

EDITORIAL COMMENTS By DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR



The machinery expo has great potential

There is no doubt in my mind that the Pennsylvania Farm Machinery Exposition is a good idea.

More than that, it's a fantastic innovation with tremendous potential.

Reasons? There are several.

To begin with, the January Farm Show can neither accommodate all the exhibitors who want space, or all the crowds who want in. Something had to be done. The Machinery Expo is a step in the right direction towards solving that problem, especially in view of the fact that a new and larger Farm Show Building isn't likely to come in the near future.

Compared to the Farm Show with its mammoth crowds and poor ventilation, the Machinery Exposition was a breath of fresh air. Personally, I don't care much for masses of people shuffling along on littered walkways and having to breathe more dust than air. The Farm Show is interesting enough, that's true, and the exhibits are great, but the conditions are far from comfortable.

In contrast, the Machinery Exposition offered a pleasant atmosphere in more ways than one. People weren't bumping along elbow to elbow and the air was fit to breathe. Also, the place was comparatively silent. That too was good news. Furthermore, unlike at the Farm Show, a person could walk up to any exhibit he pleased and spend some time inspecting, talking, and

extravaganza. The success I saw there is inspirational. They started their show in 1968 with 157 exhibitors and some 28,000 visitors. By comparison, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture did better with the number of exhibitors in Harrisburg for the first ever Pennsylvania Farm Machinery Show. And the visitor numbers will grow.

This year, the Tulare show boasted

California's equipment show started with fewer exhibitors than our Expo, but it is now one of the largest in the world.

inquiring. It was indeed a refreshing experience. It was great, and with the proper care from here on in, it should be the up and coming thing for Pennsylvania agriculture.

Six weeks ago I had the opportunity to visit one of the largest agricultural exhibitions in the nation. That experience lends weight to my belief that Pennsylvania can have a great machinery exposition.

The California Farm Equipment Show and International Exposition, one of the largest farm shows in the nation, is one fantastic agricultural

over 800 exhibitors and more than 100,000 visitors. It was strictly an agricultural show, held at the 20-acre Tulare County Fairgrounds. The weather was very pleasant too, which is a help for any such exposition.

Granted, California's winter weather is far better than ours, and an outdoor show allows for a lot more innovation.

On the other hand, Harrisburg has a perfect location to represent the vast agricultural potential of the Northeast and Middle Atlantic Area.

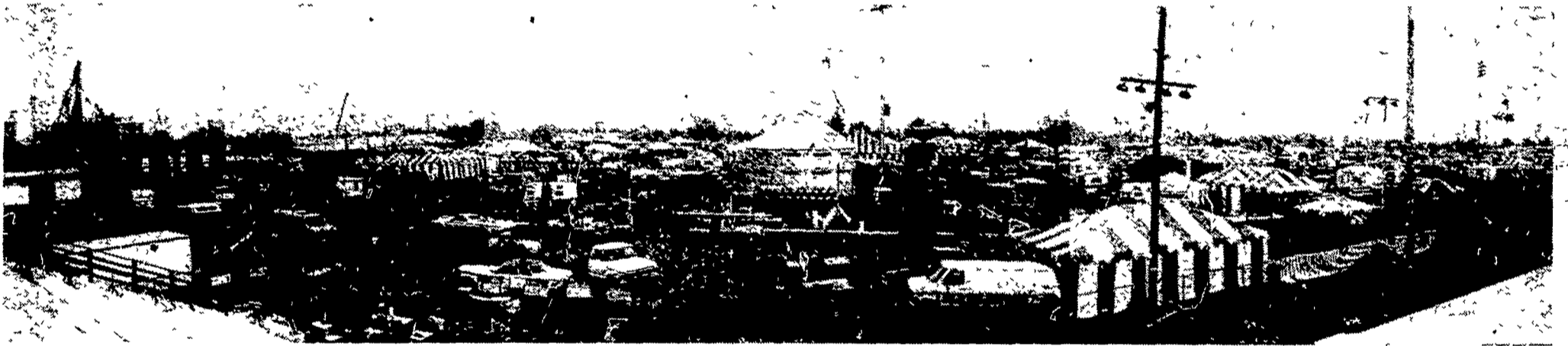
We're close to markets, surrounded for hundreds of miles by productive farmland and the highway network is adequate. The Pennsylvania Machinery Exposition has a lot of merit.

Then there is also the question of money. The Farm Show Complex needs it, and this is one way of getting a lot of it. It's a good point to consider when evaluating the worthiness of a farm machinery exposition.

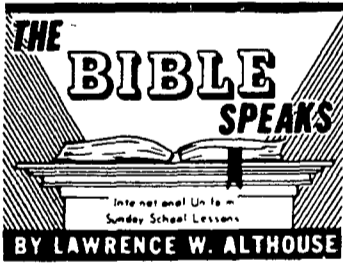
This year - the inaugural year for the Machinery Exposition - more than \$101,000 in exhibitor, parking, and entry fees were collected. That's a sizable chunk of money which can't be overlooked when discussing the Exposition.

Last, but certainly not least, the opinions of exhibitors point to the need and desirability of a second show for Pennsylvania agriculture.

As I see it, there are a lot of good reasons to make the Farm Machinery Exposition an annual event.



Tulare, California is the home of one of the largest farm machinery expositions in the nation.



X-RATING THE GOSPEL

Lesson for March 25, 1979

Background Scripture:

1 Corinthians 5:1-8;
6:9 through 7:40.

Devotional Reading:

Romans 11:33 through 12:5

A prominent denomination recently decided to cancel a

much-heralded conference on Christian family life. The reason; a small but vocal group of critics were protesting that the keynote speaker, a nationally known and respected clergyman, had been known to advocate "objectionable" sexual practices to married couples. I was shocked: first, in that the man's good counsel was regarded as "objectionable," and second, that the leaders involved in the planning chose to cancel the conference instead of standing behind the integrity of the clergyman. The bottom-line of the vicious criticism seemed to read: "Good

Christians will not even speak of such matters."

Against Your Own Body

This kind of reasoning would also black-list numerous passages in our Bible, too, because the scriptures are not afraid to tackle the subject of sex. In 1 Corinthians 6 and 7, for example, Paul speaks very plainly about sex. He mentions "adulterers" and "homosexuals" (6:9). He even talks about "prostitutes" (6:15,16). In Chapter 7 he gives advice to husbands and wives concerning sexual intercourse in the marriage relationship. Paul! Don't you realize "Good Christians will not

even speak of such matters"?

Apparently not, thank God! Paul knows that the question is not whether we will speak about sex, but how. Paul acknowledges it as a normal aspect of human life. He does not sweep it under the carpet as if it were something unmentionable. What he does is to elevate it with two very important concepts.

The first of these is the idea that the human body is a temple of God's Holy Spirit and must be governed in a manner that is harmonious with that reality. The physical body thus is seen, not as disgusting and base,

but as a beautiful and holy entity when governed rightly. That beauty and holiness is in no way diminished by sex — only sex that goes beyond the boundaries of our commitment to Christ. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God?" (6:19).

Who Rules The Body?

The second concept is that of mutual consideration and deference: "The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband... Do not refuse one another except perhaps by agreement for a season that you may

devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again..." (7:3,5).

There is really nothing new in what Paul is saying about the sexual relationships; rather it is simply an extension of the kind of love and mutual concern that he advocates in all other relationships. Christians are called to be just as open and forthright on this as on any other human relationship and acknowledge that sex is a part of the God-given structure of life and, as such, is to be governed by the highest, not the lowest, concept of Christian love.



NOW IS THE TIME

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This means that herbicide applications should be made soon in order to kill down the plants when they are small. Also, it is best to spray pastures early before any of the clovers get started. Applications of low-volatile ester form of 2,4-D, or the Banvel D herbicides will do a pretty good job. Several treatments over a period of years may be needed to get good control. Dairymen with wild garlic in their pastured

should make a special effort to kill the plants now. Onion-flavored milk is not acceptable.

TO BEWARE OF TRASH
Land owners along rural roads are the victims of folks who have little respect for

the property of others. Too many folks are still dumping trash in fields along the road. In all cases when this is placed on pasture or crop land, the trash should be removed before spring growth begins. This trash will be hard on farm equipment when on crop land, and may be poisonous to livestock when on pasture land.

We urge property owners to remove the trash in the

next few weeks. If any type of identification can be made, as to the owner of the trash, this should be reported to township officials; prosecutions can be made for dumping trash along the highway.

TO USE POULTRY MANURE SPARINGLY
With the great poultry population in this area, poultry manure is quite

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Farm Calendar

Today, March 24
Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers' annual meeting, Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Md. 10 a.m.
Lehigh County Farmers

Association annual meeting and banquet, 6:45 p.m. at the Lehigh County Community College. Penrose

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