



Conservation practices are in evidence throughout Lancaster County, creating an interesting pattern on the land when viewed from the air.

Conservation week to be March 13-18

LANCASTER — As part of the program to ever remind citizens to be more conservation-conscious, March 13 through 18 is to be declared Lancaster Conservation District Week. The move will be made official when a proclamation will be signed by the county commissioners March 15.

The purposes of the conservation week are many. The conservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic resources of Lancaster County are of concern to the commissioners. As a result of this concern the Lancaster County Conservation District was established

August 14, 1950. The Conservation district, one of 66 such districts in the state, is striving to implement programs and practices to protect the resources of Lancaster County.

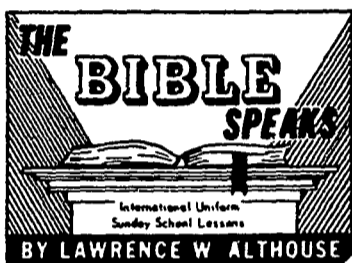
For these reasons, this next week in March is named Conservation District Week. All the people of Lancaster County are urged to become involved in the district and participate in their events and activities.

The highlight of the week will be the Cooperators 28th annual meeting and banquet to be held March 16 at the Good'N Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown. After a dinner of roast beef, Congressman

Robert S. Walker will speak to the group.

Awards will be given for outstanding cooperator, outstanding service, and storm water management.

The Lancaster County Conservation District wants people to know that they are working for them. They do soil surveys for home building, farming, and engineering; assist in erosion and sedimentation control for developers, landowners, and engineers; teach conservation education in schools, and help on all resource problems. They firmly believe "Conservation is everyone's concern."



PENTECOST ANYONE?

Lesson for March 12, 1978

Background Scripture:

Acts 2.

Devotional Reading:

Acts 2:16-21.

"Will Pentecost ever happen again?"

This question was asked by a youthful member of one of my confirmation classes several years ago. Actually, the question is hardly one that is limited to the youth generation. Lots of people have wondered whether Pentecost was intended to be "once-and-done," or a continuing phenomenon in the life of the church.

They were "all together"

I have often wondered whether the first Pentecost could have happened if the church then had been of the same mind and heart that exists within it today. In those days, for example, it was possible for them to assemble "all together in one place." Even apart from

the considerations of numbers today, that would be a considerable challenge for us today for the chances of us agreeing to be "all together in one place" are not very great.

Even more importantly, however, I think it would be difficult to have another Pentecost today because many Christians would probably look with disdain upon any kind of event in

which there would be a demonstration of religious enthusiasm. We seem naturally suspicious of anyone who is enthusiastic about their religion. I can imagine the debates by the

theologians and the dogmatists who would seriously question whether such a blatant display of power would be appropriate. A good many church people today seem to think that there is something vulgar in displaying spiritual power. At the same time it is obvious from the New Testament that neither Jesus nor his disciples shared those concerns. Although the miracles were never vulgar or crass, Jesus and his disciples knew and used the power of signs and wonders for the sake of the kingdom.

A promise for all
Another roadblock that

Pentecost might experience today would be in the matter of religious credentials. Each denomination would

want to be quite certain that the leaders were properly certified and the lay people accredited in some fashion.

After all, we can't have the wrong people displaying the power of the Holy Spirit! There would be creedal tests

so that different denominational groups would be quite certain that it was "safe" to share this with

another group outside its own ecclesiastical structure. Some groups would probably refuse to participate due to

the presence of other groups whose doctrinal orthodoxy was suspect.

The end result would probably be a committee to "study" the whole matter. And there, quite possibly, the whole matter would simply end in failure to agree on the essentials of the experience. Pentecost, like so many other worthwhile things, would "die in committee."

But maybe the picture I've drawn above is too dark, too pessimistic. Maybe it can still happen today. All right, let's see: Pentecost anyone?

NOW IS THE TIME

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TO CHECK PASTURES

As soon as the snow melts, or before livestock are turned to Pastures or exercise lots along rural roads, the area should be inspected for discarded junk. Unfortunately, folks still throw bags of waste from their cars into nearby fields. Some of this material may be poisonous to livestock. Every producer should remove these materials before starting to graze. Also, in hay fields this material should be removed before there is much growth of the forage. Bottles and tin cans will damage equipment and be a threat to the livestock eating the hay. Be sure the animals are not poisoned through someone's carelessness.

TO KEEP CALF PENS DRY

Many dairymen still have trouble raising their calves. Cases of scours and pneumonia are still too common. We urge strict attention to the quarters in which the calves are housed. They do not have to be real warm but they should be clean, dry, and draft free. Don't expect healthy calves to develop from wet and drafty pens or places. The future of any herd depends largely upon the replacements; these small animals soon grow into money for sale purpose, or to

go into the milking string. Every effort should be made to keep them growing rapidly. If the farmer himself, does not have time to do the job correctly, how about assigning the job to the farmer's wife. Many women will do a much better job of calf raising than the men.

TO CHECK FARM MACHINERY

Some farmers are getting anxious to get out into the fields for their spring work. For the first week in March there has been very little outside plowing or work done to date. This means a big rush when we get rid of the snow and the ground dries. Every farmer should be sure that his equipment is in good shape and ready to go. It could be late getting started this spring; don't let breakdowns and poor machinery repair slow you down more. Have supplies and equipment ready when weather permits.

TO ENFORCE SANITATION PRACTICES

Every producer of poultry or livestock should continue to stress the needs of strict sanitation at all times. We're aware of the contagious diseases in nearly every species of animals in highly populated areas, such as southeastern Pennsylvania, there is considerable traffic of people and livestock; also, wild birds and wild animals

move from farm to farm. All of these movements are a threat to the spread of infection. The preventing of wild animals and people in farm buildings is suggested. The investment in livestock is high; infections can cause serious losses in a few days. Don't take chances in bringing home infection on your own footwear, and don't

permit others to bring it to you. Be firm and stay in business.

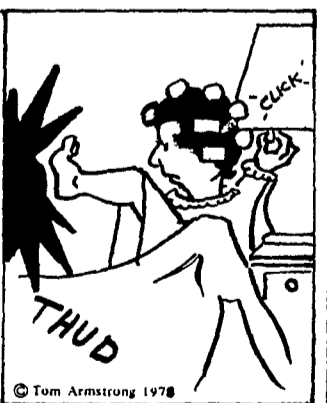
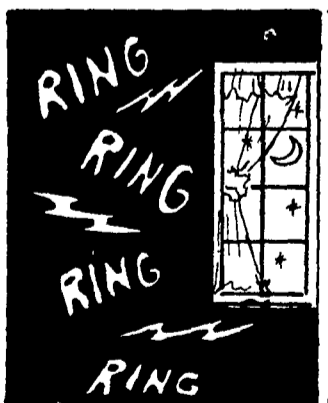
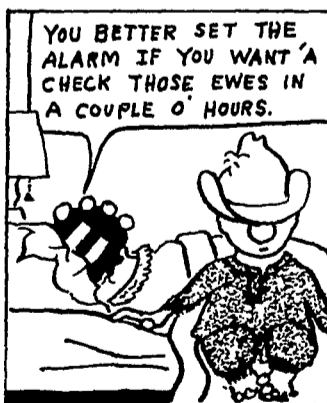
TO CARE FOR HORSES

Too many horses and ponies get neglected this time of the year. Due to the recent weather conditions, they remain in the stall for days at a time. In order to keep a horse in good health it should have daily outside

exercise; this can be through riding, or in an exercise paddock. Also, most horses when idle can get along with only good quality hay each day; grain should be fed only to maintain good body flesh. Don't feed moldy, dusty, or dirty hay or grain to horses; these may result in colic, or respiratory problems such as heaves. Free choice to

water, salt, and minerals should be provided at all times. Good care during the Winter months will help bring good performances during the rest of the year.

RURAL ROUTE



By Tom Armstrong

Farm Calendar

Monday, March 13
Cumberland County 4-H Dairy banquet, South Middleton Fire Hall, Boiling Springs, 7 p.m.
Elizabethtown Area Young Farmers volleyball practice, 7 p.m. at the high school gymnasium.
Tuesday, March 14
Lebanon County Farmers

Association meeting, Ono Fire Hall, 7 p.m.
Cumberland County Dairy Day, Embers Restaurant, Carlisle, 9:30 a.m.
Farm Finance meeting, Stone Barn, Unionville, 12 noon, sponsored by the Chester County Extension Service.

Pennfield Dairy Luncheon at Good'N Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown, 11:30 a.m.
Home Vegetable Gardening meeting, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.
Adams County Poultry banquet, East Berlin Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Manor Young Farmer meeting on corn production. 7:30 p.m. in the Penn Manor High School ag room.
Lebanon County Farmers Association meeting. 7 p.m. at the Ono Fire Hall.

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