

EDITORIAL COMMENTS By DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR



New farm show deserves a chance

If farmers are willing to try anything once, they should give the upcoming Farm Equipment Exposition a try this week. It's the first time that the event takes place, and as such, it should be given a chance to succeed. According to latest information, the vast majority of equipment displays are different from those that were exhibited at the January show.

Aside from new displays of machinery and equipment, other activities merit a review too. Safety demonstrations, for example,

shouldn't be overlooked by anyone attending the show. The big attraction will be an overturned tractor with rescue personnel discussing and demonstrating what can be done until a trained rescue squad arrives.

According to the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, which is sponsoring the demonstrations, the safety program is an attempt to solve just one of the problems facing rural emergency medical services. They emphasize that rescue on the farm can often be

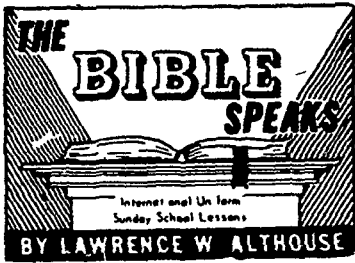
so diverse that some rescue problems require the combined knowledge and skill of rescue personnel and farmers. It may well pay a farmer to look into this one.

Another attraction will be the horse pulling contest, which has teams coming from various parts of the country. Also, there will be a horse and mule and tack sale. On Saturday there's an auction of farm equipment.

Last but not least, there's Farmers Fun Night on Thursday, beginning at about 7 p.m.

You may come to toss a few hay bales, watch the politicians and editors throw cow chips, and just plain have a good laugh. It'll be a time to forget a few problems.

The first-ever Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Exposition begins Thursday and continues through Saturday. We hope you'll be a part of it.



OF PAIN AND LOVE

Lesson for March 4, 1979

Background Scripture:
1 Corinthians 1:1-9;
2 Corinthians 1:21
through 2:4-13.
Devotional Reading:
1 Corinthians 1:4-9.

Paul had every right to be upset with those ingrates at Corinth! He had spent eighteen months laboring in their midst without pay - longer than he had stayed in most areas - so that they might know the good news of Jesus Christ. He had written one of his finest letters to them - the letter we know as 1 Corinthians - to strike at some troubling problems that had come to his attention from Corinth. And instead of responding favorably to his efforts in their behalf, many of them had become resistant to his authority as an apostle.

Some even dared him to return to Corinth.

A Severe Letter

What would you have done if you had been Paul? Many of us, I suspect, would have washed our hands of these people. "Who needs it?" we'd say in disgust and despair. Why not devote ourselves to those who love and understand us, to those who accept our authority and are receptive to our efforts? Why bother with a bunch of quarrelsome ingrates?

Paul could have crossed the Corinthians off his list, but he didn't. Instead he took a risk and wrote a severe

letter in which he poured out his love and sorrow for them. (We do not have this letter today, but Paul speaks of it in 2 Corinthians 2:4). Undergirding this letter with fervent prayers, he sent it to them and waited for the results. How would they react to it, he must have wondered? The chances were that he was leaving himself open to even more pain and humiliation. (Paul, Paul! Why stick your neck out like that? They're not worth it, are they?)

But the news that came back from Corinth via Titus, his associate, was even better than he might have

expected. Somehow, whether because of his letter or his prayers or both, a change had taken place in the Corinthian church and Paul was overjoyed at this news. His heart overflowing in joy, he writes a third letter - the one we know as 2 Corinthians - and it is apparent to us that here we see reflected the fiber of true Christian love: the love that is able to endure both pain and humiliation for the sake of the joy that is always possible when love perseveres.

Abundant Love

When we think of the early Christian church we are

likely to assume a state of perfection and bliss that never really existed. We tend to forget that those early congregations were not all that unlike those we see about us today: likely to encounter both the heights and depths of human personality.

Paul's relationships with the Corinthians are a dramatic reminder to all of us that the power of Christian love is meant to be experienced, not with cardboard saints, but real people. As Paul discovered, we must hang in there and persevere through the pain of love if we are ever to know its joys.

NOW IS THE TIME

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TO BROADCAST LEGUMES

Alfalfa and red clover growers who are planning to broadcast the seeds into a stand of winter wheat should be getting their seed prepared. Both research and experience has showed that late February into early March will give the best results. This is the time of year when the ground freezes and thaws frequently; this alternate thawing creates a "honey-comb" condition to the topsoil which is good for working the seeds into the soil. If the broadcast seeding is made late in the month of March, we may not get this soil condition. The seeds should be of top quality and be inoculated with legume bacteria before broadcasting. We feel there are better ways of making a new seeding of legumes, but if the broadcast methods is to be used, it should be done soon.

TO CREEP FEED LAMBS

The Easter season is approaching when the price of spring lambs is usually the highest of the season. Sheep growers, who have early lambs, can add extra pounds by feeding the lambs some extra grain. A mixture of cracked corn and oats is suggested in a place where only the lambs have access. Since the lambs are still nursing the ewes, no extra protein should be needed. Another thing that may add extra weight on the lambs is to feed extra grain to the nursing ewes; this will increase milk flow and result in heavier lambs.

TO USE CAUTION NEAR MANURE PITS

No doubt many barns and liquid manure pits will be emptied in the near future. Producers are cautioned about the danger of poisonous and inflammable gases developing when the manure mixture is disturbed. Some cleaning methods require the agitation of the liquid manure in the pit before pumping starts. Good ventilation is needed over the pits at this time;

otherwise, animals and people can be suffocated. Also, smoking should be prohibited and all flames kept away. In addition, anyone going down into the manure pit after being emptied should wear a gas mask or respirator. Don't take chances on the presence of toxic gases.

TO KEEP PESTICIDE RECORDS THIS YEAR

We are about to experience a new growing season. When March arrives in this part of the state, warmer weather is sure to come. The use of various spray materials and chemicals will be a very

common practice. All of these are intended for a special purpose, if used correctly. In order to protect the producer from the danger of having excess residues in food and feed crops, it is very important that accurate records be kept. This is true on crops as well as with livestock. In

case the producer is charged with excess residues, these written records may save your business. Don't rely on your memory or oral statements; they will not stand up at a hearing or in court. Be sure records list the name of the material, the rate, and the date of application.

COMMENTS FROM READERS

Editor:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Inland Fertilizer Association, I wish to thank you for writing the articles pertaining to the Pennsylvania fertilizer industry and its problems that have appeared in recent weeks in your publication.

Your articles have been factual and unbiased, and they have represented a responsible type of reporting that the industry greatly needs to help counteract the type of press that we lately have been getting out of Harrisburg. It is certainly nice to know that someone in

the newspaper industry can still report facts in their true light.

Should you need information regarding any segment of the fertilizer

industry in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me. I shall do everything possible to see that you get the facts in as unbiased a light as possible.

Thanks once again!

Yours truly,
George F. Williams,
Secretary,
The Pa. Inland Fertilizer Assn.

Farm Calendar

Today, March 3
Northern Lebanon FFA chicken barbecue, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the high school, Fredericksburg.
Maryland Jersey Club annual meeting, New Market Fire Hall, 10 a.m.

Annual dinner meeting of the Pennsylvania Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn Breeders Association, 6:30 p.m. at Little Tony's, Murrsville.

Monday, March 5
Gypsy moth information meeting, Hunterdon County, N.J. Extension Center, 7:30 p.m. Flemington.

Octorara Young Farmers banquet, 6:45 p.m. at Christiana Fire Hall.

Manheim Young Farmers meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Topic: Soil Fertilization. Bill Brubaker is speaker.

Tuesday, March 6
Sheep and swine meeting, Hunterdon County, N.J. Extension Center, Flemington, 8 p.m.
Home vegetable gardening meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the

Lancaster County Extension Center.

Tree fruit growers meeting, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lancaster County Extension Center.

Lancaster County Dairy Day at the Extension Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Board of directors meeting for the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, Camp Hill Borough Building, 2201 Market Street, 10 a.m.

Cumberland County Dairy Clinic, Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, 9 a.m.

Grape pruning demonstrations, 10 a.m. at Earl J. Brumgard Orchard, Littlestown RI; and 1:30 p.m. at Tyson's Vineyard, Flora-Dale.

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RURAL ROUTE

By Tom Armstrong

