The fodder can be shredded and when allowed to dry for several days, it can be baled or brought into the barn loose. Bedding materials are very expensive and corn growers are urged to give some attention to the use of the shredded corn fodder to reduce the amount of straw needed.

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## Farm Calendar

Today, Nov. 6

Keystone Livestock Exposition begins, closes next Friday, Nov. 12. For complete schedule, please see page 63 of last week's Lancaster Farming.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, Sheraton International Inn, Gettysburg. Meetings last

through Wednesday. For more details, please look for article on page 55 entitled "PFA outlines convention program."

Monday, Nov. 8

National Grange Convention convenes in Atlantic City, N.J., with programs and activities slated daily through next Monday, Nov. 15.

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