



# NOW IS THE TIME

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### TO CHECK HEATING SYSTEMS

Colder weather is just around the corner when many types of heating units will come into use. In order to prevent serious fires, and other problems, we suggest that all chimneys and flues be checked for cracks and places where sparks can escape.

In this part of the country tobacco sheds have stoves to

provide comfort for the Winter job of stripping tobacco. Many of these have been in operation for years and may need some attention. The mortar around pipes and between bricks may have fallen out; in many cases a repointing job with mortar will make the system much safer.

Don't take chances on a faulty system; it could start a major barn fire, or the fumes could cause suffocation or respiratory problems.

### TO COMPLETE PESTICIDE RECORDS

I fear that too many far-

mers are not keeping complete records on their pesticide applications. There are forms available for both crop records and livestock records. The purpose is to prove of what was done. This may not seem important until an excess residue is found in your food product.

Then you will need some proof of what was used, when it was applied, and the amounts.

There is constant checking of food products by our Food and Drug Administration. When excess residues are found, an investigation is made. In many cases it may

not be an erroneous pesticide application. Therefore, records will be needed to prove what was done.

### TO CHECK WEED CONTROL METHODS

Were you successful in controlling the weeds on your property this year? If not, there must be a reason. Now would be a good time to inspect the weed problem and to evaluate the degree of control.

We notice that some corn fields are almost entirely free of weeds; others have far too many weeds. In order to get good weed control we need to identify the weed, to correct any soil acidity, and

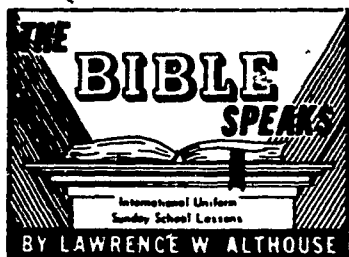
then apply the proper herbicide at the proper time. All of these have to work together for good control. Many weed killers will not perform the job when the soil is too sour. A complete soil test will reveal the lime needs and help kill weeds.

### TO PRACTICE GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

Farmers need to be concerned about their image in the community. In most cases this is very good and the majority of non-farm people in the rural areas respect the needs and problems of the farmer. These can be improved when the farm family is interested

in getting better acquainted with their non-farm neighbors.

We urge farmers to invite their nearby neighbors to see their farm operations. In many cases a better understanding of the various farm operations will eliminate disputes and hassles about noises and odors. Also, I think that it is very timely for more farmers to accept invitation to community service and civic clubs as speakers to tell of their farm activities. Friends that possess a good understanding of each other seldom have serious conflicts.



### JUST SHORT OF MURDER

Lesson for October 15, 1978

#### Background Scripture:

Exodus 20:13;  
Matthew 5:21-24;  
Romans 13:7-14;  
1 John 3:9-15.

#### Devotional Reading:

John 10:7-15.

It is probably safe for me to assume that no one reading this column has ever been guilty of murder. So, it would seem that we might justifiably skip over the commandment, "you shall not kill."

Right?  
Wrong!

But don't feel too badly, for that's what many of Jesus' contemporaries thought too — that is, until Jesus helped them to view this commandment in a new light.

#### But I Say To You...

The trouble started when Jesus began to interpret the

Ten Commandments in terms of what he held to be God's intention:

You have heard that it was said to the men of old, "You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement," but I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement ... (Matthew 5:21, 22)

In its original form the commandment did not touch lots of people. They had never murdered anyone and they were not likely to do so. But as Jesus reinterpreted the original meaning of this commandment hardly

anyone could escape its judgement. Who has not been angry with a brother or insulted him or shouted, "you fool!"?

If anyone thought that perhaps they had not understood Jesus correctly in this pronouncement, they had many other of his sayings to support it. They had the testimony, too, of men like Paul who admonished the Romans, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law" (13:8), and John, "Any one who hates his brother is a murderer..." (1 John 3:15).

#### First Be Reconciled

These would seem to be among the "hardest sayings" in the New Testament and to some minds they may seem irrational: hating as evil as killing? But Jesus and his disciples were not attempting to fix penalties or degrees of guilt, but rather to demonstrate that hate and murder are tied together. Murder begins in hate and even hate that never is expressed physically tends to "kill" because spiritual forces are just as potent — even more so — than physical ones.

The real purpose of God, then, Jesus is saying, is not simply to avoid murder and killing, but to give one's heart over to love and to hold that love back from no one. The worshipper may not have any murders to confess, but if he comes with something in his heart against another, then, says Jesus, "leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:24).

It is possible to stop short of murder and still break the commandment of God.

## Lanc. Co. Farmers' Assn. plans full week at Park City Mall

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Farmers' Association Week will be held October 16 through 21 at Park City Mall, Lancaster.

On Monday, the schedule of events includes a sheep shearing demonstration and wool spinning in the West Mall, with 4-H Rough Riders working with handicapped children in the South Mall. In the Sears Mall, the Dairy Princess will be serving cheese and milk samples. All these activities will be between 7 and 9 p.m.

Tuesday will find the 4-H Beef Queen handing out samples of beef while a live steer and calf will be on display all day. During the evening, 4-H'ers will model simple clothes and there will be a cow milking contest at 6:30 p.m. in the Sears Mall. In the North Mall, sewing and herb crafts will be demonstrated.

Wednesday finds wool clothes and sheep leading in the West Mall during the evening, with 4-H'ers demonstrating cake

decorating in the South Mall. The Omelet King will be giving egg omelet samples in the Gimbels Mall and there will be live turkeys on display.

Everyone can see a mother pig and her piglets in the West Mall on Thursday, as well as 4-H'ers showing how they raise and care for their animals as a 4-H project in the South Mall. The Omelet King will again be demonstrating in the Gimbels Mall. Craft classes will be in the North Mall,

while a butter demonstration will be performed in the Sears Mall. Betty Groff, known as a professional farm wife, will be giving a demonstration on Lancaster County egg cheese between 7 and 9 p.m.

On Friday, the 4-H Beef Queen will return giving samples of beef to the public. The steer and calf will again be on display. At the South Mall, the photography club's space capsule will be on display from 7 to 9 p.m. The Omelet King will again

be present. And at the Watt and Shand Mall, "The Muppets", with Greg Barton, will give a puppet show on farm life from 7 to 8 p.m. In the Sears Mall, there will be a Jug-a-Lug milk drinking contest at 7 p.m., and in the East Mall, macrame Christmas ornaments and rose miling, painting on wood, will be demonstrated.

The mother pig and her piglets will be back at the Mall on Saturday, along with pine cone wreath demon-

strations. The Muppets will appear from 2 to 3 p.m. and the Omelet King will be busy with his demonstrations. In the Sears Mall, there will be butter and quilting demonstrations, along with a calf you can talk to. At 7 p.m., there will be an ice cream contest open to the public.

All this and more will be featured throughout the weeklong festivities. The public is invited to come and visit the exhibits and participate in the activities.

## Farm Calendar

#### Today, Oct. 14

Auction of antique and new furniture, household goods, toys, and restaurant meals at Lancaster Square, Lancaster, for the benefit of Goodwill Industries of Lancaster County. Time: 10:30 a.m. Rain date Oct. 21.

Lancaster County Poultry Association entertainment trip to Valley Forge Music Fair. Leave Gimbels' parking lot at Park City at 4 p.m.

Maryland Polled Hereford Association Fall Sale, Silver Spring Farm, Damascus, Md.

Maryland Shorthorn Association Club Calf Sale, Frederick Fairgrounds.

Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Oct. 14-21 at the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

Catoctin Colorfest, Thursday, Oct. 14-15

Apple Harvest Festival Weekend, today and tomorrow at Biglerville.

#### Sunday, Oct. 15

York County 4-H Achievement Day, 2 p.m. at the 4-H Center, Bair.

#### Monday, Oct. 16

Lancaster County Farmers Association holds its big promotional event at the Park City Shopping Mall, Lancaster. Ever day,

through Saturday. Ribbon-cutting today at 11 a.m.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Ephrata Area Young Farmers monthly meeting, 7:45 p.m. at the high school's vo-ag room. Topic: Livestock housing - insulation and ventilation.

Penn's Agri-Women Fall Convention, Hershey

Convention Center, 9:15 a.m.

York County 4-H roller skating party, 7 p.m. at Roll-R-Way West.

Inter-State Milk Producers' meeting, Adams County area, 7 p.m. at the East Berlin Fire Hall.

Board of directors meeting of the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 8 p.m. in the conference room of

the Farm and Home Center.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

Snowmobile safety course today and tomorrow at Twin Valley High School Elverson. Both days at 7:30 p.m. in the high school's vo ag room.

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

The 104th annual Maryland State Grange session, Brethren Center, New

Windsor, Md. Continues through the 21st.

Annual meeting of the Adams County Holstein Club, 7 p.m. Mc-Sherrystown Fire Hall.

Inter-State Milk Producers meeting, District 24, 7:15 p.m. at the Airville Fire Hall, Airville.

#### Friday, Oct. 20

York County Holstein breeders' annual meeting, Shrewsbury Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

Snowmobile show today and tomorrow at Twin Valley High School's vo ag room, Elverson, Chester County. Today's show, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, Oct. 21

Pumpkin Contest at Cedar Crest FFA, at the high school, 10 a.m. Call 717-272-2031, Ext. 57 for details.

Snowmobile show at Twin Valley High School, Elverson, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### RURAL ROUTE



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