



# Happy Easter, everyone

Every season and many days of each season are inspiring, but the season we're now in is probably most representative of good inspirations, warm feelings, and confident hope.

It's Easter time.  
It's Spring time  
It's farming time.

It's a time for watching the children play outdoors and perhaps even take a picnic basket to a grassy spot basking in sunshine. It's a time for plowing, planting, and getting pastures ready for occupancy.

Signs of Spring aren't all that strong yet, but we know they're coming, and the very thought of it is inspirational. The sky is bright again and the air is already comfortably warm at times. Many birds have returned with their songs. Flowers are pushing up through the ground. In fact, new life is appearing everywhere. It's a great time of year!

The Easter story of triumph of life after death fits right in. Every year, when the meaning of Easter is being recited out of Bibles and recounted in churches and homes, Mother Nature spells it all out for us in its own way.

All that which was either dead or dormant during the past few months is coming forth in new and beautiful glory. These observations in themselves make it difficult to understand how some folks on this wonderful Earth can claim that God is dead.

All we have to do to know that God is alive and well is look around at the beauties of life all around us. What more is there to say other than that "He Is Risen."

Have a Happy Easter, everyone.

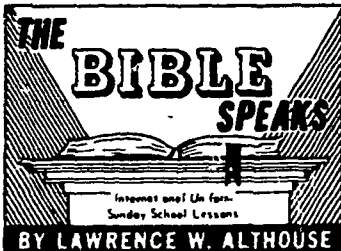
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## Farm Calendar

**Monday, March 27**  
Special Feeder Pig Sale, Dukers Brothers Sales Co., Eden, Md.  
Public milk marketing meeting, 8 p.m. at Forry's Diner, Route 422, Stouchsburg.  
Berks County meeting on multiflora rose, set-aside programs, grain reserves, and emergency loans, 7:30 p.m. at the Ex-

tension Center west of Reading.  
**Tuesday, March 28**  
Lancaster County Farmers Association Spring banquet, 7 p.m. at Good 'n Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown.  
Garden Spot Young Farmers meeting on dairy cattle breeding, 7:30 p.m. at the high school.  
Backyard Fruit Growers

meeting, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.  
ELCO FFA banquet, 7 p.m. at the Middle School Cafeteria, Myerstown.  
Montgomery County Wool Pool and annual meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomsteadville Grange.  
**Wednesday, March 29**  
Chester County Farmers Association Spring (Turn to Page 27)



### RESURRECTION AND YOU

Lesson for March 26, 1978

**Background Scripture:**  
Acts 4:5-31.  
**Devotional Reading:**  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
Most of us tend to think of

Easter solely in terms of Christ's victory over the grave and the forces of opposition. Well, it is that, but it is considerably more, too.

Easter is Christ's victory, but it is also our victory. Unless the resurrection was something that we also can experience in our lives, Easter would be little more than just another celebration of a historic event in the chronicles of time.

By what power? So it was in the early church, too. Easter was important, not only because it restored the Master to

them, but because with his own victory he brought to them a power that would utterly transform their lives. Wonderful as was his escape from the tomb in Joseph's garden, the most wonderful part of Easter was the effect that it would have on the lives of the disciples ever afterward.

As we trace their story in the four gospels, the disciples are not all that impressive. To be sure, they have some high moments, but often they are slow to believe and understand and even slower to put the Good

News to work in their lives. Particularly at the death of Jesus they are anything but impressive in their faith and courage.

But after Christ has risen from the tomb something remarkable happens to these men. It becomes obvious that the same power that restored Jesus to life and rolled a heavy stone from his tomb has brought new life to them and rolled away from their lives some momentous barriers. After the resurrection of Jesus Christ there is a continuing resurrection taking place within their lives.

#### In Jesus' name

We see this power evident in them in two ways. First, as the Master had performed marvelous signs and wonders, so now would they. Peter and John on the way to the temple for prayer stop to heal a man born an invalid. For many years afterward these signs and wonders would continue to be important in the outreach and witness of the church.

Of course, the signs and wonders got them into trouble and gave occasion for another instance in which the resurrection power became visible in their lives. Although they were common

and uneducated men, as they stood before the officials in Jerusalem, the power of the resurrection moved within them and gave them the ability to speak and witness boldly and convincingly for Christ. No wonder, as Luke tells us, "when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered" (Acts 4:13).

For the early disciples the resurrection was not just something that Jesus experienced; it was also the power of God let loose in their own lives. And that's what it can mean for you too.

## NOW IS THE TIME

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**TO WAIT UNTIL SOIL DRIES**  
May folks are getting impatient about getting into their gardens and fields to get the Spring work started. This is a repeat thought urging folks not to work the soil when it is too wet. With all of the snow that has melted in the past week or so, the ground is very wet and soggy. It will take some sun, wind, and time to dry out low-lying fields and gardens. If the topsoil is

worked when too wet and we get freezing temperatures, the soil will become mellow and work satisfactory; however, when worked too wet without any freezing temperatures, the soil will be hard and clumpy for the rest of the season. Give Mother Nature time to dry out the topsoil before working.

**TO APPLY DORMANT SPRAYS**  
Many fruit and or-

namental trees require a dormant oil spray to control insects. The time is approaching when this spray should be applied. The correct time of application is when the buds begin to swell and just before they open. This takes accurate observations, and work needs to begin early in this development when large numbers of trees are to be covered. Scale insects are usually the ones requiring dormant oil sprays; they are

the most effective method of controlling scale insects; sprays later in the season will help, but none will replace the dormant spray.

**TO BECOME PESTICIDE CERTIFIED**  
If this is a repeat reminder, it is meant to be just that. The growing season is rapidly approaching and many farmers and gardeners may want to buy some spray materials. These items are not available without a

certificate; it takes time to get them and we hope that costly delays will not be experienced. We urge prompt attention to the Penn State Correspondence Course on the subject and the taking of the examination to become certified. To buy materials without certificate is not in the cards, and should not be expected. The program is intended to have pesticides applied by folks with good knowledge of what they are doing; this will help build customer support for the continued use of spray materials. We urge producers to comply.

**TO PLAN FOR NEW TURF OR PASTURE SEEDINGS**

Early Spring is the second best time to make new seedings of grasses, or to renovate old sod. Late Summer and early Fall are the best times to do this work. However, if any seedings is to be done this

Spring, we suggest that it be done just as soon as the ground dries. Early seedings have a better chance of getting established before hot, dry weather arrives. If lawn areas are to be seeded, they can be mulched with straw, tobacco ribs, or muslin to hold the moisture and get quicker germination. Lime and fertilizer should be applied according to a complete soil before the seeding is made. Extension publications are available to suggest grass varieties and seeding rates

### Rural Route

By Tom Armstrong

