

# EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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## Forage for thought for 4-H

I must confess I was never a 4-H'er. Nor an FFA'er. Instead, I was a plain old farm boy I've never regretted that, and will always cherish the precious years I spent on the farm.

But I can see that 4-H clubs offer enough stimulation and activity to be worthy of consideration to any adolescent. If you think that all they do is play childish games and parade animals around a show ring, you're wrong. 4-H is much more than that.

The activities offered within 4-H clubs encourage responsibility, competition, service, leadership, maturity, fun, and dedication to the

improvement of the four H's -- head, hands, heart, and health.

No, 4-H clubs don't make a superman out of anyone, nor will they give anyone some sort of magical formula to success and happiness. But they'll help towards those goals. Also, these same clubs will do a lot for the young fellow who's too shy to stand in front of anything but a cow or tractor. And there isn't a better place around for meeting people your own age with your kind of interests.

When you witness a well organized 4-H club in action, two well-known advertising slogans come to mind: "It's a natural" and they've got a better idea."

would travel 1000 miles to see -- and yet the opportunity is missed by many area dairymen. In contrast, it's interesting to note that a dairy farmer friend of mine traveled here this week from Petalumu, Calif. just to see some cattle in eastern parts of the country.

Perhaps too many dairymen in this area are too busy during this time of year to want to take time off for a day in Harrisburg. Silos are still being filled, corn is ready to be picked, and local fairs aren't yet over with.

The fact remains, however, that a lot of good insights could be harvested by attending an event such as

the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show. These shows go on in Harrisburg each Fall and they're an event which would amaze even the dairyman who's just casually interested in breeding stock. My California friend, for example, is a commercial dairyman.

The Pennsylvania All-American can boast a lot of top A-1 dairy animals, there's no doubt at all about that.

## They're molding the future

Some folks I meet make me wonder how or when they get their farm work done. They show up at various meetings -- particularly youth activities -- and are present at a lot of competitive events. One might think that their entire lives center around this sort of thing. They never seem to be too busy to not be able to attend a show or meeting.

Surprisingly enough, these same folks are often times the better managers. Somehow they do get their work done. And it isn't just farmers who fit into this category, it's also agribusinessmen and county Extension personnel and other people who take an interest in raising the best crop.

The best crop, of course, are our children.

The men and women who devote so much of their time to organizing activities and providing opportunities are 4-H club leaders. They're just as busy as many other people are, but they always have time left over to work with the 8 to 19-year olds. They know that the best way to raise children is to give them a part of their time, and they apparently never feel imposed upon to do just that. They're all volunteers who care enough about their own future to want to give the next generation a good healthy start in theirs.

We salute the men and women who have done so much to make 4-H one of the most wholesome and worthwhile youth organizations in the country.

## The udderly fantastic show

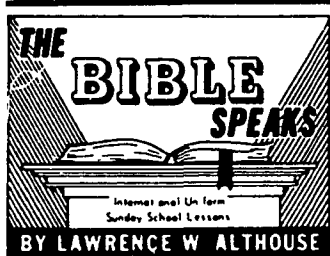
The Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show ranks as one of the finest such displays of dairy cattle in the country, possible the world. If one Holstein breeder hadn't already thought of the clever name for his own herd, you could call this entire show "Dream Street." It's that good.

Larger in the number of entries than the World Dairy Exposition which takes place in Madison, Wis. next week, the Pennsylvania All-American has won recognition all over the U.S. as well as foreign countries. This year, for example, representatives from Central and

South American dairy interests were in Harrisburg. Several breeds hold their national shows here.

Whit junior dairy shows included, the Pa. All-American boasts around 2000 head of top quality dairy animals. It all adds up to offer the interested dairyman a look at some of the top cows to be found anywhere.

Sadly, however, relatively few people take advantage of this opportunity. The arena seats at the Farm Show Complex were very sparsely populated. Here we have a high calibre dairy show right in our own backyard -- the kind some folks



### GUILTY JUDGES

Lesson for October 2, 1977

**Background Scripture:**  
John 8:1-11;  
Luke 6:37-42; Romans 14.  
**Devotional Reading:**  
Psalm 133.

The scribes and Pharisees weren't fooling anyone, least of all Jesus, when they came to him asking, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?" (John 8:4).

No one believed for a moment that they were perplexed by this question. It was an obvious trap, a plan to get Jesus to say something self-incriminating.

#### They knew Him

Obviously, they wouldn't have even asked him this question if it weren't for the fact that they thought they already knew how he would

feel about it. They had heard him often enough to know that, unlike many, he was a man who focused, not upon rules and regulations, but upon forgiveness, redemption, and mercy.

But, if they knew him, he knew the woman. Oh, that doesn't mean he necessarily had ever met her or knew anything personal about her, but that he saw her, not as an adulteress, but as a child of God. He knew that she was a far better woman than the scribes and Pharisees would admit. He knew that there was something worthwhile in her to redeem.

Even more, Jesus knew them, the scribes and Pharisees. As he saw this woman as better than they saw her, he also saw them as not as righteous as they imagined themselves. None of them were as wonderful in the sight of God as they imagined. He knew that in every heart there lurked some of the same evil that the self-righteous legalists so despised in others. Thus, he knew what he was doing when he said: "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her" (8:7).

#### He knew them

The scribes and the

Pharisees knew that Jesus's attitude toward the sinner was likely to be different than the traditions of their religion. They expected that he would show concern for the sinner, not the law. So, they anticipated a different approach and they got it.

Just as last week I suggested that with all too few exceptions Christians have rarely "bought" Jesus' idea of love, so too I would say that we have rarely "bought" his approach to judgement and redemption. Someone recently told me that the atmosphere in his church is much more one of judgmentalism than of

redemption. "It is one of the last places to which I would want to direct a sinner," he said.

At our own peril we forget that judgement belongs to God alone and the reason is that we are not capable of that judgement. Like the scribes and Pharisees who confronted Jesus, we cannot cast the first stones because we ourselves are not without sin. Our vision of our brother is too much obscured by the "logs" in our own eyes. As guilty judges, it is enough to focus on our own sins.

## NOW IS THE TIME...

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### TO INSIST ON HEALTH PAPERS

Livestock diseases continue to be a threat to many local producers. Some authorities feel that the fewer animals purchased from other farms, the better off a man will be; however, this has some limitations when it comes to buying replacement sires. With the ever presence of Brucellosis

in cattle, and the danger of hog cholera or Pseudorabies in hogs, producers should not take chances. With the heavy dairy and livestock population in this part of the country, there is a lot of traffic between farms and sales concerns. We urge all breeders and feeders to continue to be extremely careful; be sure the health papers are sufficient and official. Don't buy disease.

### TO FLUSH EWE FLOCK

Sheep breeders are in the midst of the breeding season and should be giving special attention to the ewe flock. If they can be fed extra grain, or turned to lush grass pasture, for several weeks before being bred, most ewes will produce more twin lambs. To get the ewes in a gaining condition at breeding time should be the

objective. A treatment for eradication of internal parasites should also be on the list of practices to get a better 1978 lamb crop.

### TO PREPARE FOR COLDER WEATHER

The month of October usually brings our first taste of frost and colder weather. Insulation, ventilation, and storm doors will soon be put into use. Flowers and vegetables subject to frost

damage should be given some protection; be prepared to cover these plants on short notice. Buildings in which small pigs and lambs are to be housed should be tightened, insulated, and prepared for cold weather. Water pipes should be buried at least 36 inches deep (normally deep enough) or warped with electric heating tape. Water cooled motors need attention

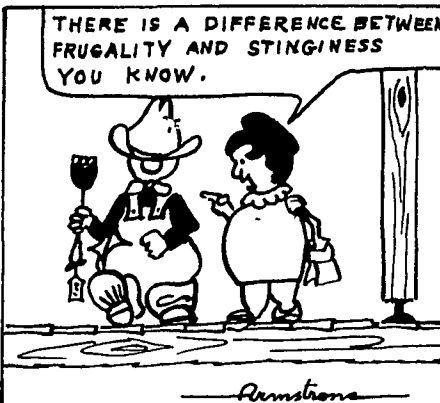
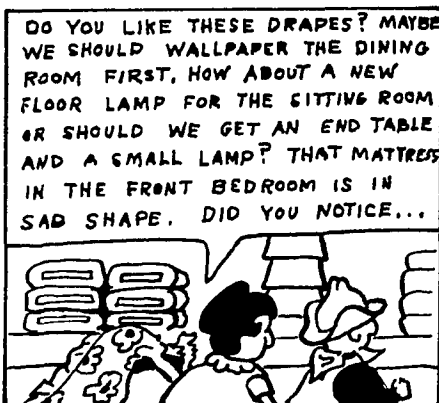
in order to keep them from freezing. Don't wait until freezing weather to get some of these chores done.

### TO PROVIDE PROPER CORN STORAGE

The corn crop is being (Continued on Page 36)

## RURAL ROUTE

By Tom Armstrong



## Farm Calendar

**Saturday, Oct. 1**  
Adams County Apple Harvest Festival, South Mountain Fairgrounds.

FFA trap shoot, meet at Ephrata High School, 7:30 p.m.

York County 4-H Teen Leader and Leader Banquet, covered dish style, beginning at 7 p.m. at the 4-H center.

**Sunday, Oct. 2**  
Adams County Apple Harvest Festival continues.

**Monday, Oct. 3**  
Lancaster County 4-H rolling skating club gets organized at 11 a.m. at the Overlook Roller Skating rink.

York County 4-H lamb round-up, Sechrist Sales, Stewartstown.

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