

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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When one considers how much time and effort is required to organize for a small party at home, it's easy to appreciate the amount of work and dedication that goes into an event such as this. It's impossible for a small group to put together. Lancaster County farmers can be thankful and proud of having a group among them which strives to communicate with the public in an interesting and educational fashion.

Our farm are a precious heritage. We should make efforts to convey that message to the general public so that this heritage and way of life isn't

encroached upon out of ignorance or apathy.

I'm sure no one in or near Lancaster County has forgotten the Barley brothers' struggle last Spring with the Lancaster Area Refuse Authority. It's a solid fact that public opinion was the key to keeping 58 acres of their farmland in production, rather than having it ripped apart for a landfill.

Now, just think how that case would have ended if the public would have been ignorant of the importance of agriculture.

We need farmers -- not just in

We need your help

Now that the harvest is almost over; it's time to put the equipment away, and there'll be more time for reading, we'd like to start a new series of interesting stories which we need some help on.

Remember the good old days? That's what we'd like to do.

Do you have an old piece of equipment on your farm that saw its prime during the Fifties or earlier? If

you do, please let us know, and we'll keep it on file for a possible story. We'd like to explain how the old equipment worked, etc. Or, if you can describe or demonstrate an old-fashioned way of farming, then let us know about that too.

We think it'll be fun and interesting, and at the same time provide a written and pictorial record of what farming was like a generation or two ago.

Young farmer

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efficiency, and reap better financial returns for their owners. Cleared for use by the Food and Drug Administration, the drug is available at all major feed mills in this area.

Cattlemen were advised by Robinson to get their cattle wormed shortly after they bring them home, although the animals should be pretty well acclimated to their new surroundings and feed before any possible stress periods such as worming are introduced. Minimizing stress is one of the repeated cardinal rules of the cattle business.

According to another study at Michigan State, careless management factors can substantially add to costs per hundred pounds of gain. Lot conditions, for example, can cost the cattleman an extra \$7 per hundred pounds of gain if stress factors aren't held to a minimum. Other management factors which may add \$2 to \$3 to the cost per hundredweight of gain are feeder quality and health, feed intake, ration formulation, feeding system, growth stimulants, metabolic stimulants, and sale conditions.

Care must be taken when administering chemicals for parasite control, Robinson noted. While acknowledging that many products are highly effective and commendable, misuse can result in a host-parasite reaction or toxicity. Either way, the cattle are subjected to severe stress.

The next meeting of the Garden Spot Young Farmers Association will take place Nov. 8 at 7:45 p.m. at the high school's vo-ag department.

Lancaster County, but elsewhere too. And we need continued efforts to make sure no one ever forgets that.

That's why efforts such as the one at Park City are so worthwhile and important. That too, could be a good

reason for you to consider joining in such efforts. It'll be for your own good and that of your neighbor.

Congratulations, members of the Lancaster County Farmers Association!

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Education

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ters on the whole problem of the attitude of America — its youth and its adults. If parents support their children in their rebellion of not doing their work, refusing to pledge Allegiance, and failure to obey educators, then they are asking for ignorance and problems.

Don't blame the educators for a problem that starts at home. That answer is just too easy to be good. Maybe we all should look at our values and the way we live before we start putting the blame on others for today's life problems.

Sincerely,
Kendace Borry
Mt. Joy, Pa.

Unions favor

cheap food program

Editor, Lancaster Farming:

I very much enjoy your editorial comments.

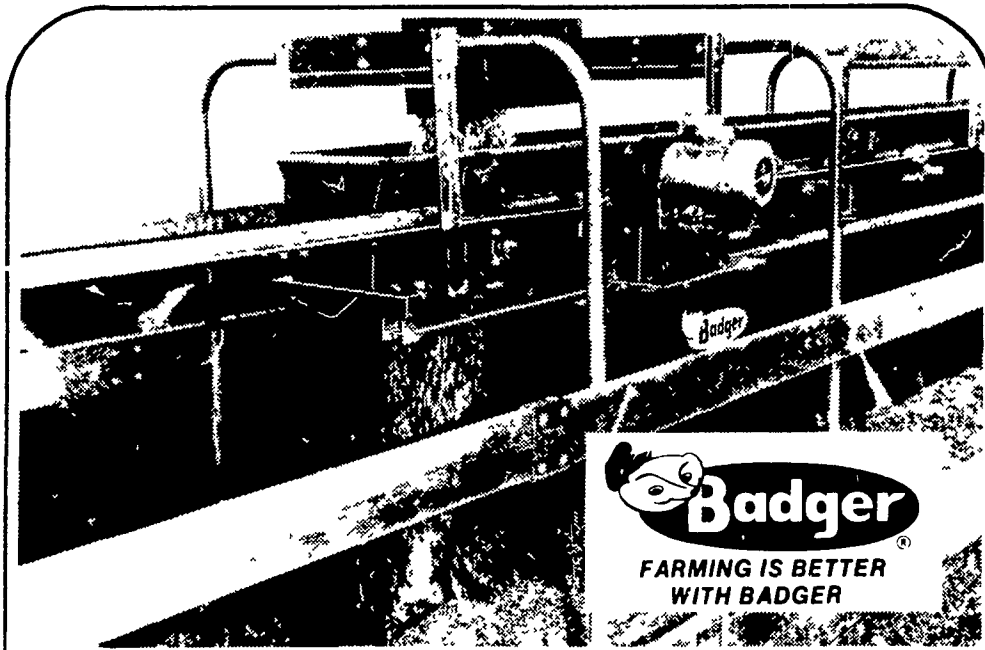
In reading your "Impressions from the Nation's Capital," I too can feel proud of Washington and our form of government, but somehow I can't find any pride in President Carter's policies. Our government policies are leaning farther away from free markets all of the time.

Now Mr. Bergland wants to take the bloom out of farm land prices so young farmers can afford to buy them. At the price of farm products today, any young farmer

would be foolish to even think of buying a farm and paying the high prices for farm machinery, parts, fertilizer, seeds, etc., all caused by the unions of this country who supported our President in his election campaign and a "cheap food policy." Unions are against exporting farm products.

Do you suppose our government will want to try their hand at producing "cheap food?" Well, the communists tried that!

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Geraldine Ambrosius
Brodbecks, Pa.



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