



OPINION

Memorial Day 1988

Memorial Day 1988 is a time for Americans to reflect on the past as we look to the future. It is a time for us to remember and honor those Americans who died in service to our nation. It makes no difference when or where these gallant men and women served, but that they served when called.

Since the beginning of our nation, more than 200 years ago, Americans have answered the call to service. As Americans, we have honored our servicemen and women on Memorial Day since 1868. We know the price of freedom is high and we understand that to honor those who died in service to the country is not only proper, but much deserved. Without the unselfish service of millions of Americans since the Revolutionary War we would not enjoy the freedoms we have today.

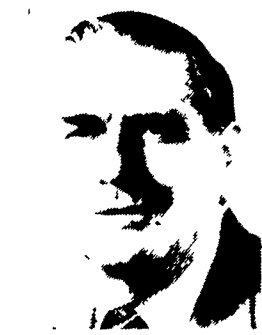
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reflect on those freedoms and on the sacrifices of the men and women who fought, and died, to keep the torch of liberty burning brightly. As a nation we asked them to serve. As a nation we must honor their service. As a nation we must remember their sacrifices.

As Americans we want to insure their service does not go unnoticed — to honor these men and women. So on this Memorial Day 1988 we set aside a special time to honor the heroes of our military who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

Our greatest tribute to their service comes when we honor their memory and sacrifices. At the same time we rekindle a sense of pride that, as Americans, we live in the greatest nation on earth.

Memorial Day is the day for all Americans to honor those men and women who paid the ultimate price to preserve our freedom.



NOW IS THE TIME

By Jay Irwin

Lancaster County Agriculture Agent

To Be Alert For Corn Pests

We are into the season for cutworm damage and this includes the black cutworm. Just a reminder to keep a close check on all corn fields for the next few weeks. Damage symptoms will be plants cut off just above the ground level. The culprit will be hiding in the soil a few inches from the cut plant. We suggest a rescue treatment if 2-3% of the plants are cut and you can find more than 5 larvae in 100 plants. Remember the black cutworm is the one with the granular skin. The control materials listed in the 1987-88 Agronomy Guide include Lorsban or Sevin or Dyfonate or PennCap or Dylox. Be sure to follow all label directions.

To Be Aware Of Fly Build-Up

There is considerable increase in fly population in many of our operations this spring. One of the reasons is the build-up of resistance to materials presently used.

Your fly control program should integrate several different control techniques and insecticides, if you are going to be successful. Flies will become resistant to a particular insecticide if exposed to the same material several times in succession. Resistance to the synthetic pyrethroids has been evident for several years. Some of our poultry producers have found that flies are more tolerant to Larvadex than they were a year or two ago. For best results, use a wide variety of insecticide formulations (space sprays, mist sprays, baits, residual sprays, etc.) and different classes of insecticides (synthetic pyrethroids, carbonates and organophosphates). In fact Dr. Clarence Collison, Entomologist at Penn State, suggests that if you have not used a material for 2 or 3 years, you may want to give it a try again.

In addition to using appropriate insecticides when necessary, it is important to develop an effective manure management program to keep the number of fly breeding areas down to a minimum.

To Clip Pastures

Mowing permanent pastures at this time of year is a very good idea. Many of the plants will be heading out and some will go to seed; this means that the plants should be mowed. This practice will help control weeds and encourage new growth of grass.

Livestock will consume the dry clippings. Pastures should be

clipped several times during the season. In addition, the clipped area will look much better to the general public as they travel through the county.

To Be Serious About Johnes

Much has been written and said about Johnes recently. Dairy Agent Glenn Shirk says it is a disease that dairymen should take seriously. It is known that older, infected cattle can shed the organism in their feces and that young cattle can become infected by consuming contaminated manure. More recently, it has been discovered that the Johnes organism might be able to cross the cow's placenta and infects her unborn calf. The organism can also persist in the soil, but some workers believe the survival rate is reduced when soils are limed to a pH of 7.2 or above.

To help reduce the risk of spreading Johnes: 1.) Separate calves from their dams at birth and don't allow the calf to nurse, 2.)

Provide a clean maternity area, 3.) House calves in individual pens, away from older cattle, protected from drainage and manures from older cattle, 4.) Keep the calf area well limed, 5.) Don't graze heifers on pasture infected by cows, 6.) Avoid forages that have been topdressed with manure from Johnes cattle, 7.) Have all visitors wash boots between farm visits, 8.) Keep visitors out of feed alleys and feed rooms and locate the breeding charts someplace other than in the feed alley, 9.) Raise your own replacements and if you purchase cattle, including recipient heifers, purchase from Johnes-free herds - easier said than done, 10.) Test suspicious cattle and cull positive animals and possibly their offspring too. The new, quick blood tests, in spite of their higher error rate, may have some value in helping to detect Johnes cattle. Consult your Veterinarian for advice on testing, culling and vaccinating.

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remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated" (13:2,3). He goes on to say: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (13:16).

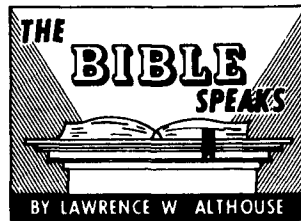
IF WE BELIEVE

There are lots of people in desperate need today, but in this brief column I want to concentrate upon the prisoners in and out of our jails. There is probably no field of human need and opportunity for Christian witness and service so generally ignored by the Christian churches. A few churches here and there have Sunday services in local jails and occasionally there is a Bible class offered. There is also Charles Coulson's prison ministry. But that is about all and it is a pitifully small drop in a very, very great ocean of human need.

Is there nothing that Christians can do to help solve these problems? My own observation is that there is a great deal that the churches and individual Christians could do — if we really believed in the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But, for the most part, we're not even trying. Providing Bibles and worship services for prisoners is fine, but it means little if we cannot give these people some support when they get out. Churches could start halfway houses, provide counselling, and try to help parolees find work and perhaps even train for a new vocation. Churches might sponsor parolees in much the same way that we sponsored refugees from Viet Nam and Central America.

And that's just for starters. The writer of Hebrews says that in ministering to strangers, some Christians "have entertained angels unawares" (13:2). There are a lot of potential "angels unawares" waiting for you and me behind the bars of your local prison and in the waiting room of your closest parole office.

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Background Scripture: Hebrews 13.

Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11.

The other day I had to pay a brief visit to the local Texas Parole Board office. The waiting room was overcrowded with people, mostly young men, with hopelessness written across their faces. The parole officers and clerical staff were harried and overworked. There was a grim atmosphere hanging over this office like a dark grey cloud.

"Is it always like this?" I asked an officer. "No," he replied, "sometimes it's worse." He went on to tell me that, because the jails are overcrowded, non-violent prisoners were being released to the Parole Board in overwhelming numbers. "The halfway houses are full," he said, "most of these people have nowhere to go when they get out and they can't get jobs. If they do and their employer learns that they've done time, they'll probably be fired."

BACK IN JAIL

I came away feeling overwhelmed by their hopelessness. Soon, many of them will have given up their brief experiments with "going straight" and find themselves back in jail. This will occasion more newspaper stories on "rampant crime" and public outcries against "the criminal element."

If, at this moment, you are thinking that this is simply a secular social problem and not a matter for Christian faith, let the writer of Hebrews remind you about the Christian's responsibility to the "misfits" of society: "Do not neglect to show hospitality . . .

Farm Calendar

Saturday, May 28

Mifflin County Dairy Princess Pageant, Belleville Lutheran Church, Belleville, 8:00 p.m.
York County Dairy Princess Pageant, 4-H Center, Bair, 8:00 p.m.

Clinton County Dairy Princess Pageant, Nittany Grange, La Mar.

Wayne County Dairy Princess Pageant, covered-dish supper at Bethany Methodist, Bethany.

Saturday, June 4

Bucks/Montgomery Wool Pool, Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chester County Dairy Princess Pageant, Spadzman Building, Brandywine Hospital & Trauma Center, Coatesville, 7:30 p.m.

Tioga Dairy Princess Pageant, Mansfield High School, Mansfield, 8:00 p.m.

Cecil County 4-H Breeders Fair, Cecil County Fairgrounds.

Monday, June 6

Eastern Shell Egg Quality School, Ocean City, MD, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7

Berks County Carcass Contest, Peters Brothers Lenhartsville, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8

Maryland & Virginia Conference on Aquaculture Development, Holiday Inn, Woldorf, MD. Contact Don Merritt 301/822-1166.

Thursday, June 9

Berks County Carcass Contest, Peters Brothers, Lenhartsville, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 10

Butler County Dairy Princess Pageant, Butler County Community College, 8:00 p.m.

40th Delmarva Chicken Festival, Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, Salisbury, MD. Cooking contest also. Contact Connie Parvis 302/856-9037.

Saturday, June 11

Franklin County Dairy Princess Pageant, Kauffman Community Center, Marion, 7:00 p.m.
Somerset Dairy Princess Pageant, Somerset High School, Somerset, 7:30 p.m.

Lebanon County Dairy Princess Pageant, Annville High School, Annville, 7:30 p.m.

Bradford County Dairy Princess Pageant, Canton High School, Canton, 8:15 p.m.

Adams County Dairy Princess Pageant, Biglerville High School, Biglerville.

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Editor:

As a reader of Lancaster Farmer I always like to read Jay Irwin's column entitled now is the time. He hits about everything and often

times quite timely! I believe a good reminder now and then is a very (Turn to Page A27)

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