

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Barley family says thank-you

Editor, Lancaster Farming:

We hardly know where to begin in thanking the many people who put forth so much effort to help save the 58 acres of our farm.

First, we must say our thanks to God, for he was the one who answered our prayers. Then we wish we could go to everybody in Lancaster County who signed a petition, wrote a letter on our behalf, spoke verbally for us, or was just great value to our economy.

thinking about us, and shake their hands, and say, "Thanks for all your help." This is a fine example of what people can do by working together.

We would hope that everyone could continue to put their efforts into preserving our fine farmland in Lancaster County as well as across our state. We think most of us are aware of the importance of agriculture to Lancaster County. The dollar value of agricultural products to the County is of

Almost equally important is the tourist trade which is attracted to Lancaster County by our fertile farms.

The problem of land use is being tackled by all levels of our government. Every level of government from our townships to the Federal government is seeking a solution. Get involved and make your ideas known to the government officials. We are sure they will be happy to hear from you.

Abe and John Barley
Conestoga

Game report 'lopsided'

Dear Editor:

I conclude your article stating Game Law violations up 275 per cent is as great a lopsided presentation of fiction as commonly emanates out of Harrisburg.

Wonder just who is responsible for these distortions and omissions?

The single greatest misstatement is; The Game Law is almost the same in 1977 as it was in 1947" This Rip Van Winkle has been asleep.

To name a few changes, No shooting at game within 25 yards of a highway, limit per deer hunting roster of 25. Change of hunting hours from seven to five to one and six eleventh seconds before the seventeen sixty fourth seconds after or something

like that. No littering law, which game protectors also enforce. Suffice it to say we've had more than thirty changes in the Game Law since 1947.

All designed to collect more revenue. Consider also the fact in 1947 we had no bow hunting, no early small game season, no special doe hunting, no late small game season, no muzzle loading season, no 90-day trapping season, plus the fact that the greatest percentage of violations are for hunting in safty zones. In 1947 the cities had not yet migrated into Mr. Rabbit's briar patch.

A shrinking hunting area more hunters combined with a 100 per cent increase in game protectors together with all the aforementioned

are relative to the caue and much more so - than what your article states.

Concerning Farmers Union Resolutions No. 14, which states: We recommend a change in the Pennsylvania Game Law which would allow farmers to keep deer killed because of crop damage whether land is posted or not.

Keeping the deer killed, is not the issue here, since it is very illegal to kill a deer in Pennsylvania for crop damage, while your land is posted. I know of any number of farmers who got this lesson by paying one hundred dollars.

respectfully,
John Kutz
Pine Grove

York thanks Bob Bergland

Dear Editor:

I want to commend United States Secretary of Agriculture Robert Bergland on his recent action to establish a new parity level of support prices on dairy products. The improvement in the level to 83 per cent of parity follows closely the testimony that I submitted before the Senate Agriculture Committee on March 1, 1977. However, it should be remembered that there is a need for a new Farm Bill to replace the one that is expiring this year, and the level of support prices is only one part of the necessary action that should be taken with respect to agricultural matters.

A nine percent increase in the support price reflects about what the average increase is in the cost of milk production to dairy farmers. It does not take care of the problems most dairy farmers have experienced in areas where there has been drought or an excess of rain,

such as what occurred in the State of Vermont and northern New York last year. Those farmers are experiencing substantial problems of higher costs, and the improvement in the support price will only partially offset their higher cost of production. Therefore, the improvement in the support price is no panacea for dairymen, but it is much welcomed.

Consumers may not be affected immediately and, if and when they are, certainly not in excess of six cents per gallon. If consumers are concerned about the increase in the support price, they should be reminded that should the support price not have been increased, the exodus of dairy farmers and the loss of milk supplies could be much more costly to the consumer in the long run. Moreover, six cents per gallon is less than one cent per pound increase in cost to consumers. What are we

talking about in these days of inflation?

Those who are concerned about government expenditures in agriculture should be reminded that, since 1970, the expenditures in the national budget for agriculture have consistently gone down and today it is considerably less than what it was in 1970, and it is projected to continue to go down. These expenditures also include such items as the Food Stamp Program which should not be an allocated cost to the United States Department of Agriculture.

Again, we commend, the Secretary of Agriculture for the position he has taken. We look forward to further changes in agricultural legislation to insure adequate supplies of food and fiber and shelter basic to our life style and part of our agricultural system.

John C. York
General Manager
Eastern Milk Producers
Cooperative Assoc., Inc.

Wise land use encouraged

Dear Editor:

Let me open by saying, thank God for men of courage and foresight, of which you are a fine example.

I would like to offer my most sincere appreciation for your articles in Lancaster Farming in regards to the taking of farmland for lesser uses. In the February 19 issue concerning the Red Creek Dam near Landingville in Schuylkill County, March 12 issue the taking of a portion of the Barley Brothers' farm for a garbage dump.

Hopefully it will be by efforts such as yours that people will be better informed as to the very imminent need to make wise land use decisions. You have at your disposal a media form which reaches many readers. In reading your articles perhaps some will become more active in positions of government where land use decisions are made.

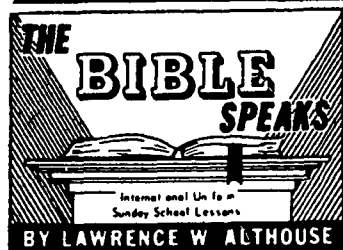
I have struggled vigorously for ten years to alert others, including legislators and governors of the need to take action to

preserve agricultural land in Pennsylvania. Hopefully all this effort has not been in vain.

The Pennsylvania legislature is finally taking a step in the proper direction in preparing a bill to stop or restrain the condemnation of farmland for highways and the disposal of liquid and solid wastes.

However, this bill desperately needs to be expanded to include all agencies with Eminent Domain Powers. The largest

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RESURRECTED LIFE

Lesson for April 10, 1977

Background Scripture: Mark 15:42 through 16:8; Luke 23:50 through 24:12.

Devotional Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.

To me there is no more sacred nor mystical place in all England than Glastonbury. It is a place that has to be experienced; description alone could not suffice.

Many people know it as the reputed burial site of the historical King Arthur and Queen Guinivere within the magnificent ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, once the spiritual capitol of Britain. Yet, there is another tradition at Glastonbury, generally less well-known although greatly disputed, that Glastonbury was the place where Christianity was first introduced into Britain and by none other than Joseph of Arimathea.

The stone rolled away When I first came across that tradition, I dismissed it as so much religious wishful-thinking-which it still may well be. Yet, as I read more and more about Glastonbury, I discovered that this tradition may not be

as far-fetched as it first seemed to be. Although we may probably never know for certain, there is some reason to believe that in the early years of the Church following the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Joseph of Arimathea may have landed at Glastonbury and brought the Gospels to the shores of Britain.

It is a fascinating speculation, particularly when we contemplate the Joseph we encounter so briefly in the story of Jesus in the Gospels. Mark tells us that Joseph was a member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Council in Jerusalem (Mark 15:43). He also indicates that Joseph was "looking for the kingdom of God" (15:43). Furthermore, Luke tells us that Joseph did not approve of the Sanhedrin's decision against Jesus (Luke 23:50, 51). Matthew adds that Joseph was a rich man and a "disciple of Jesus" (Matthew 27:57). All three tell us that he asked Pilate for the body of Jesus after the crucifixion, prepared the

body for burial and placed it in his garden tomb.

He took courage

From these sparse details it has often been conjectured that Joseph was, at least until Good Friday, a secret disciple of Jesus. He was rich and prominent and could hardly afford to let his discipleship be known. If this conjecture is accurate, then Joseph made a remarkable change in his life the day Jesus was crucified. When it seemed that everyone else had forsaken him - including Simon Peter - Joseph "took courage" and did a daring thing: asking Pilate for Jesus' body, Joseph identified himself once and for all as a follower of the Master.

Undoubtedly, whatever the facts may have been, that Easter weekend changed Joseph's life forever. No longer would he be known as a rich member of the Council, but as the disciple in whose lovely garden tomb the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ was first



TO INSPECT LIGHTNING RODS

The thunderstorm season is at hand and folks with lightning rods should be sure they are in good condition.

discovered and experienced. It is believed that the resurrection faith sent the Apostle Thomas to India; perhaps it also sent Joseph of Arimathea to Britain.

Thus, Easter Sunday marks, not only the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but also the resurrected life for Joseph, the early apostles, and, if we like him "take courage", for us as well.

NOW IS THE TIME...

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During the Winter months it is possible that hay, straw, or other materials might have gotten caught on the rods. Also, be sure that the rod system is well grounded in moist soil. It has been found that some of the ground cables rust off, or get pulled out of the ground. In order for the system to work, it should be free of any obstructions, and be grounded into moist soil.

TO WAIT FOR DRY SOIL

It is still early Spring and plenty of time to plow and get the crops started.

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Farm Calendar

Sunday, April 10
Have a Happy Easter.

Monday, April 11
Conrad Weiser Chapter of Young Farmers hold meeting on Solar Energy, at the high school's vo-ag dept.

Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders annual tour. Open to all interested persons; 4-H members free.

Berks County training course on multiflora rose control, 7 p.m. at the Berks County Ag Center.

Tuesday, April 12
Lancaster County Farmers' Association annual Spring banquet, 7 p.m. at the Sherwood Knoll Dining Room.

Poultry Sales and Service short course at Penn State, today and tomorrow.

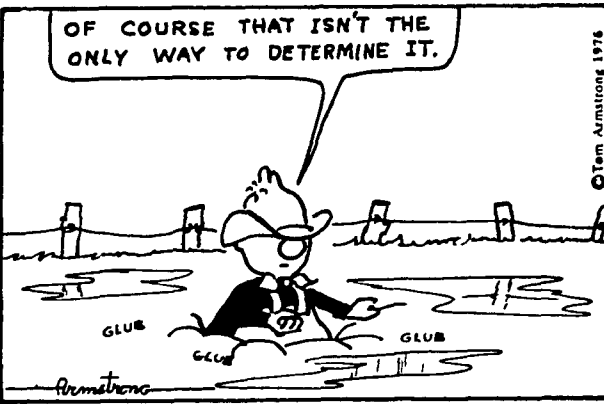
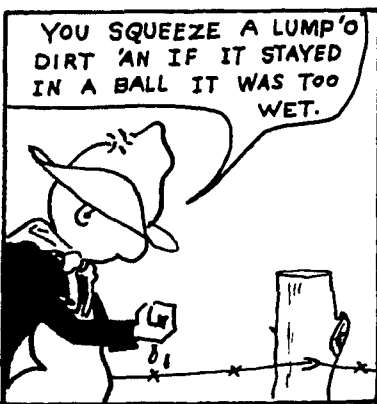
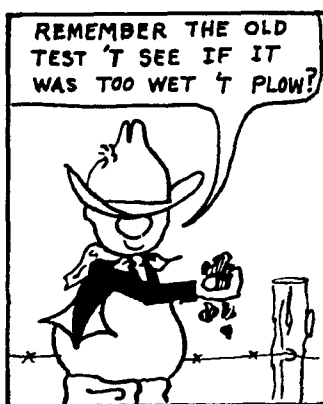
Lancaster Farm and Home Foundation board of directors meets, at the Farm and Home Center, Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.

Ontelaunee Grange 1617 holds Open House at Berks County Ag Center. James Ross is speaker, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13
Lebanon County Conservation District board of directors meets, 8 p.m. in Room 207 of the

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RURAL ROUTE



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