

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

Wisdom of Solomon & patience of Job

To the Editor:

Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying, "To sin by silence when you should protest makes cowards of men."

My Christian conscience bothers me. I am troubled by the thought that a misdeed is soon to be done, or by this writing may have been done for the sake of vengeance.

I sorrow for the Wright family of the Bethel area of Berks County whose foundation flocks will soon be destroyed; I fear because he dared resist the overzealous efforts of men who were empowered with authority.

It has been demonstrated that this flock is free of Avian Influenza and that these birds also possess the necessary antibodies to ward off this dreaded disease. Were it not far better to attempt to determine whether this immunity can be passed on to next generations before a wrong is done in haste.

Will we also destroy all the fowl of the air in order to stop the spread? Even though they are immune, they too, can be carriers. Or shall we do as the seed corn growers a few years ago, quickly breed resistant strains?

I would prefer not to panic and burn down all the bridges. I would suggest to relax under the shade of a cool tree and ponder the logic of the situation.

Enough wrongs have already befallen the Wright family, and according to news accounts, this has brought them to the brink of bankruptcy. Why make further

attempts to destroy a man? Is there no more human compassion left on this earth?

First, we take away, without knowing by certainty, the constitutional guarantee of the pursuit of happiness by banning a man from marketing his product which generates his income. (This income generates happiness.)

Must we now fully destroy this

Now is the Time

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realized very good returns from their plants in recent years. The prices are favorable. In order to realize the maximum yield next spring, we suggest the plants be well fertilized this summer. An application of 20 to 30 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre over the plants during July or August should give strength to new runners and increase fruit yields. This application should be made when the plants are dry in order to avoid burning the leaves. Ammonium nitrate is one of the good nitrogen fertilizers to use. In the home garden use about one-fourth pound of ammonium nitrate per 100 square feet of bed space. Good care of the strawberry plants this summer will bring about better yields next June.

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man, this family, both morally and spiritually by taking away their future livelihood on a debatable premise that his flock may be a carrier of Avian Influenza?

Is this "Liberty and Justice for All?" If this heinous atrocity is allowed to be executed without careful study and confirmation, how much is just compensation?

Oh, But that man should have the Wisdom of Solomon and the Patience of Job!

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Chester picks couple

ELVERSON — The Chester County Farmers' Association has selected Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoltzfus of Elverson to attend the Young Farm Couples Conference being conducted by the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA). The conference will take place Thursday and Friday at the Sheraton Penn State Inn, State College.

At the conference the couple will meet with about 40 other young farm couples selected by the county farmers' association around the state to learn more about PFA and its programs.

PFA is a voluntary, statewide farm organization providing members with an organized voice in public affairs, information, and farm services including management, cooperative, insurance and group purchasing opportunities.

Duane Aurand, of R1, Lewistown, Mifflin County, who serves with his wife Margy as chairman of PFA's State Young Farm Couples Committee, said, "The conference program is designed to assist young farm couples who are interested in becoming more involved in PFA programs and the future of agriculture. It's these young couples, under age 30, who will have the most at stake in the changes and challenges facing agriculture in the next thirty years".

Farm Calendar

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Seminar, Goodstay Center, Wilmington.

York County Holstein Picnic, 10:30 a.m., Woodbine Farms, R2 Annville.

Hunterdon County (N.J.) Board of Agriculture, 8 p.m., Extension Center, Flemington.

Thursday, August 2

Lebanon County Holstein Club Annual Field Day, 7 p.m. Hoover Farms, Annville.

Guernsey Breeders Field Day, 10:30 a.m. Brenneman Farm, Quarryville.

PFA Young Couples Conference, State College Sheraton; continues tomorrow.

Friday, August 3

Annual York County Potato Tour, 9 a.m.

Western Pa. Holstein Championship Show, Washington Fairgrounds.

Saturday, August 4

Clinton County Fair, Mill Hall, opens; continues through Saturday.

Green County Fair, Waynesburg, opens; continues through Saturday.

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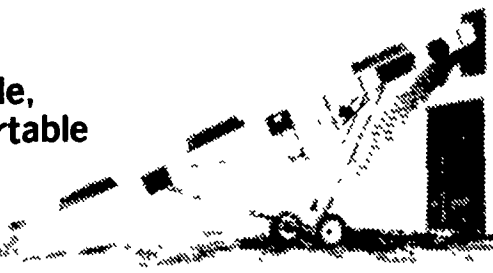
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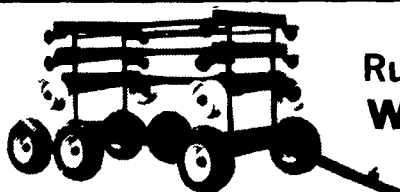


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