

EDITORIAL COMMENTS By DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR



There's no winning against a 4-year old

The lifestyle of a newspaper reporter can be such at times that it leaves precious little time for the family. So, I'm frequently taking one or two of my three children along to field days, fairs, banquets or even meetings. That was the case Tuesday when my son, Karl, and I headed south for a Holstein field day. As always, I was happy to have one of my little buddies with me and it didn't take long before we had a nice conversation going.

"Were you a boy like me?" the dear little voice returned.
 "Yes, I was a boy like you," I answered.
 "Did you grow up faster?" Karl continued.
 "No, I was a boy for a long time," I assured him.
 "Like me and Paul?"
 "Yes, like you and Paul," I continued as the car meandered its way

around the twisty road to the eastern edge of southern Lancaster County. Obviously somewhat puzzled, my little companion finally charged, "You did so grow up faster. You beat us, that's why you're big and Paul and me are still a boy!"
 "You'll be big someday too, Karl," I comforted the little man, who by now was seeking security from the two fingers he was nursing on.

"But, Daddy, I can't wait," he pleaded. "I can't wait 'cause I want to drive a combine."
 I drove on and we soon reached the crest of the hill from which we could look down on the beautiful farmland below. "This is where I lived when I was a boy," I told Karl. He stretched his little neck and peeked through the glass, not saying a single word.

Some 35 miles away from home and in the midst of an August evening's splendor, I took pride in announcing to my youngster that we would soon drive past the place where I lived when I was a boy.

"You were a boy?" the little fellow asked with his squeaky inquisitive voice.

"Yes, I was a boy," I answered, never looking at him as I made my right turn in the little village of Union.

Some fair information

With local fairs in Lancaster Farming's prime coverage area now underway, and many more getting ready to put up their tents, we find it necessary to comment on the importance of cooperation between the news media and fair chairmen and publicity directors.

We want to take this opportunity to advise fair chairmen to maintain records of their show results which can be readily available to Lancaster Farming's staff. A copy of the show catalog is most desirable.

If pictures are to be taken, make sure show winners and their animals are ready. That is another prime ingredient for good publicity.

When good coverage is obtainable, both in pictures and words, then chances are good for an attractive layout in the paper.

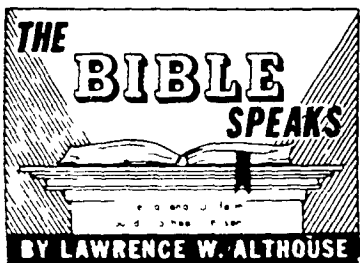
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I kept talking, telling him a little bit about the place and how much I enjoyed growing up on a farm. As I made the final turn and the farm buildings came into closer view, I looked towards the old brick home and nodded, "That's where I lived."

Karl was apparently looking out the opposite window towards the barn as he questioned quite seriously, "Daddy, were you a cow?"

I stepped on the gas and kept my mouth shut for the remainder of the trip. There's absolutely no winning against a 4-year old. It's great.



THINKING WITH EMOTIONS

Lesson for August 6, 1978

Background Scripture: Acts 21:17 through 25:27
 Devotional Reading: Psalms 118:6-9

A friend of mine, a Palestinian (Arab) "Christian" with a history of heart disease, is forced to do hard labor in an Israeli prison. The crime of this man with no previous criminal record: he made the mistake of following the lead of many of his Israeli neighbors and began work on an addition to his house before his permit had been approved. Fined an enormous sum of money and sentenced to hard labor, he was not permitted a Palestinian lawyer to defend him. A normally peaceful, law-abiding citizen, it is difficult for him to manage his anger.

They Supposed
 Another friend of mine is an Israeli professor. For several years he risked his life posing as an Arab to bring Jewish children safely out of lands where they faced persecution. He has lost many friends in battle and he never knows when his wife goes to the supermarket or department store whether she will be the victim of an Arab guerilla bombing. He too, normally a peaceful and civilized man, is frustrated and angry.

One is a Christian, the other a Jew, both of them are thinking with their emotions. Both are letting

anger and frustration cloud their ability to think and their capacity to live by their own religious principles. It is impossible to reason with these men. A little bit of truth and a lot of emotion are holding sway.

It is hardly a novel situation for the Middle East — or even the world. For example, it is just such a situation we find in Acts 21 with Paul in Jerusalem and, as usual, in trouble as well. The ingredients of the trouble are familiar. First, there are troublemakers who "stirred up all the crowd." (Like the "poor," I suppose, we always have

with us the troublemakers.) Secondly, we have a little bit of truth which is greatly distorted. They had seen Paul in the Temple and they had seen him with Trophimus, an Ephesian Greek, so "they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple."

Because Of The Uproar
 Manipulating the prejudices and emotions of the people, the troublemakers provoked such an uproar that the tribune "could not learn the facts." Nothing is more helpful when you're on the wrong side of the facts than a good, old-fashioned uproar.

Finally, as so often happens, we have a situation completely out of hand. Stirring up the crowd to oppose Paul and threaten him, the troublemakers now have a mob on their hands that wants to kill Paul. When we think with our emotions, someone is going to get hurt, perhaps even die.

Despite a Lord who taught the primacy of love and a Savior who gave himself on a cross, Christians have all too often been numbered among the mobs and armies who, thinking with their emotions, have allowed the cross to continue as a symbol of man's shame.

NOW IS THE TIME

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TO BE ALERT FOR JOHNSON GRASS

This aggressive sorghum-like weed should not be given a chance to multiply on any farm. We have mentioned this fact in previous articles but am fearful that too many farmers ignore the plants until they get too thick. This grass will grow six to eight feet high and have thick flesh-like roots. It can be mistaken for Sudan grass or sorghum plants.

At this time of the year the plants should not be permitted to go to seed, where they are a few plants or small patches. If the area is too large to cut by hand, then it should be marked in order

to treat the exact location next spring. Details about the control of Johnson Grass are available at any County Extension office. Don't let this weed take over the farm.

TO FLUSH EWE FLOCK

Sheep producers in this part of the country should be planning for the 1979 lamb crop. The starting place is to have healthy ewes and a good ram. The practice of "flushing" the ewe flock several weeks prior to the breeding season is suggested in order to get more twin lambs.

This refers to the feeding of extra grain, or the ewes

having access to lush grass-type pasture in order to get them into a gaining condition. Ewes that are not thrifty at breeding time will be more likely to throw only a single lamb. The control of internal parasites should also be given attention prior to the breeding season.

TO PLAN FOR CORN STORAGE

In this part of the state another good corn crop seems to be in the making. For dairy and beef cattle producers the silo is one of the best storage places for any corn crop. To grain producers, there may not be space for another good corn crop on the farm.

Extra bins or storage arrangements are needed on many farms. Some government assistance is available on corn storage bins through the local ASC office. We urge some attention to this situation so that the storage will be ready when the crop is mature.

TO BEWARE OF FEEDER CATTLE PRICES

No doubt the price of replacement beef cattle this fall will be affected by the higher prices of market cattle. I'm not in a position to know when is the best time to buy feeder cattle, but over the years many good buys

have been made during August or early September before all corn growers are looking for cattle.

When a feeder has decided on the weight and grade of cattle he wants to feed, then he should follow the markets closely and try to get the best bargain. This may take some time and effort but we

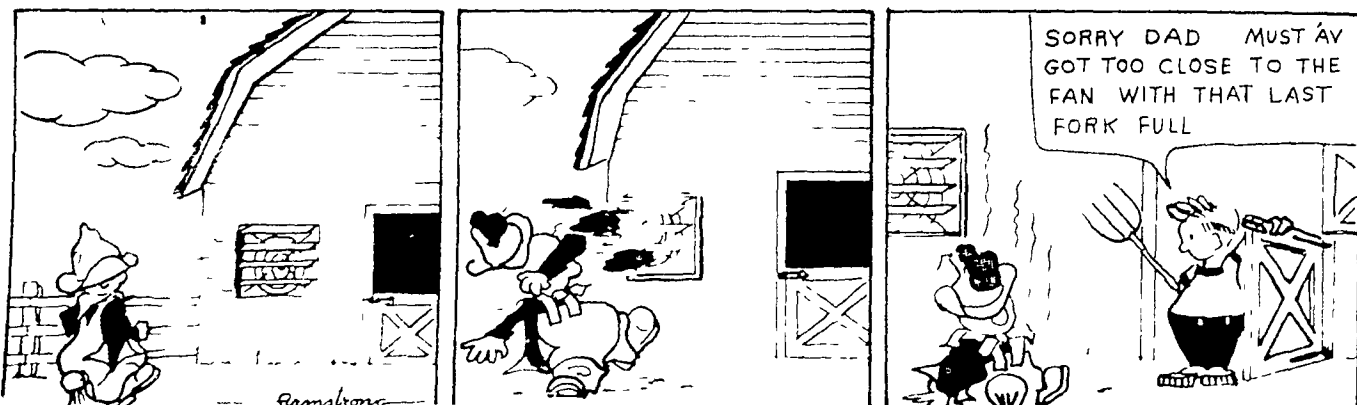
feel that to become better acquainted with the market would be very timely. The day the cattle are purchased is still a very important time in the feeding operation.

Farm Calendar

- Today, August 5**
 Pennsylvania Beekeepers' Picnic, 1:15 p.m. at Menges Mills Colonial Valley
- Monday, August 6**
 Pennsylvania Cattlemen's field day at King Ranch, Chester County
- Sunday, August 6**
 Lebanon County Fair begins at Lebanon Fairgrounds. See details on page 126
- Monday, August 7**
 Hagerstown Fair begins at Hagerstown, Md.
- Pennsylvania 4-H Achievement Days** begin at Penn State
- Dallastown Fair** begins at Dallastown. Continues through Saturday.
- Dauphin County Holstein Club** holds twilight meeting at Howard Kopp farm, 1597 Colebrook Road, Middletown. Horace Backus to speak about pedigrees.
- Tuesday, August 8**
 Somerset County Fair begins at Princess Anne, Md.
- Ephrata Area Young Farmers** has educational tour to New York and Massachusetts. Leave Ephrata Area Junior High School at 4:30 a.m.
- Public meeting** on conservation needs in Hunterdon County, N.J., 8 p.m. at the Extension Center in Flemington. Sponsored by Soil Conservation District.

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RURAL ROUTE



By Tom Armstrong