



OPINION

Bond Of Unity

The Pennsylvania Farmers Association has set up hay aid coordinators in each county. Their job is to locate hay for donation for drought stricken areas in the country. One coordinator Mrs. Lerry Kromer, Northampton County hay coordinator wrote to the Lancaster Farming editor and told of her experiences. Here is what Mrs. Kromer told us.

"After being approached by a farmer late last week at a fair about sending hay to the drought stricken south, my being secretary of Northampton Monroe County Farmers Association, I decided to look into the procedure in detail."

The first day, July 28th, Monday morning, I made a call to Pennsylvania Farmers Association, PACMA, representative Ron Manley. Ron explained the situation and procedure and told me if I could locate the hay he could find trucks. So my part really didn't seem to hard at this point. For the rest of Monday I spent my time on the phone explaining and trying to get donations of whatever amount I could. Monday was really a slow day, having most of the answers "give us some time to think it over" and the "no one is home" buzz. Monday evening we had a few donations that totaled around 900 bales, not a bad start I thought."

"Tuesday, July 29th, I spent most of the day on the phone checking back with farmers, and checking with Richard Cole, PACMA representative to seek a destination. By Tuesday we had located 3000 bales, not bad for 2 days. At this point we thought that we were probably at the end of finding hay. Tomorrow morning we were supposed to find out about when to expect trucks to load."

"Wednesday, July 30th, while awaiting the call from Ron Manley's office and conversing with Richard Cole several times we came up with "NO TRUCKS". All this hay and no trucks in sight. We had hay donors that had hay on wagons and really wanted to get the hay off of them. By Wednesday evening we were all down hearted and not knowing what to do next. During Wednesday afternoon a newspaper reporter had interviewed Richard Cole and myself and we told him that we had no trucks and this article was printed in Thursday mornings paper."

"Thursday, July 31st, as my husband and I sat at the breakfast table and discussed the article in the paper that stated we had "NO TRUCKS", the telephone rang and I answered it. A voice said, "Mike Moss, Moss Dynamic Engines. If you have the hay, I'll get the trucks." He saved the day. Being delighted with the prospect of moving this hay out of here and into the mouths of animals who need it, we began to plan. Mr. Moss said he could have us start to load

trailers Friday evening starting at 6 p.m. After discussing with Richard Cole we went with this idea. Mr. Cole then got started planning for the destination of our hay. Cole called back with the destination of our hay Felton, Delaware. For the rest of the day I had to contact all the donors and explain the change of plans and loading instructions."

"Friday, August 1st, loading day, the day was rather quiet and we felt everything had to work but figured we had a long night ahead of us to get that hay ready to roll Saturday morning. At around 4 p.m. we went to the loading site when we got there the trailers were there and some hay and adequate amount of help, so shortly after 5 p.m. we started to load. The hay came in just right one to three loads or trucks at a time. The trailers were loaded by a troop of farmers, some prisoners from the county prison and others. Everything went so smoothly it was almost unreal. By 8 p.m. we had finished loading and were all cleaned up ready to leave. The hay left at 6 a.m. Saturday morning with a total number of bales being 5,000."

"This was very interesting and self rewarding task. I do the hay coordinating again but not next week. It has been a very hectic one."

"I would like to give a special note of thanks to all those who donated hay and man and woman power to load all this hay in less than three hours, and for helping to make everything run so smoothly."

During the last several weeks this same type of experience has been happening again and again in Lancaster Farming Territory. From time to time we see articles come across our desk that try to pit one segment of agriculture against another. But with the experience of brotherhood among farmers from all parts of the country during this time, we can't help but feel a lasting bond of unity has developed. A unity that has never been experienced before. A unity that will lay the ground work for farmers to work together for common good for a long time to come.

FARM FORUM OUR READERS WRITE

Dear Editor

My pasture is ruined by basil. I consider it a deadly menace—beautiful but ruinous. Seven years ago or so a lovely plant grew in our flower garden...no more than three plants. I had never seen it before. As it matured the entire plant turns a lovely wine color and flowers like the "Butterfly Bush". It grows to about 18" and is about 22" in width. The flowers cone-shaped consist of seeds! They grow like crazy—reappear and spread



NOW IS THE TIME

By Jay Irwin

Lancaster County Agriculture Agent

To Assist Farmers In Need

Farmers are known to be a hardy lot and more importantly, they are known to help others when disasters occur. This situation is apparent in the southern states where the drought has parched their hay crop. Many people are calling and asking how they can help. Well, there are a number of opportunities to participate.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has developed a state clearing house for hay — their hot line is 717-787-2387. If you have hay that you would like to donate, give them a call. Also, in Lancaster and adjoining counties, you can call Marcus Bailey at 214-593-5606; he is coordinating transportation for donated hay to be shipped to the south.

For those that do not have extra hay, and some are not sure until their needs are in the barn, and would like to donate money, send a check payable to "Hay Relief Fund", c/o Bank of Lancaster

County, 1 East Main Street, Strasburg, PA 17579.

Another transportation source is Conrail. They will work with any organized group and will provide transportation to the south, free of charge, as long as the hay is donated. Contact J.E. Musslewhite, Conrail Market Office, 215-977-1443, for more information, I'm told this offer is good through August.

To Plan For Fall Wheat Seeding

The time is fast approaching for our wheat growers to be making plans for their fall seeding. Some of the local wheat may not be satisfactory due to the weed seeds found in some fields. If you use local wheat, be sure you know the source and have it cleaned and treated for disease. Also, if you had a scab problem this year, do not plant seed in the same field this fall; the fungus can remain in the soil.

Certified seed would be the best route to take if you experienced any problem with disease this year. The extra cost for certified seed is well worth it to help insure a good crop next summer.

Plan your seeding needs now so you are ready to plant when the conditions are right.

To Renovate Old Pastures

Late August and early September are good times to establish a new pasture, or renovate an old one. In fact, this is a good time of the year to make any pasture or lawn seeding. The old sod should be destroyed by cultivation or by a herbicide. After the soil has been treated with lime and fertilizer, according to a complete soil test, it

can be seeded and should produce good grazing for next summer.

The advantage of a fall seeding is to permit time for the new plants to become established before the 1987 hot weather arrives. The cool, moist fall months should give the plants a good start. The Agronomy Guide lists some good seeding recommendations.

To Check Silo Size

How much silage or high moisture corn must you feed each day to keep ahead of spoilage in the silo? The amount will vary considerably from cold days to hot days. Can your herd consume this much feed? The answer to these questions depends on the diameter of the silo, how well the feed was processed and packed when it was ensiled, herd size, feeding program, season of the year and type of storage structure.

If you are ensiling high moisture ground shelled corn in an upright conventional silo, you'll need to remove at least 2 inches of grain a day in warmer weather to keep ahead of spoilage. For a 14 foot silo, that is 1,400 pounds or more of corn per day — 24 pounds per cow in a 60 cow herd. If you are ensiling whole corn or ground ear corn, the material does not pack as tightly, and up to 4 inches may have to be removed daily. Four inches of this material in a 14 foot silo is 2,456 pounds — 41 pounds per cow in a 60 cow herd.

In the latter situation, a 10 foot silo would require 21 pounds of corn be fed. If a limited oxygen storage unit is used, sizing is less critical.

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Farm Calendar

Saturday, August 9

Lehigh County 4-H Horse Roundup, Featherhill Farm, Lenhartsville, 9 a.m.
Eastern Pennsylvania Cham-

peany year—come drought, flood or freeze!

No chicken, goose, guinea, goat, sheep, horse or cow will eat it. Where it grows grass and other weeds disappear. The Agri Digest identified it—suggested spray. Spray companies said flat out, "It will require several sprayings. The ONLY spray that will kill it—will also kill ANY TREE it touches. It will contaminate streams. It's use means—all geese, hens, guineas, sheep, etc. must be penned for several days. Rains may wash it into stream polluting it. For this we take NO responsibility".

I have been feeding hay all summer though no money can be made with sheep by feeding hay winter and summer. It's ridiculous. My pasture is shot! What can be done? Some of my pasture is level. The rest on hills is too steep to spray or put a plow to. Walnut trees that are old and lovely will be ruined if I spray. I wrote to nursery companies who sell it as an ornamental. No reply, no interest. PLEASE advise!

Very truly,
Gail Redheffer Stull
Willow Street

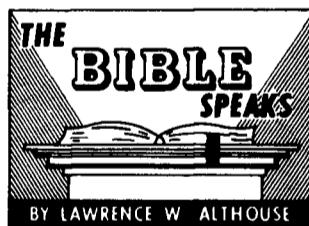
pionship Holstein Show, Kutztown Fairgrounds, Berks County, 10 a.m.

Bradford County Holstein Junior Club Blueberry Festival at Gary Kellys.

Adams County Poultry Queen Contest, 6 p.m., Dobbin House Restaurant, Gettysburg.

Chester County 4-H Swine Sale, New Holland, 9 a.m.

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ON CHECKING YOUR VISION August 10, 1986

Background Scripture:

Ezekiel 43: 1-13, 47:1-12.

Devotional Reading:

Ezekiel 39: 25-29.

For years I have been interested and involved in the study of the techniques and benefits of visualization—the practice of working with and controlling the mental images that you can "see with the mind's eye." In *You Can Save Your Breast*, the book on breast

cancer that my wife and I wrote a few years ago, we discuss the research that indicates the power of mental images over some of the normally unconscious functions of the body—heartbeat, blood pressure, the immune system, and so forth. We also find that visualization is an effective adjunct to prayer.

EZEKIEL'S VISION

One of the things that bothered me, however, was that often I couldn't "see" what I wanted to see (Christ, the person I was praying for, etc.) and I was concerned that this failure to "see" made my efforts fruitless. Then, a few years ago, I read in a research journal that it had been determined that effective visualization does *not* require that we actually "see" the image in our mind's eye. Even if it seems no image appears, the unconscious mind "gets the picture" anyway. That was a welcome discovery for me.

Now the point of all this—and I know you have been surely wondering—is that many of us are often concerned because we cannot "see" what others see. Many of us go through our spiritual lives without ever one good vision to our names. So, when we read of Ezekiel having a moving vision of God's glory or even our next door neighbor, we may tend to feel inadequate because we do not "get the picture."

GOD'S GLORY

Some people, we have found, are much more "visual" in their thinking and some people are more adept in disciplining their concentration and attention. But, all people get images—in fact, all thinking is essentially pictorial—even if they do not consciously "see" the images that are working in their minds.

So, people like Ezekiel and Isaiah and many others have spiritual experiences in which they "see" the glory of God. But, just because you or I may not consciously "see" what they do, does not mean that we, too, cannot and do not have visions of God's glory.

Whether or not you "see" him, God is every bit as present in our life. So, check your *vision!*

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