

## Association

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solution to the energy shortage? And what steps would you propose to remedy it?

The question "What is the role of political parties" was asked only of the candidates for attorney general.

Proceeds from some of the ticket sales benefited Farmer, PFA's Political

Action Committee. The directors are: John Pitzer, chairman, William Moore, John Stoner, Frank Bertovich, George Gregg, Frank Sankey, and Chris Wolff.

The Measure Your Candidates meeting was part of a two-day political education conference attended by 80 PFA members from all parts of the state. Workshops included a four-member panel of members of the House Agriculture Committee who related why they had chosen to run for public office.

Other discussion groups were led by Chester Heim, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Bernard Allanson, president of Pennsylvania's for effective Government; Al Bukowski, Democratic Director of Legislative Services in the Pennsylvania Senate, and Mike Kraus, Executive Director of the Republican State Committee.

## Farm Calendar

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7:30 p.m., Vo-Ag Room; Biglerville H.S.

Tuesday, March 4

Swine Management Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Union Grove School, Terre Hill.

Dutch Country Dairy Goat Association; 7:30 p.m. at Jacob Fisher's, Manheim.

Lancaster County Dairy Day, 9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center.

Lancaster County Farmers' Assn. Meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center.

USDA public meeting, Central Chester Co. Vo-Tech School; Coatesville, 7:30 p.m.

Adams Co. Farm Forum - Energy for the 80's, 9:30 a.m.; Schottie's

Restaurant, Littlestown. Vegetable Gardening Clinic, 8:00 p.m.; Extension Center, Flemington, N.J.

Beef Winter Series, Extension Center, Flemington, N.J.

Adams Co. Soybeans and Small Grains, 10:00 a.m.

Purina Dairy Day, 10:00 a.m.; Holiday Inn, Gettysburg.

Wednesday, March 5

4-H District Horse Leaders meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Cumberland Co. Extension Office.

Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Sheep Club, 7:30 p.m.; in the training room, Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Queen Anne's Co. Holstein meeting, Price Community Center; 7:30 p.m., Md.

Hunterdon Co. Board of Agriculture Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Flemington, N.J.

Local Government Workshop; 7:30 p.m. Room 145; Gettysburg H.S.

Thursday, March 6

Gamebird Production and Management of Shooting Preserves, 9:00 a.m., Keller Building, Penn State through March 7.

Dairy Herd Management Conference, Keller Building; Penn State, through March 7.

Penn's Agri-Women Spring Meeting; Hershey Convention Center, 9:00 a.m.

Farm Transfer Meeting, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.

Holly Co-op open house, 9:30-4:30; Rte. 174, Mt. Holly Springs.

Eastern Milk Producer's Banquet, 7:00 p.m. at the New Holland Fire Hall.

Chester-Delaware County Farmers' Ladies Day, Red Rose Inn, Jenersville, 10:00 p.m.

Maryland Beef Tour of Lancaster Co., 9:30 a.m., Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

Adams Co. Grape Pruning Demonstrations, 10:00 a.m.

Adams Co. Outlook for Farm Commodities, 8:00 p.m., Biglerville, H.S.

Lancaster Co. Tree Fruit Meeting, 9:30 a.m.; Farm and Home Center.

Potato Growers Meeting, 10:00 a.m.; Centre Presbyterian Church, Stewartstown, York Co.

Friday, March 7

Lancaster 4-H County Horse Leader's Meeting; 7:30 p.m. Farm and Home Center.

Grassland FFA Banquet, 7:30 p.m.; Blue Ball Fire Hall.

Twin Valley FFA Banquet; 7:00 p.m. at the school.

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

An editorial examining the pro's and con's of allowing public school prayer is important, but some recognition that we have lost the freedom to make this

decision for ourselves seems to be in order.

There is no doubt that we Americans have been losing our freedoms bit by bit and nowhere has this been more evident than in public education. In return for state aid, we are told what courses are mandatory, who is qualified to teach, how many days the school must operate each year, what constitutes a safe school bus and what building standards our schools must meet - just to name a few areas where the state gives us "direction."

In return for federal aid our schools are required to meet various federal "guidelines" which include the racial balance of teaching staffs and the racial balance of the student population, the latter, when unsatisfactory, being correctable by court ordered busing.

Our courts on all levels have determined what is proper for schools and educators to do and what they can not do. Court edicts govern procedure for

expelling troublesome students; firing teachers; and establishing dress codes. After decades of practice in our public schools, public school prayer was suddenly decreed to be unconstitutional.

Understandably, the main concern of the people in charge of our schools has become complying with the laws, regulations and court decisions passed down from on high. The education of our kids took a secondary role long ago.

At the time of the School Prayer Decision there was a story going around about a school superintendent who was making the rounds one day when he noticed a group of children kneeling in one corner of a kindergarten classroom.

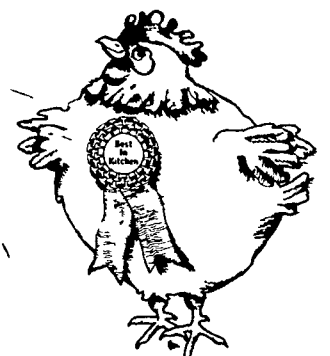
He summoned the teacher to the door and demanded "What are those children doing?"

"They're shooting craps", responded the teacher.

"Oh, thank heavens," he said with relief. "I thought they were praying."

I don't think it matters whether school prayers are allowed or not. What does matter is that we regain the freedom to make this, and many other important decisions, for ourselves.

Erich Schmitt  
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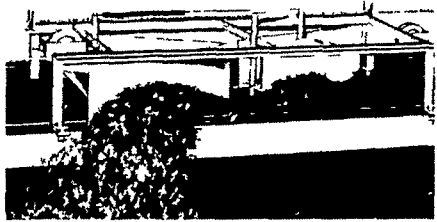


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