

**EDITORIAL COMMENTS** By DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR



# The All-American shouldn't be missed

If there's any dairyman out there who is saying to himself that he is too busy to go to Harrisburg to see the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show - I know what you're talking about.

If it weren't for the fact that as editor of *Lancaster Farming* it has become my duty to attend, I might still be missing out on the annual event. We were always busy filling silos this time of year, or hauling hay bales and cleaning loafing sheds. Milking as many as 100 cows kept as tied down pretty well too. Year after year, through the first 11 Pennsylvania All-Americans, there didn't seem to be time for one of the biggest dairy shows in the world. Not even a single day.

So if you're one of those people who is too busy to travel to Harrisburg to see some mighty fine cows, I know what you mean.

The 15th edition of the Pennsylvania All-American starts on Monday morning. It's an event everyone who milks and appreciates cows should try to attend, even if he

or she is as busy as a kitten trying to untrap himself from a ball of yarn.

The Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show is an outstanding event. Whether one's dairy interests are in breeding purebreds, or strictly commercial, there is something of value to be seen and learned in Harrisburg next week. The top cows of each of the six most common dairy breeds will be there, and they'll certainly be very stylish and impressive. They always are.

The dairy cow has come a long way through the generations since man has domesticated her. In my opinion, she has also come a long way in just the past decade. Champion dairy cows nowadays have considerably more dairy character. They reflect more profound milk-producing qualities. They're sharper, cleaner, leaner. It all adds up to more milk and greater efficiencies in feed conversions. So, the dairy farmer has gotten a better deal through the type of cow that is being awarded the blue ribbons at dairy shows. In short, greater emphasis has been placed on

traits which indicate high production and longevity. What's more these dairy cows are truly beautiful creatures.

The Pennsylvania All-American is also a good place to meet others from many states who share your dairy interests, problems, joys, and challenges. Just a short conversation with any one of the showman could lead to your increased knowledge and enrichment. It's certainly a good way to make friends and keep abreast with what's happening in the top levels of the dairy business.

The Pennsylvania All-American is a five-day international show of fine dairy animals. Aside from the six breed shows, including several national contests, there'll also be spectator judging contests, 4-H and FFA judging forums, commercial booth exhibits, invitational breed sales, and a recognition banquet. The latter will include the coronation of the new Pennsylvania Dairy Princess. Forty-three county dairy princesses will be competing for that honor. That will take place on

Wednesday evening in the elegant ballroom of the Penn Harris Motor Inn.

With the top cows of six breeds parading through the show ring, one would expect a sizable purse for prizes. At this year's All-American, the purse is filled with nearly \$65,000. That's quite an incentive for the competitors.

While the exhibitors have a chance of going home with prize money in their pockets, visitors to the show have the opportunity of seeing the kind of cattle which have and are pushing the industry to new heights. And even if one's interests are purely milk production, with no regard to raising one's own replacements, it's still true that that dairyman's future milking string will have been directly affected by the breeding programs of many of the exhibitors at the Pennsylvania All-American. So, if there's a particular trait the commercial dairyman would like to see in his replacements, he can have the

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**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
 Interpret and Unfold  
 Sunday School Lessons  
 BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE  
**OF WORDS AND POWER**  
 Lesson for September 24, 1978

**Background Scripture:**  
 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10;  
 2 Peter 1:3-7  
**Devotional Reading:**  
 John 13:31-35.

Halford Luccock tells us that the preaching of Charles Wesley in London was a matter of some discomfort to his fellow clergy of that city. For Wesley had been preaching, says Luccock, "not only as though he had believed what he was saying, but as though he expected those who listened to believe, and do something about it." It was that last expectation which was more than the other clergy could stand. "The last thing in the world they wanted around their comfortable parishes was something doing."

**Not Only In Word**  
 Charles and John Wesley

had a reputation for that kind of preaching: the kind that resulted in doing something. They preached many sermons, wrote many treatises and Charles wrote many hymns, but the genius was in the action they provoked, not their words.

A Lutheran scholar recently conducted a joint Lutheran-Catholic study entitled, "Who Are The Unchurched?" The study was an attempt to determine why roughly 40% of the people in the USA prefer to remain outside the organized church.

One of the most prevalent reasons, he found, was that

many people outside the churches found a wide gap between what church people say and do about their faith.

Although we may question the degree to which that judgement is justified, we can hardly escape the admission that there is often far too great a gap between our words and our deeds. We tend to talk a much better religious game than we play, a vivid contrast to the model lifted up by Paul to the Thessalonians: for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy spirit and with full conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5).

**But Also In Power**

Paul and his associates had spent a lot of time preaching and teaching in Thessalonica, but their effectiveness was not to be found merely in their words: "You know what kind of men we proved to be among you (1:5). The conclusive power of Paul's mission was the example they set before the new church there.

In return, Thessalonians responded with deeds as well as words so that Paul could say with pride, "you became imitators of us and of the Lord, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia" (1:6, 7)

Leslie Weatherhead tells the story of a little boy who tripped and fell while carrying a basket of eggs. A small crowd quickly gathered around the crying boy: "What a pity!" "Poor little chap!" were some of the expressions of sympathy. But a man stepped forward and, pulling a coin from his pocket, said, "I care half-a-crown." Turning to the man next to him, he asked: "How much do you care?" "In a little time," says Weatherhead, "they translated feeling into action." And beliefs are never faith until they are translated into action!



## NOW IS THE TIME

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Spring is a very poor way to get the best results. The lime needs to be incorporated into the soil and needs time to correct the acidity. In addition, if the soil is very sour, the small grain yields will improve with the use of lime. Don't forget - lime needs to be mixed into the topsoil and needs time to work.

**TO USE ANTIBIOTICS CAREFULLY**

Many livestock and dairy producers need some help from antibiotics to keep their animals healthy. Their use is satisfactory when done properly. Our Extension-veterinarian at Penn State,

Dr. Larry Hutchinson, reminds us that producers can get into hot water when these materials are not used according to directions. The withholding period after treatment is often the cause of the trouble. Producers do not follow the length of time milk is to be withheld, or allow time from treatment to slaughter on meat animals.

Accurate records should be kept on treatment in case there are problems following treatment. Don't take chances ... your market might be lost.

**TO CONSULT YOUR VETERINARIAN**  
 Being on excellent terms

with your local veterinarian is a very good thing. Many producers need some veterinary help once in a while. The developing of a health program and sanitary practices for the farm operation is strongly suggested. Veterinarians are trained in disease prevention and treatment. The most important part is disease prevention. When this is successful there is little need for high veterinary costs.

We suggest that produce regard their veterinarian as a valuable resource person for their farm operation; there may be times when it

might be expensive; however, the prevention of infections and the saving of animals are things that must be done in order to make the most profit. Give him a chance to help.

**TO BEWARE OF FROSTED CROPS**

According to the calendar old Jack Frost can be showing up any of these mornings; we hope this does not happen for several weeks to come. However, farmers with sudan grass or one of the sudan-sorghum hybrids for temporary pasture or green-chopping should

realize the danger of prussic acid poisoning of livestock; when these crops are frosted they should not be consumed for at least a week following the freeze - give them time to die down before being used in the fresh condition. They can be made into silage and permitted to ferment for 30 days and be safe to use.

However, no grazing or green-chopping for at least a week. Also, alfalfa or clover plants should not be consumed when coated with frost; they may cause severe bloating; allow the frost to melt and the plants to dry before grazing.

**RURAL ROUTE**

By Tom Armstrong



## Farm Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 23  
 Oley Fair ends  
 Monday, Sept. 25

Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show begins in Harrisburg at the Farm Show Complex. Continues through the 29th. See break-down of day by day events in this Farm Calendar.

Bloomsburg Fair begins at Bloomsburg. Continues through Sept. 30.

Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest (4-H, FFA, Intercollegiate) at the Pennsylvania All-American, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg 8 a.m.

Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, 9 a.m.

Invitational Brown Swiss Sale, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, 7 p.m.  
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