

NOW IS THE TIME

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To Transfer Silage

Livestock and dairy producers who have had silage stored in temporary structures might be planning to move this feed into upright silos in the next month or so. Many producers use the temporary storage until some of the material is fed out of the upright silo. By transferring into the upright silo, mechanical feeders can be used. The objective is to move the silage during cold weather.

The months of January and February normally provide this condition. When transferring during warm weather (above 50°F) there is danger of heating of the silage. No preservative should be needed. The faster the material can be moved into upright silo, the better it will settle and remove the air.

To Separate Farm Show Animals

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is a big event in our state next week. And, in spite of the winter month, the show attracts a large number of animals. Show regulations do a pretty good job of protecting these show animals and in building up resistance to a number of infections. However, the animals in the home herd or flock may not

have the same treatment and resistance.

Therefore, it is very important to keep these two groups of animals separate for at least 30 days after the show. Segregation and sanitation are still very important practices in the livestock world. We have known of Farm Show animals that were returned to the farm and remained in good health; however, the rest of the animals in the barn came down with shipping fever or some other infection.

Don't take chances by mixing the home animals with Farm Show animals, or with newly purchased animals. Give them a 30-day period without this dangerous exposure.

To Service Farm Machinery

This is the time of the year to be preparing your farm equipment for spring work. In the first place, this machinery should not be out in the weather. I still see too much machinery left out in the fields and barnyards. This is not good management and will shorten the life of the equipment.

Preparing farm machinery is necessary every year, and now would be a good time to make use of the off-season labor supplies. Machinery is a huge investment and should be kept in good con-

dition at all times. Rain and snow will soon develop rust on equipment; this will shorten the life span and is a primary cause of many unnecessary breakdowns.

To Use Sawdust On Icy Walks

Freezing rain, sleet and hard packed snow on walkways and driveways are quite slippery and dangerous. The next time you have this condition, try using coarse sawdust to reduce the hazard.

Ammonium nitrate and other fertilizers have been used for melting ice and they may be effective, but the chemical reaction will ruin a concrete surface in just a year or two. Sand and grit from deteriorating concrete, when tracked into the house, is a nuisance to clean and it marks and scratches finished floors.

Some commercial ice melting compounds containing ammonium nitrate are just as bad as fertilizers and the runoff from these melting chemicals may kill grass, trees and shrubs.

Coarse sawdust spread on slippery sidewalks provides a relatively skid-free surface. It has no harmful effect on concrete or plant life. It is much easier to pick up with a vacuum cleaner if tracked into the house.

Background Scripture: Mark 7:1-23, Matthew 5:21-30
Devotional Reading: Matthew 5:13-16.

When Jesus taught his disciples that "whatever goes into man from outside cannot defile him," but "What comes out of a man is what defiles a man," no one knew about or spoke of the human unconscious mind.

Today, almost two thousand years later, we are told, not only that there is an unconscious mind in each of us, but also that all or most of our behaviour is unconsciously determined. How we behave and react to the various circumstances of life is likely to be governed by attitudes and experiences already recorded in the unconscious.

FROM WITHIN

How amazing, then, that long before the rise of psychology Jesus understood the supreme importance of the unconscious mind. Of course, he didn't call it that. He was much more likely to speak of it as "the heart of man." But, regardless of what you call it, the result is pretty much the same: "For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man" (Mark 7:21-23).

This is not to say that that which is without — the outward acts and deeds — is unimportant. Fornication, theft, murder, adultery and so forth, to be sure, are serious sins. But even more important, is the attitude, the idea, the emotion

within that gives birth to these outward acts. Important as it is not to do these things, that much more important it is not to think these things within, for it is the thought of evil that may easily become the seed of the evil act. No matter how spontaneous an evil deed may seem from the outside — for example, a sudden act of violence — it's always preceded by some consideration — conscious or unconscious, of that act within. The danger of playing with evil thoughts is that, under certain conditions, they may be translated into an evil act. No sin is ever completely "unpremeditated."

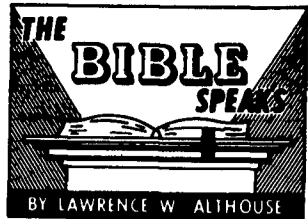
JUST A THOUGHT?

It used to be that we held a thought to be harmless, so long as it remained unexpressed within us. Only thoughts translated into words and deeds were thought to be harmful. But today we are beginning to realize that a thought within a real "thing," even if it is not expressed verbally or in action. It has been demonstrated by researchers that anger, jealousy or fear held within can have definite, measurable harmful effects upon the human body.

Evil held within the heart (or the unconscious) is no less harmful to our spiritual and mental wellbeing. Evil thoughts do not have to be translated into evil deeds in order to do us harm. Even if we never do them, the thinking of them does us great harm.

The surest way to poison a well — or a life — is at its source.

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The Poisoned Well
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Governor signs Wenger's tax bill

HARRISBURG — Sen. Noah Wenger, R-36, has announced the final approval of a bill he authored that will provide tax relief to family-owned farms in Pennsylvania.

The new law, recently signed by the governor, will exempt family farms from having to pay a state realty transfer tax when the farm is transferred from a sole proprietor family member to a family farm corporation.

"Under the previous law," Wenger stated, "the owner of a farm was required to pay a one percent state realty transfer tax when the owner formed a family farm corporation. This law will eliminate that tax and make forming a corporation more attractive to family-owned farms."

In some cases, forming corporations is advantageous to farmers because it provides them with tax relief once they become incorporated, Wenger added.

To ensure that the law is used for the purpose intended, the senator said a requirement had been built in, specifically stating that none of the family farm corporation's stock can be sold to a non-family member.

"If that happens within a period of ten years after the farm is incorporated, the tax exemption status would be lost and the corporation would have to pay the transfer fee," Wenger explained.

The new law is similar to a Wenger-sponsored measure approved during the last session of the General Assembly that provided incorporating family farms with a tax exemption on the local realty transfer tax.

"With such a vast quantity of food being produced on Penn-

sylvania's many family farms, it is essential that we in the legislature work to ensure their stability so that all residents of the Commonwealth benefit from their continued prosperity," Wenger concluded. "This new law offers farmers a well-deserved break in the payment of their taxes."

PFA leaders to attend Farm Bureau convention

CAMP HILL — Leaders of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) will help set national policy for the American Farm Bureau Federation during its 67th Annual Meeting, January 12-16 at Atlanta, GA.

PFA president Keith W. Eckel of Lackawanna County, vice president D. Eugene Gayman of Franklin County, and Roy Christman of Berks County, a member of PFA's State Board of Directors, will be among the more than 270 voting delegates meeting to chart the future course of the 3.3-million family member general farm organization. In addition, PFA state board director Tim Piwowar of Fayette County, will attend the convention as an alternate delegate.

PFA president Eckel said, "Improving net farm income will

be the top priority of voting delegates at American Farm Bureau's annual meeting."

Another important issue will be tax reform. Policies to be considered by American Farm Bureau voting delegates will include recommendations made at PFA's annual meeting last November to continue the current accelerated depreciation schedule and annual expensing of pre-production expenditures for livestock, horticultural crops and timber management. In addition, voting delegates will elect American Farm Bureau's president and vice president and fill vacancies on its Board of Directors.

PFA is a general farm organization, representing over 23,000 farm families in Pennsylvania.

Farm Calendar

Sunday, January 12
Farm Show opens. See complete schedule on page D17.
American Farm Bureau annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Monday, January 13
Poultry Water Treatment Meeting, Holiday Inn-North, Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14
Pa. Dairyman's Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Penn Harris Motor Inn, Harrisburg. For tickets, contact John Blyholder at 717-938-5404.

Tuesday, January 21
Sire Power's 1986 annual meeting, 10 a.m., Sheraton-Harrisburg West, New Cumberland, PA.

Wednesday, January 22
Winter Beef Meeting, York 4-H Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 25
Witmer Fire Company Turkey Supper, Witmer Fire Hall, noon to 7. Contact Jay Hershey at 291-9897, or 392-0804.

Computer Fair, Greenwood Elementary School, 9 a.m. to noon, Millerstown, Perry County.

Grange to meet at Farm Show

HARRISBURG — On Monday, January 13, the Pennsylvania State Grange will sponsor their annual meeting at the 70th annual Farm Show beginning at 1 p.m. in room B of the farm show complex.

Throughout the meeting there will be four speakers discussing issues relevant to PA farmers and rural citizens. The scheduled speakers and their topics include: Pat Weiss, PA Association of Conservation District Directors executive director, will give an update on the Chesapeake Bay; Leonard Zukus, a coal miner from Schuylkill County, plans to discuss anthracite coal problems; John Pierce, PA Milk Marketing Board executive secretary, will review the board's activities; and Reider J. Bennett-White, director of legislative affairs for Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, will talk about farm credit banking problems.

The meeting is open to all Grangers and the general public. For further information call the State Grange at 1(800)242-9661.

