

MY FATHER

By DIETER KRIEG

There have been times when I wished my father were not the stubborn and dominating individual he is. We haven't always agreed on everything, and until just a few years ago, that always meant bending his way or else.

My father's strong will, however, is one of his most admirable and respectable qualities.

One Summer day in 1952, for example, I saw a truck pull up to our farm. Once parked, a small army of uniformed policemen jumped out of the back and stationed themselves around our home. A couple of them entered the house and seized my father. They harassed him for his beliefs. He was handcuffed and ordered onto the truck. The policemen followed him, effectively blocking any possibility for escape. It just took a few minutes and the truck vanished in a cloud of dust. I chased it for a while.

Those men had stolen my father for being stubborn. His crime was believing in free enterprise, individual achievement, and God. For years he had refused to work for the communists who captured him that day. The communist rulers wanted to try making their point a little more clear by sending him to prison. My father was an outspoken opponent of the system at every opportunity, despite warnings and offers of ap-

peasement if he came to their side.

We were fortunate in escaping that enslaving system a year later. It meant risking our lives, leaving our farm which had been seized by communists earlier anyway, and forfeiting all belongings other than what we could sneak out. In materialistic terms, that was precious little. But we had our lives, and a new opportunity to live in freedom.

The family touched on U.S. soil in 1955. We didn't have much, but Dad had his stubborn streak, which was worth a lot. That's what it takes to get up at 2:30 morning after morning to milk 100 cows. It was a formula which was instrumental in finding new levels of success.

Dad didn't do it all by himself, but as a determined leader, he guided a family effort which required plenty of work, some sacrificing, and unfaltering total dedication to the cause. Some friends and neighbors helped too. But again, it was Dad who saw the opportunities and tackled the challenges.

That stubborn streak makes Dad a rock to be looked up to, even though it makes for hard clashes of wills from time to time.

Not many can match his degree of determination - whether it's in resisting causes he doesn't believe in, or working to provide for his family.

Have a happy Father's Day, everyone.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voting rules a throwback

Editor; Lancaster Farming:

Voting rules in the upcoming national beef referendum are a throwback to the 19th century.

Husbands and wives who own their cattle jointly have only one vote between them. If the husband casts the vote, the wife is effectively disenfranchised, even though she may disagree with her spouse on which way to vote.

At the same time, a youngster in the family owning only one cow can cast a vote!

To top off matters, large cattle producers would have a greater voice in any vote to do away with the program after it was started than would smaller producers.

What this boils down to is that kids can vote in the program, cattle can vote it out, with women effectively disenfranchised in the process.

In addition, a person who did not own cattle in 1976 but bought some in 1977 is not eligible to vote, even though he would have to pay the beef checkoff assessment when he sells the cattle if the program is approved.

Why should we pay for promoting something that is not an end product? There is no point in promotion if we can't control production.

Sincerely yours,
Wilbur Keller
Lititz, Pa.

Consumers need no persuasion

Editor, Lancaster Farming
As far as this beef promotion referendum that is coming up goes, I don't think consumers need to be persuaded to eat beef.

If they had more dollars in their pockets, they'd buy a lot more...I know my family and I would eat a lot more beef if we were getting a

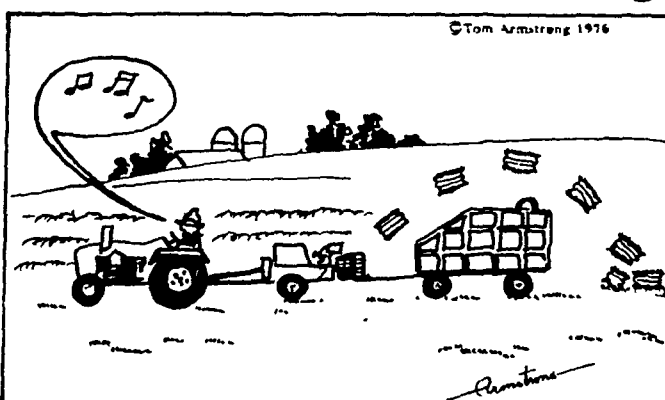
better price for our cattle. I think a better price is what we should be working for. I think if we'd really get after the Congress, we would get a lot more help from them than from Madison Avenue.

I don't think all this advertising will be worth the cost and I don't believe it will solve the problem.

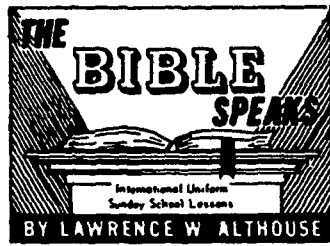
Why should we subsidize the chain stores by paying for their promotion and advertising? They won't contribute a cent to the program, and they are the ones who should be advertising if anybody should.

Sincerely,
Forney Longenecker
Lititz

RURAL ROUTE



By Tom Armstrong



GOOD LUCK OR GOD?

Lesson for June 19, 1977

Background Scriptures:

Exodus 5 through 13.

Devotional Reading:

Exodus 6:2-8

A remarkable change of luck, wouldn't you say? The "washed-up" fugitive and octegenarian "desert-rat" was now a leader of great stature:

...the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people. (Exodus 11:3).

It's not hard for us to believe, for we have seen the same kind of thing happen in our own society: someone just seems to be at the right place at the right time and is catapulted into fame and fortune. An obscure athlete, actress, writer, politician, or entertainer gets that "sudden break" that changes their whole life and career. "Lucky-dog!" we mutter enviously.

Thus says the Lord

Often, however, (perhaps always), luck has nothing to do with it. We have already noted that part of the picture is a Moses' willingness to "turn aside and see" the burning bush in the middle of a desert. If the "sudden break" is not noticed or responded to, nothing happens. The person who seems blessed with "good luck" is first of all a person who takes advantage of opportunities...

But there is another part of the picture that we are likely to mislabel as "good luck." Moses would not have become a prominent figure if it had not been that God had something for him to do!

This is evident when we study Moses' negotiations with the Pharaoh. Moses is not speaking for himself. Exodus tells us: "The Lord said to Moses, 'Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence' " (11:1). And when Moses speaks to Pharaoh and the people of Egypt, it is not his own message that he brings, but "Thus says the Lord..." (1:4). In setting himself against the people of Israel, Moses says, Pharaoh is not opposing simply the ambitions of a tribe of enslaved subjects, but the will of God himself.

God led the people Moses was a man of great potential-which was almost never tapped-and he was obviously the man for the job. Yet, by himself he could not have successfully led the people of Israel to the

NOW IS THE TIME...
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TO BE CAREFUL WITH TREATED WOOD

There have been some impurities found in some Pentachlorophenol treated wood that can be toxic to animals. This material has been used for years to treat new or green lumber. However, since some cases of poisoning have been traced to this material, we suggest that animal feed should not be allowed to come in contact with the Pentachlorophenol treated wood. Also, animals should not be allowed to chew or lick recently treated fences, posts, feed bunks, or other materials. Don't take chances on this material at this time.

TO CHECK SELF FEEDERS

Feed is still the major cost in most livestock and dairy operations. Where there are self feeders being used we urge operators to check these machines to be sure feed is not being wasted. Some worn out feeders will permit 10 to 15 percent waste, which in many cases is the profit margin. Feeders need to be adjusted or repaired often in order to provide feed as the animals consume it. When there is excess feed in the hoppers, then there is the tendency for the feed to be thrown out and wasted; this is especially true in the hog business. Feed efficiency is very important for top returns and feed that is wasted will not produce much milk or weight gains.

TO KEEP HOG BREEDING HERD COOL

Prolonged hot weather will greatly reduce the breeding ability of both boars and sows; research work has shown that extra cooling effort during the breeding period will increase the number of pigs farrowed per litter. Our Penn State Swine Specialist, Dwight Youkin, has several suggestions: 1. Provide plenty of shade, fresh water, and air movement-electric fans will keep the air moving over the hogs. 2. Keep the breeding herd in the coolest and best insulated barn on the farm. 3. Move breeding herd during the cool of early morning and refrain from mixing strange animals as much as possible. 4. Zone-

Promised Land. Nor was it "luck" that took them there, but God: "When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, 'Lest the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt' " (13:17). Nor was God simply the planner of the long-range strategy; he led his people day by day: "the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light" (13:21).

Forever after the Jews would look back and acknowledge that it was God's will, not good "luck" that rescued them from their bondage.

type air conditioning is used successfully on herds - the increase number of pigs farrowed pays for the investment in comfort for the breeding herd during hot weather very important.

TO GIVE GRAIN COMBINES A CHANCE

The combining of wheat and barley has started and the wheat will be ready for harvest time requires good drying weather, which is often lacking. The operation of the combine along with good drying weather can mean a difference between a good job of harvesting and a poor one. Many times a combine is operated too long or operated when the grain and straw is too tough. Urge operators to get the machines adjusted properly in order to get the grain in the bin rather than out in the straw; too often we see evidence in the grain field of growing grain in the area where the straw came out of the combine; this is grain and should not happen. Give the combine a chance to do the job it was designed to do.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, June 18
Chester County princess pageant, 8 p.m., Nottingham School, Oxford.

York County 4-H Club Barbecue, serving 4 p.m., at the 4-H Center, Fair.

Sunday, June 19
Manheim Young Farm family picnic, 12:30 p.m., at Mervin Hess Pavilion, Hunterdon County, 4-H County Board Agriculture Open House, Robert Manners Farm, Ringoes.

Monday, June 20
4-H Leadership Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, 20-23.

Conrad Weiser Adult Farmers dairy breeding meeting, Merwin Brubaker farm.
Lancaster County Farm Association Park Week planning committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, June 21
Alfalfa Field Meeting, Chester County, 7 p.m. at Harold Ransel, Russellville and 7 p.m. at Daniel L. Seifus', Honeybrook.
American Breeders Service District 047 Award banquet, Willow Vale Farms Restaurant, 7 p.m.

Lancaster County 4-H judging practice beginning at Curtis farm, Quarryville, 9 a.m., Bring in your Practice concluded 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22
Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Association educational seminar on Motor Vehicle Safety (Continued on Page 31)