

BY CURT HARLER, EDITOR



Lancaster Farming says...

Here's a model farmers will

In too many farm families, estate planning never goes much further than dad saying one day to the children "some day all of this will be yours"

As readers who have followed Sheila Miller's fine series on estate planning know, that isn't necessarily so. By the time the estate gets on down the line of government taxes, the heir is lucky to inherit a plot big enough to turn a tractor around

Actually, there are two ways to approach the major task of estate planning.

If you'd like some guidance from experts on estate planning, check the front of our Section B over the past and coming weeks. Our estate

planning series deals with all aspects of making sure your estate goes where you want it to, from drawing up a will to forming a family stock corporation

But there's an easier way—and it's all right here on this very page. It's a simple will that's likely to feel right at home to most farmers

For guidance in preparing this model will, we're indebted to the knowledgeable folks at Iowa Farm Bureau. It goes like this:

Being of sound mind and body I do will and bequeath.

To my wife, my overdrafts at the bank. Maybe she can explain them.

To my son, equity in my car. Now

he'll have to work to meet the payments.

To my banker, my soul. He's got the mortgage on it anyway.

To my neighbor, my clown suit. He'll need it if he continues to farm as he has in the past.

To Farmers Home Administration, my unpaid bills. They took some real chances on me and I want to do something for them.

To ASCS, my grain bin. I was planning to let them have it next year, anyhow.

To the farm advisor, 50 bushels of No. 2 corn to see if he can hit the high market after years of telling me why I never did.

To the Soil Conservation Service people, my farm plan. Maybe they can understand it.

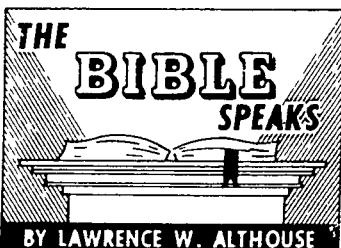
To the junk dealer, my machinery. He's had his eyes on it for years.

To my undertaker, a special request. I'd like six implement and fertilizer dealers for pallbearers, please—they've all been carrying me for years.

To the weatherman, rain, sleet and snow for the funeral. There's no sense in having nice weather now.

To the gravedigger, don't bother. The hole I've dug for myself over the years should be big enough, thank you.

Signed,
A Frustrated Farmer



ALL THINGS NEW

Lesson for May 25, 1980

Background Scripture:
Revelation 21 through 22
Devotional Reading:
Isaiah 65:17-25.

An author friend of mine, a

writer with many popular books to his credit, was planning to edit a book about the apocalyptic trend in current religion. He wrote me a letter and asked me to write a chapter about apocalyptic developments in the United Methodist Church. I replied, "Well, I'll be glad to research the subject a bit, but I suspect I'm going to find that, denominationally speaking, at least, there aren't any 'apocalyptic developments' about which to write." My research subsequently proved this statement correct.

It has been my observation that, for the most part, on the subject of the apocalypse—the historical Day of the Lord when the final struggle between good and evil takes place—most churches fall into one of two groups: (1) Those that ignore it, and (2) those that ignore virtually everything else. Both groups look at each other in uncomprehending dismay and indignation, wondering how the other group can be so far off the scriptural track.

Wipe Away Every Tear
It is probably another class case of "throwing out

the baby with the extremities of many who have espoused the apocalyptic perspective, many Christians have perhaps overreacted by avoiding the subject altogether. I understand and can identify with this group, the majority of Christians. As presented by many apocalypticists, the message is one of gore and gloom. These people often seem to revel in the fire and destruction they see coming upon everyone else. They remind me of Jonathan Swift's famous rhyme:

"We are God's chosen few,
All others will be damned:
There's no room in here
for you,
We can't have Heaven
crammed!"

Yet, when we read the Book of Revelation, we find that, among the dire predictions, there is an even more prominent message of hope and comfort. The writer of Revelation does not glory in woeful predictions, but in wonderful promises of vindicated faith:

"Behold the dwelling of God is with men....He will wipe away every tear from

their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning or crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away....Behold, I make all things new" (21:3-5).

The writing of John is poetic and prophetic. It is not the language of the historian or the scientist and therefore speaks to inspire rather than to communicate facts. So we do not know when this day will be—whether historical or personal, actual or symbolic. All we need to know is the bottom line: "Behold, I make all things new!"



NOW IS THE TIME

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TO INSPECT AUTOMATIC FEEDERS

Feed costs are one of the big items in the production costs of all farm animals. During these times when costs seem to be greater than the returns, every effort to reduce feed costs means more dollars in the bank. Many hogs and steers are fed from self-feeders. This is a good method of feeding livestock with minimum labor requirements; however, in too many cases the feeders are a place where too much feed is wasted. Some need adjusted and others need repaired. Producers are urged to inspect their feeders to be sure the

animals are not wasting feed. This can mean the difference between profit and loss.

TO SPRAY FOR JOHNSON GRASS

No doubt weather conditions have prevented some corn growers from getting their corn planted. For those who have a Johnson Grass infestation, now would be the time to apply the Eradicane weed killer to the area infested. Several discings ahead of the application and one or two following the treatment should mix up the Johnson Grass roots with the weed killer and stop growth. Late May to early June is the best time for this treatment in this part of the state. I have mentioned this

treatment previously in this column; however, I feel that land with this problem needs attention in order to keep the Johnson Grass from taking over the farm. Don't let this aggressive weed take over your farm.

TO BEWARE OF CORN INSECTS

With a growing trend toward no-till corn planting, or minimum tillage, we can expect more problems with corn insects. This has been the experiences in the past. Corn growers are urged to inspect their fields frequently to observe any feeding on the small plants. We can have cutworms, stalk borers, and armyworms at any time feeding on the corn plants. The cutworms and armyworms may be controlled with sprays of Sevin, Dylox, or Diazinon. The stalk borers are very difficult to control

Flea Beetles are another insect that may feed upon the small corn leaves; they cause small holes in the leaves but seldom do extensive damage; the insecticide, Sevin, can be used to eliminate these small insects, if it is a serious infestation. Keep an eye on the corn field for the first several weeks and avoid serious insect injury.

TO PROTECT ALFALFA

Due to the favorable weather conditions for vegetative growth, a rank growth of alfalfa and clover is on the ground. With a few days of hot weather we will have many fields in the bud to early-blossom stage. We are not aware of many serious infestations of alfalfa weevil; however, if they are present when the crop is cut, it is suggested to spray the stubble in order to prevent

the weevil from eating the new growth. This has saved many second cuttings in the past years. Also, spraying of the second and third cuttings for leaf hoppers is strongly suggested; this is one of the most serious insects of local alfalfa; this spray ap-

plication can be applied when new growth is from 3 to 6 inches high; don't wait until yellow, stunted plants are observed, and then spray. Try to prevent the stunting of the plants by the leaf hoppers.

Farm Calendar

Today, May 24

Richard N. Wills Spring Fair; 10 a.m.; Howard Co. Fair Grounds, West Friendship, Md.

Lancaster Forest Fire Crew Annual Highville Country Fair; Fort Holbrook Fire Base; 1 p.m. to dusk, continues May 25.

Sunday, May 25

PA Kentucky Flintlock and Percussion Rifle Shoot, Eagle Gun Museum, Strasburg, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 26

Happy Memorial Day Wellsville Frontier Days Memorial Day Rodeo, Route 74, Wellsville, 10 a.m.

Bonny Brook Horse Show, 9:30 a.m., Carlisle

Tuesday, May 27

Conestoga Valley Sewing Club reorganization, 7 p.m.; Witmer Fire Hall

Saturday, May 31

Dauphin Co. Farm Emergency Seminar; 9:30 a.m., Halifax High School
Cecil Co. Breeders Fair, Fair Hill, Md.

April milk jumps one percent

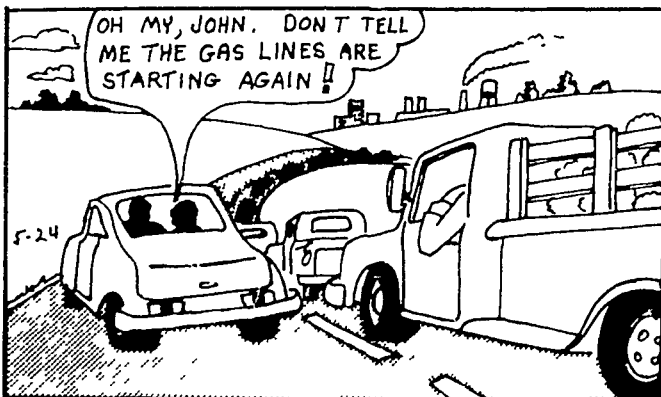
HARRISBURG — Milk production in Pennsylvania during April 1980 totaled 694 million pounds, up one percent from a year earlier, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The number of milk cows in the commonwealth during April was 705,000 head, up 7,000 head from a year ago. Milk production per cow

averaged 985 pounds in April, up five pounds from a year ago.

United States milk production during April totaled 10.94 billion pounds, three percent above April 1979. Milk production per cow averaged 1,015 pounds, 30 pounds more than a year earlier and 36 pounds above April 1978.

RURAL ROUTE



By Tom Armstrong