

Disorganized organization

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

Where can ag begin to develop a more unified voice and be better heard?

I'd like to suggest that ag can begin by taking a good, long, hard look at the number of organizations within its meager ranks.

Agriculture must be among the most disorganized organization-clogged professions in existence.

Just this week, we got the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's new directory of ag organizations in the state. It contains listings for 181 organizations.

Add to these statewide organizations all of the local and county subdivisions of Grange, PFA, Farm Women, FFA, Young Farmers, breed groups, DHIA's, fairs and the like and there must be nearly 1500 ag organizations in Pennsylvania alone.

Are all of these different organizations really necessary?

Recently, an opinion poll was conducted among state FFA officers who attended the State President's Conference in Washington, D.C. To be very blunt, farm organizations don't rank very high with these FFA officers, who are the ag leaders of tomorrow.

In importance, farm organizations ranked eighth or next to last among the FFA'ers.

And concerning future trends in ag, the FFA'ers ranked the role of farm organizations in 10th place.

Perhaps, there's a message that these future farm leaders are sending to the farm leaders of today.

Does it make sense when you're only three percent or so of the overall population to further water down your ranks by so many organizations?

Is it any wonder that one can rarely ever get any consensus of opinions out of agriculture?

I can remember going to the annual banquet meeting of what supposedly is a fairly large ag organization. Only a handful of members showed up the rather large banquet hall. I truly felt embarrassed to attend.

Of course, there's the other side of the coin. If all of these organizations didn't hold their annual meetings and banquets, Pennsylvania agriculture would lose one of the largest single markets for its food products.

Dry lollipops

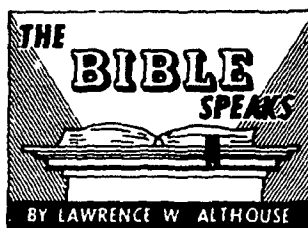
And, I'd like to ask Ag Sec. Block and some of the other Republican big-wigs down in Washington a question.

Would there have been a rush job to approve and announce the lower interest rates for drought disaster loans if James Watt had been the speaker at the GOP Fund Raising Dinner at the Penn Harris on Tuesday as originally planned?

It just seems too much of a coincidence that Sen. Heinz' office rushes earlier Tuesday to announce the availability of the five and eight percent loans in 17 Pa. counties almost at the same time that Block is packing his toothbrush to come to the Penn Harris.

But it made good TV copy to have "big daddy" coming from Washington with a handful of lollipops.

Let's remember though those lollipops still have a price tag. And let's remember that it's taxpayer money that makes those lollipops available. Not the Republican party or any political party. Let's get politics out of any attempts to save drought-stricken farmers.



WRATH AND LOVE
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Background Scripture:

Romans 3: 21-26; 5:6-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; Colossians 1:11-14.

Devotional Reading:

Hebrews 3:1-6.

"Let's see if I got this straight," said the bright youth who was a member of our confirmation class. "God created me as a finite human being who is able to sin, right? Then he gave us commandments and told us not to break them and, when we break them, he becomes angry with us, o.k.?" Getting my nod, he continued, "So then Jesus sacrifices himself to satisfy God's anger at us so we can be reconciled with him? Is that correct?" Once again I confirm his attempts to express orthodox Christian theology in simplistic language.

"Yeah?" he questions, "well then I can't understand why God goes to all that trouble in the first place. If he creates us as less than perfect and knows we can sin and will sin, why doesn't he just forgive us to start with or lower the commandments a little? Why does Jesus have to do all that to get God to do what he intends to do in the first place?"

APART FROM THE LAW

It was a good question and one not easily answered. So I began by saying that, although his explanation was essentially correct as an interpretation of Paul's theology, it is still an attempt to express infinite truth in finite words and concepts. It is an at-

tempt to portray the mind of God from a very human perspective. It presents God as a deity who changes his mind from time to time. But we know that God is unchanging; what is changeable, therefore, is not God, but our understanding of him. Because we cannot hold in our minds a concept that is big enough and deep enough, we deal with bits and pieces of "...big picture and the language we use to try to explain those bits and pieces is never adequate.

For example, Paul says in Romans 5: "Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God" (5:9). Paul's words do make it sound as if Christ sacrificed himself in order to appease an angry God. But this is the action of God viewed from human eyes. We must remember that it is always God who acts through Jesus Christ: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." So it is God's love that saves us from his wrath. In other words, the love and wrath of God are two different expressions of the same reality. He is the God of both law and grace, wrath and love. Neither is complete or could exist without the other.

SAVED BY LIFE

Thus, we are not saved by the death of Christ, but the love of God that was stronger than death. When we understand this, it seems to me, we begin to see the atonement of Christ, not in negative terms, but positive ones. Even Paul recognizes this: "...much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life" (5:10). As Christians, we do acknowledge the sacrificial death of our Lord, but it is the redemption of a living Lord, not a dead martyr, that enables us to experience both the wrath and the grace of God and the salvation that is compounded of both.

NOW IS THE TIME

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To Control Cattle Grubs

Cattle grubs can be completely eliminated from dairy heifers and beef cattle by the simple application of a pesticide approved for grub control reminds Chester D. Hughes, Extension Livestock Agent. Grub control pesticides may be applied by spray, pour-on, or spot-in treatments. They are safe to use and completely effective if applied according to label directions and before the end of November. After that, migrating grub larvae are found close to the spinal cord where their death can produce problems. If spraying, earlier in the fall season when the weather is warmer would be more appropriate.

Regular yearly treatment against cattle grub in areas where they are common can completely eradicate these painful parasites in the backs of cattle, and can greatly improve the quality of the hide at slaughter.

To Graze Cautiously

As we approach frost season, farmers pasturing cattle should be concerned about possible dangers of grazing frosted legumes. All of the permanent grasses such as bluegrasses, orchardgrass or bromegrass can be safely grazed at any time of the year and this is also true of any of the small grain cover crops such as rye, wheat, or barley. All of these are not toxic when frozen and usually do not present any bloating problems. However, the legumes such as clover and alfalfa should be grazed carefully reminds Chester D. Hughes, Extension Livestock Agent. They are not toxic, after being frosted, but will cause severe bloating if consumed while the frost is on the leaves. Allow the frost to thaw, and the plants to dry off, before turning in the herd or flock.

Also, any of the sudan grasses or sorghum hybrids should not be

grazed for at least a week after being frozen.

To Apply Lime

During the Fall Months

(1) Soil test, then (2) apply the needed lime before the soil freezes. That 1-2 order of events should have a high priority now as we finish one growing season and plan ahead for the next. There you have a helpful reminder from Arnold G. Lueck, Extension Agent in Agronomy and Horticulture.

In order to do its job of correcting soil acidity lime must come in contact with all the soil particles, not just those on the soil surface. Weather changes during the next 6 months will provide just the right conditions to do lots of mixing of lime and soil within the topsoil layer. Freezing and thawing, rain, snow and ice, help to move the lime downward.

Here in the fall, fields are firm and usually dry enough to allow lime spreading trucks to move

Farm Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 15

Second Annual Keystone Autumn Classic Pa. Shorthorn Breeders Assn., Brad Eisiminger Farm, Waynesburg.

East Coast Farm Toy Show, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Harvest Drive Hotel & Restaurant.

Penn National Horse Show continues through Saturday at Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.

Monday, Oct. 17

Bradford County Dairy Princess Committee, Kilmers Insurance Office, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Delmarva Poultry Industry meeting on poultry health, Ocean City, Md., continues tomorrow.

Forest Landowners Board of Directors, 8 p.m., Bradford Extension Office.

Holstein Directors, Bradford Extension Office, 8 p.m.

Dairyman's District 12 annual meeting, 7 p.m., Boonsboro Fire Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Tillage and Crop Production Equipment Council, Hershey Convention Center, continues tomorrow.

Sulbra Crop Management, 8 p.m., Bradford Extension Office.

Milk marketing meeting, 8 p.m., Bradford Extension Office.

Lancaster County FFA Market Lamb Show, 7 p.m., Garden Spot High School; sale tomorrow at 3:30 p.m., New Holland Sales Stable.

Thursday, Oct. 20

Annual meeting, Bedford Farm Bureau Cooperative, 7 p.m., St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Lycoming County Extension annual meeting, 7 p.m., Eldred Township Firehall.

about more easily. Deliveries of lime can be made right on time.

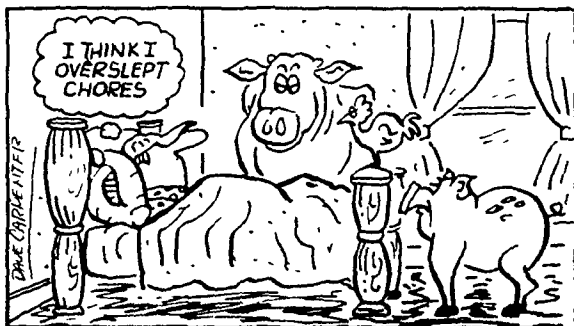
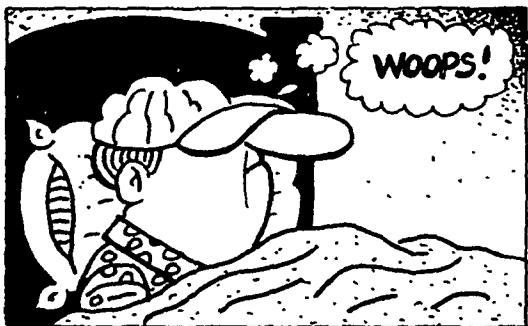
To Enjoy The Fall Season

The fruits and seeds of a growing season are meaningfully expressed and seen during the fall of the year. 1983 was both productive and unproductive in field, garden and orchard crops for feed and food.

Now, the harvest season reaches a peak of activity. There is that certain urgency to get outdoor work finished as the first killing frost is just around the corner. However, take time to fully appreciate the world of Nature all around you. For example, no season can equal the colors of fall. See them everywhere in the foliage of shrubs, trees and vines. Farm, garden and orchard harvests are to be admired for they, too, are colorful in their own way.

Fall has in it a time and place for reflection, evaluation, satisfaction and thankfulness. Those words describe it best as the season slowly comes to a halt in the weeks ahead.

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