

BY CURT HARLER, EDITOR



# Lancaster Farming says...

## Support these two referendums

Farmers will have a chance to put their money where their mouths are in two referendums, one local and one nationwide

In both cases farmers will have the chance to do a little bit of positive promotion for agriculture and their own agricultural products

First on the list is the Maryland Soybean Grower Investment Program. Farmers will vote Tuesday, November 27, on whether to contribute one penny per bushel of soybeans produced to market development, research and education on Maryland soybeans.

The check-off would be made at first point of sale, most likely when the farmer moves his beans to the mill.

Leon Schmick, the Preston farmer who is a former chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association, figures the referendum will raise about \$100,000 per year in Maryland.

As with any other referendum deserving of support, the Maryland Soybean program will be 100%

controlled by farmers. Lancaster Farming couldn't support it any other way.

The program will be managed by a Maryland Soybean Board of nine growers representing the entire state and three ex-officio representatives, one each from the extension service, state Agriculture Department, and the state Department of Industry.

All land owners, tenants or sharecroppers who grow soybeans are eligible to vote from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their local extension office. In Western Maryland, voting will be done only at the Frederick office.

Another attractive part of the program is the provision that farmers who do not wish to participate still can vote "yes" and get a full refund of any money paid simply by making a written request to the Soybean Board.

So, there is little excuse for anything but a "yes" vote. Since those who don't want to contribute can get their money back, it wouldn't be fair for those few to deprive those

who wish to support the program of the opportunity to do so.

Further down the road, but on a much wider scale, is the proposed **Beef referendum**.

It's a fancy name for the beef referendum. Again, Lancaster Farming supports the idea.

Check-off will be made on a value added basis. Each producer pays his share, 0.2%, or 20 cents per \$100 value added to the animal each time the animal is sold.

Thus the cow-calf man, the feeder, the man finishing cattle, all will contribute to the fund.

All money will be administered by a national beef board made up of cattlemen.

When the beef referendum last was proposed in 1977 it was soundly turned down in states like Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin and other dairy areas. A new provision assures that breeding cattle and cattle used for commercial milk production will be exempt from assessment until time of slaughter.

This will do away with pesty assessments at each stage of a cow's life and will mean an ultimate assessment at her value for beef rather than her worth as a milk producer.

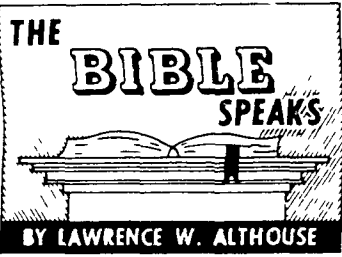
As with the Maryland Soybean program, the Beef Program has a provision for a full refund to any farmer who feels he does not want to support his industry.

Voting on the Beef referendum will be held in February.

Promotion pays. If you doubt that, look at how the value of Sears stock fell two years ago when some penny-wise executive made the pound-foolish decision to cut back on advertising for the national chain store.

Perhaps the ultimate proof of the value of advertising is resting right now in your own hands. LANCASTER FARMING Advertising works for each and every one of the many farmers and dealers in our pages.

It'll work for soybean and beef producers if farmers vote to give it a chance.



### WEAR YOUR HARDHAT!

Lesson for November 25, 1979

**Background Scripture:**  
Ephesians 5:21 through 6:24  
**Devotional Reading:**  
Ephesians 2:1-10

The other day in downtown Dallas I was passing a large

construction project and saw a sign that read, "IN THIS AREA EVERYONE MUST WEAR A HARDHAT." I couldn't help but think back to my college days when one summer I worked on a construction project. Starting in the ditches, I was later promoted to be the Safety Engineer's assistant. It sounded like a pretty important job, but I didn't think so then, for I spent most of my day walking around the project and reminding the laborers to wear their hardhats.

**The Helmet of Salvation**  
One of the things I quickly

learned on that job was that, although the safety regulations were intended for the worker's own safety and well-being, few liked to co-operate with them—particularly when it came to wearing the hardhats. Most workers, I found, thought of accidents as something that happen to other workers. Therefore, not only did they often not want to wear their helmets, but they frequently resented my enforcing the regulation.

Since those days I have often noted that many people manifest that same attitude to any kind of safety precaution, including

seatbelts on both airplanes and autos, regardless how often it is proven that these safety precautions save lives and prevent serious injury. Certainly one of the reasons must be that, as with my fellow construction laborers, they assume that there is really no danger to themselves, accident statistics notwithstanding.

We are likely to make the same kind of miscalculation in our spiritual lives too, quite oblivious to the fact that there is always the possibility of spiritual danger. No longer regarding evil in the guise of the personalized "Devil," we tend

to underestimate its power. The writer of Ephesians tells us, however, that the danger is real and often present. "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

#### Put On The Whole Armor

Regardless of how you visualize or conceptualize the nature of evil, don't make the mistake of underestimating its demonic power! We are not talking about a few mistakes of

judgement or some willful indiscretions, we are talking about a power of evil that is able to corrupt lives and destroy nations.

Therefore, a disciple of Jesus Christ is admonished to guard himself from this insidious evil by putting on "the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day" (6:13). Just because we cannot see the danger does not mean we can afford to neglect protecting ourselves. As it is dangerous to work in a hazardous area without a hardhat, so it is foolhardy to live in this world without the whole armor of God.



## NOW IS THE TIME

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### TO DO FORAGE TESTING

Are you using the Penn State Forages Testing Service and the feeding suggestions offered? Many local dairymen and livestock producers have utilized this testing service. Some claim

that it paid them to do the testing, rather than to cost them \$10.00 per sample. Here at the beginning of the winter feeding period we suggest that producers get their hay and silage tested. This is the best way to learn the real feeding value of these forage crops. With top quality hay and silage money can be saved by using less commercial protein in the mixture. Details of this testing service and the

recommendations are available at any Extension Office in the state.

### TO ORDER FRUIT AND EVERGREEN TREES

Almost any kind of a tree planting will require advance ordering of the trees. Experience shows that many nurseries are experiencing a strong demand for all of their trees and often run out before the planting season. If any evergreens are to be planted next spring for

Christmas Trees, re-forestation, or for natural tree windbreaks, they should be ordered this fall. Most nurseries will offer either seedlings or transplants in most of the species of evergreen trees. The buyer has a choice when the order is placed far in advance of shipping dates.

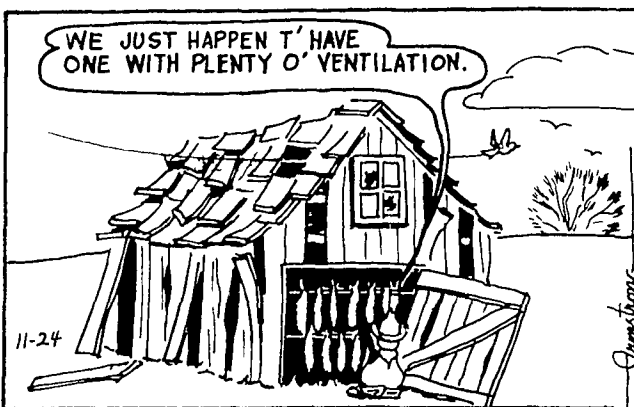
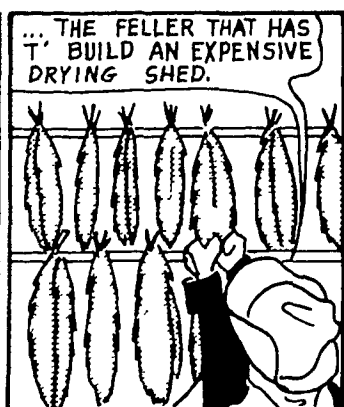
### TO BEWARE OF STRAY ANIMALS

In this part of the country farms are smaller and very

close together. Also, our poultry and livestock population are very dense. This means that stray dogs and cats can travel to several farms in one day or night. When this occurs there is a great danger of spreading various diseases and infections from one premise to the other. The only way to reduce this

danger is to reduce the traffic of wild or stray animals between farm buildings. This is one good reason to keep dogs at home rather than to allow them to roam at large. Cat control is more difficult because they are permitted to be out without license or leash. The use of firearms to eliminate (Turn to Page 39)

### RURAL ROUTE



### By Tom Armstrong

## Farm Calendar

**Monday, November 26**  
York County 4-H organizational leaders training session, 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center.  
National Young Farmer Educational Institute opens today through Thursday in Toledo, Ohio.

**Tuesday, November 27**  
Soybean Referendum voting at Maryland County Agent's office.  
Clothing Construction Workshop by Hunterdon County, New Jersey

Extension Service, 9.30 a.m.

**Thursday, November 29**  
York County 4-H family movie night, 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

Lehigh Co. Mini-Farm Show at Trexler Mall today through December 2.

**Friday, November 30**  
Lancaster Co. 4-H's Dance at the Farm and Home Center.

Holiday Workshop Hunterdon Co., New Jersey Extension Center, 7.30 p.m.