EDITORIAL COMMENTS By DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR

Are you ready for a second farm show?

If there's any such thing as Winter doldrums among farm families, those inflicted with that condition will be challenged to do something about it come March 8 That's the date of Farmers' Fun Night, an event during which farm girls, boys, women, and men can compete, laugh, and just plain whoop it up for a few hours. The entire affair will have the blessings of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

Anyone interested in being a participant in the event might want to contact either The Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron St Harrisburg, The Pennsylvania Farmers Association, 510 S 31st Street, Camp Hill; The Pennsylvania State Grange, 1604 North Second Street, Harrisburg, The Pennsylvania Farmers Union, 240 North Third Street, Harrisburg, The **Pennsylvania Farmer** magazine, Box 3665, Harrisburg, or **Lancaster Farming** newspaper, Box 366, Lititz All are helping in the planning and organization of Farmer's Fun Night

Farmers' Fun Night will feature such competitive events as a bale throwing contest, penny scrambles, log sawing, chip throwing, hog calling, potato picking, and possibly tobacco spitting. Once all that's over, the floor will be open for square dancing. There is no charge to enter. Just come prepared to have fun, and dress properly for the occasion There is some talk of fining those folks who dare to show up anything other than genuine farm clothes The entire affair is just a part of a new 3-day farm show which is designed to supplement the original Farm Show, which has taken place annually for the past 63 years

The new show, which is to get underway March 8, 9 and 10, will be an exhibition of machinery, with added highlights such as Farmers' Fun Night, a highly competitive horse pulling contest, and an equipment auction According to former Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Kent Shelhamer, who initiated the idea, the new show will allow visiting farmers to see a vast part of Pennsylvania's agribusiness which can't be included in the January Farm Show because of space problems

The new farm exhibition, like the original Farm Show, will be held at the Farm Show Complex The new event differs from the old in several respects The most obvious of those differences is undoubtedly the fact that there won't be any animals at the March show Also, unlike the Farm Show, the upcoming event will include a Friday night and Saturday on the schedule.

It is hoped by some that if the March show is a big success, it can be used to alleviate some of the growing pains of the January Farm Show There is a possibility that the March exhibition may eventually overtake many of the commercial aspects of the January show If that's the case, then that may allow the original Farm Show to expand with its emphasis on animal agriculture

Pennsylvania's agricultural community holds the power of making the March show either a success or a failure. If potential exhibitors refuse to go along with the idea, then the show can't be held. If farmers and their friends don't feel like going to the show in March, then the concept might very well be abandoned

But for 1979, at least, the March exhibition is for real. Despite the fact that a number of major manufacturers won't take part in the show this year, most of the exhibit space has been sold There is reason to believe that the exhibition will be a success, unless bad weather interferes or farm families show little interest

The organizers of Farmers Fun Night would like to have some idea on how much participation can be expected So, if you might want to enter one or more of the contests, please let someone know

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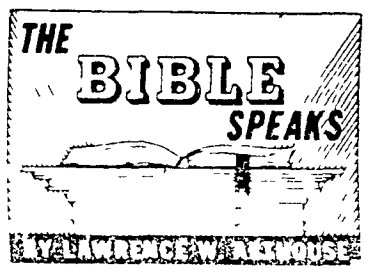


GOD'S SPECIALTY

Lesson for January 28, 1979

Background Scripture
Nehemiah [illegible]
Devotional Reading
[illegible]

When I was a teenager in youth camp, we used to sing a simple, yet beautiful song that goes like this

Got any rivers you think uncrossable?

Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?

God specializes in things thought possible

He'll do for you what no other power can do!

Many times when I have run in against things [illegible] I've remembered that this is God's [illegible] and realized that [illegible]

Come, Let Us Build!

This is what Nehemiah reminded the people of Jerusalem The city had been destroyed by the Babylonians and much of the population had been carried away into captivity Even though the Babylonians had later been conquered by the Persians, there seemed little cause for optimism The city was still a shambles the temple in ruins the protective walls were still piles of rubble

[illegible] Jewish exile who had risen to a prominent position in the service of Cyrus, the Persian king, Nehemiah had secured permission to return to Jerusalem to try and restore the once-great city Having fully inspected the ruined walls, Nehemiah called together the people and put to them what must have seemed an impossible challenge "Come let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer disgrace" Nehemiah 2 17 [illegible]

responded with an enthusiasm that must have surprised themselves "Let us rise up and build" (2 18)

The Mind To Work

To be sure, there were obstacles Their neighbors laughed at them and plotted to harass them The task was monstrous and the work force seemed too small But Nehemiah persuaded each group to tackle one portion of the total task and thus the impossible task became [illegible]

Jerusalemites to co-operate and take turns in guarding and rebuilding Nehemiah made the most of what was available and by the power of God, it was enough! "So we built the wall For the people had a mind to work" (3 6)

Pianst Arthur Rubenstein, when invited to attend church one weekend in New York City replied "Yes if you will take me to hear a preacher who will compel me to do the impossible" That [illegible] the church [illegible] do [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] was presented by Dr Lester Burdette from Penn State at the recent Cattle Feeders Day [illegible] stressed that [illegible] feeders should know the kind of weight [illegible] are getting when cattle are delivered to an farm

Also, it might be well to [illegible]

[illegible] TO MAKE PONDS SAFE

Freezing time is at hand and [illegible] pond will be a popular place when ice forms Owners should be certain that rescue equipment is handy and not in the barn or garage several blocks away Wooden [illegible] drowning

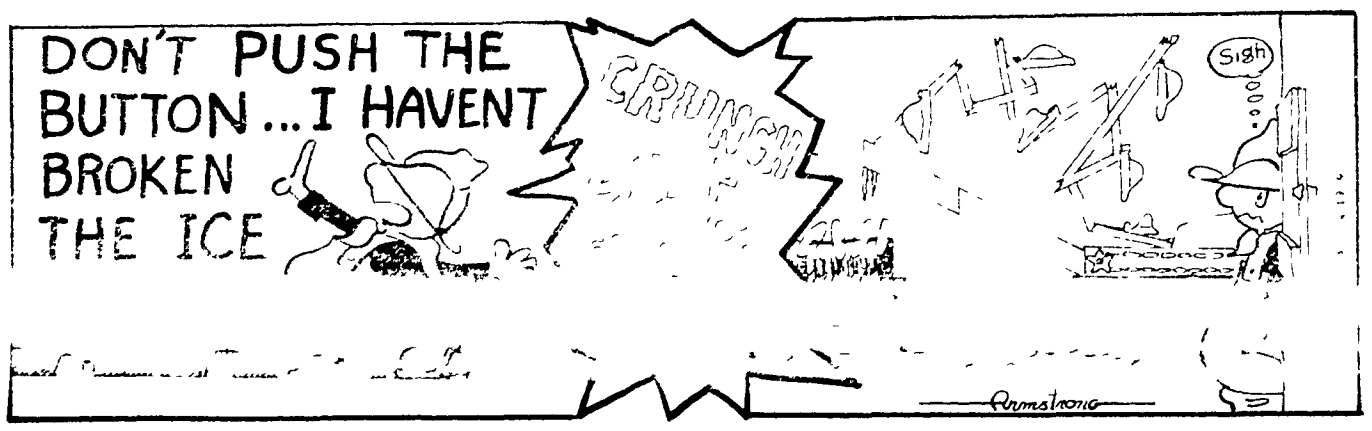
[illegible] TO PURCHASE PROTECTIVE BREATHING GEAR

[illegible] time that farmers invest in some type of breathing equipment that will give them protection Orchard men, using various types of spray materials, no doubt have been using respirators and masks for years Now those who are [illegible] around pesticides and events [illegible] protection Farmers today are exposed to more of these lung damaging dusts than a generation ago Don't take chances with your respiratory organs they are very important for good health

TO SELL ON MARKET GRADE

Several livestock [illegible] this amount of finish and [illegible]

RURAL ROUTE By Tom Armstrong



Farm Calendar

Today Jan 27

York County Fruit Growers banquet, Rutters Restaurant Red Lion, 7 p m

Monday, Jan. 29

Delaware Vegetable Growers Association meets, Sheraton Inn Dover, Del Activities continue through Tuesday

Adams County Milk Marketing Workshop at Vo Ag Room of Bermudian Springs High School, York Springs, 7 30 p m

Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association [illegible]

Tuesday, Jan [illegible]

Poultry health meeting, vo-ag room of New Oxford High School, 7 30 p m

Ephrata Area Young Farmers meeting on beef grading and carcass evaluation 7 45 p m at Ephrata High School

Blair County Extension Service tax meeting, 8 p m at Highland Hall, Hollidaysburg

Orchard management school, 9 a m to 4 p m at the Penn State Fruit Research Laboratory, Biglerville

Thursday, Feb. 1

Lancaster County 4-H beef and sheep club banquet, 6 30 p m at the Farm and [illegible]

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