

**EDITORIAL COMMENTS** By DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR



**Do you know who's asking for your money?**

Does anyone remember Jimmy Jones?

As much as we'd like to forget that "religious" wildman who was responsible for the murders of more than 900 followers in South America last November, it might be a good idea to not push him entirely out of our minds when we visit the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

The reason for the warning is simple:

Representatives of certain, not commonly accepted lifestyles and beliefs are expected to be at the Farm Show again this year. They'll be wanting your dollars and whatever other support you may want to give. While it may be in our nature to want to give generously, it's advised that no one give blindly.

Although one cultist group - Jimmy Jones' People's Temple - has received most of the publicity on the subject during the past two months, there are many others whose behavior is just as questionable. The difference is that they haven't made the headlines. The fact is that there are groups within our society which shamelessly solicit our dollars to further causes which destroy our own beliefs.

In 1977, and again last year, members of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness stood in the paths of many a Farm Show visitor, offering him a flower or candy cane in exchange for a monetary donation. For those who aren't familiar with the Krishna group, the situation may appear innocent enough. But investigations by law enforcement agencies, journalists, and private individuals have revealed that Krishna members have been responsible for kidnappings

and ideological indoctrination of minors against the parents' will. The result has been extreme anguish and suffering for the families involved.

For example, on Aug. 31, 1975 a California father found his 12-year old son in a Krishna temple and removed him forcibly. But he didn't get far. Eight to 10 cultists surrounded him and pulled the boy out of his arms. The boy is believed to have been taken to India, where the Krishna group is headquartered.

While an act such as kidnapping

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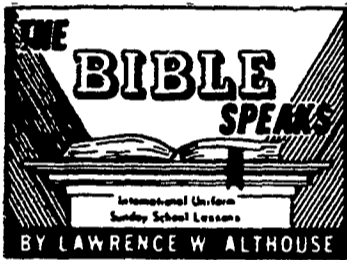
Many of the machinery exhibits have been outside in the cold for years. Others have been waiting for space anywhere - inside or out. Since the Farm Show complex was renovated a year ago the space situation has become even more critical.

This year the livestock entries have been sharply reduced. Schedules have been altered, and a lot of people who'd like to participate are staying home because they can't get in or are too disgusted with the squeeze to want to bother

and murder is clearly unlawful, the soliciting for money at an airport or farm exposition is within the law. Many of these cultist groups have acquired astronomical sums of money as a result of their solicitations. Innocent, well-meaning individuals are being tricked into supporting activities which bring crushing amounts of suffering to other innocent people. Jimmy Jones' massacre of 900 persons in South America exemplifies the point.

Unfortunately, authorities are getting nowhere in their attempts to control the questionable activities of cultist groups. Officials of the Pennsylvania Farm Show can't legally restrict cult members from the Farm Show grounds. Neither can they forbid them to ask for your support - monetarily or otherwise. That leaves the final decision in your hands.

It's hoped you think twice before you contribute to a cause which may be questionable and very much against your own beliefs.



**A NEW "YOU"?**

Lesson for January 7, 1979

**Background Scripture:**

- 1 Peter 1:13-25;
- Romans 8:1-14;
- 2 Corinthians 5:16, 17;
- Ephesians 2:1-10.

**Devotional Reading:**  
Psalms 51:6-12.

An enterprising photographer put this sign in his window:

- As you look to me .....\$10
- As you think you look ...\$20
- As you would like to look \$30

It would seem that a new "you" costs more than the old one. Actually, that's what the New Testament says: you can be a new person, but it will cost something.

But who pays... and how much does it cost?

**The Price**

The New Testament puts it in different ways, but it is

clear that the price of a new "you" has been paid by God:

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways...with the precious blood of Christ...(1 Peter 1:18,19)

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8).

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

Regardless of how we think of it - as "ransom," as the "gift" of "grace", or be-

ing set "free" by the Spirit -

it is God who pays the price so that there can be a new "you". As Paul puts it to the Corinthians: "If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). But please note: Paul says "anyone"! It is an unlimited offer, given to any person who will accept it. In other words, there is no life so set or so messed-up that it cannot be made completely "new" by the power of God! God is a more powerful redeemer than man is a sinner!

**The Cost**

Yet, although it is a free gift and although God himself pays the price for a new "you," it will still cost you something. Once again, the New Testament states the cost in different terms, but the meaning is the same:

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but... be holy yourselves in all your conduct... (1 Peter 1:14)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works... that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).

Thus, the cost of a new "you" is the price that God pays in Jesus Christ plus a new life to go with the new self. The gift of the new "you" is something that only God can put in your hands, but when he has done it, you must do something new with that gift. Otherwise, the new "you" quickly reverts back into being the old "you".

"If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."

It's your move.



**NOW IS THE TIME**

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banquets that are held during the week. Many of these are of state-wide organizations and should have economic benefits for the producer.

The Farm Show Program will give the exact details on each event; these small pamphlets are available from the Farm Show Building or from any of our Penn State Extension offices. See you at Farm Show.

**TO SEGREGATE ANIMALS**

One of the major practices in preventing livestock diseases is to segregate new

animals when brought to the farm; this is true with all species of livestock. Too many diseases and infections are purchased and brought to the home herd or flock.

Also, animals that are exhibited at shows should be segregated from the rest of the herd, or all other animals treated for the infections.

In this area, some swine producers may purchase bred gilts at next week's State Farm Show. Even though these gilts come from disease-free herds, they should be segregated for at

least 30 days before coming in contact with local animals. Segregation and sanitation are both very important in good herd or flock management.

**TO CONTROL WILD BIRDS AND ANIMALS**

The Winter months can be times when wild birds and stray animals bring infections to the farm. Also, mice and rats are a source of disease infection. Producers are urged to give some attention to eradicating these problems from their barns and feeding operation. Feed pellets are available that can

be used to keep down the wild bird problem. In closed buildings screens can be used to keep out the wild birds.

Rats and mice can be controlled by a good clean-up program along with several poison bait stations. Stray dogs and cats should be kept out of farm buildings as much as possible; they can be a source of infection.

**TO KEEP GOOD FARM RECORDS**

The first of the year is a good time to give some at-

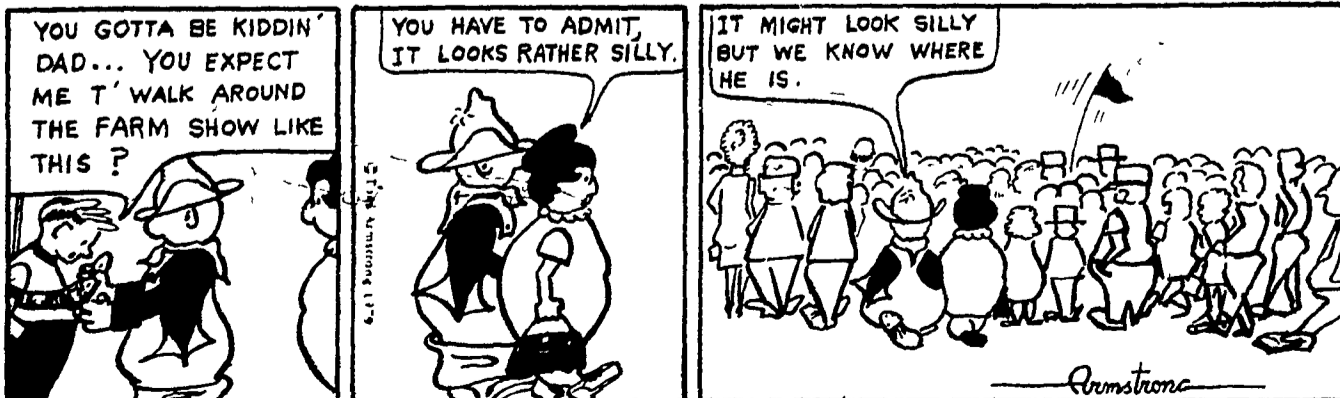
tention to improving farm accounts. If the system is to be changed, now would be a good time to make the change.

Accurate records are a "must" in modern farming. These records are not only used for income tax reporting, but should be used for good farm planning.

Our Extension Service offers a set of Farm Record books in case any producer needs to consider another system of records. Be sure to keep good records in the coming year.

**RURAL ROUTE**

By Tom Armstrong



**Monday, Jan. 8**  
Pennsylvania Farm Show begins, see complete schedule elsewhere in this issue.

Lancaster County FFA meeting, 6 p.m. at the Brownstown Vo-Tech School.

Penn State Stockmen's banquet, 7 p.m. at the Jolly Fisherman, Harrisburg

Poultry servicemen's seminar, Truway Inn, Lancaster, 6:30 p.m. Tony Stemberger of Penn

State will give a poultry outlook.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**  
Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association annual meeting, and banquet, 6:30 p.m. at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**  
Lebanon County Conservation District board of directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the Lebanon County Municipal Building, Room 207.