



# OPINION

## Thanks 4-H!

"4-H makes a world of difference." That's the theme of National 4-H week October 2 to 6. Of course, we appreciate what the extension people and the teen and adult volunteer leaders do every week. But we want to say a special thank you this week as a tribute to this organization of rich heritage since 1914.

In the past, 4-H has served to educate youth with farming projects and given them a chance to develop leadership abilities. This leadership experience is still available. But now a great deal of the practical experience gained by 4-H youth comes from projects that can be undertaken in the city. That's right, the city. Philadelphia has the largest 4-H club in the nation. Five-thousand members learn some of the work ethic from their county counterparts. In addition, these city youth also prepare themselves for life with experiences in such projects as homemaking and horticulture.

Actually, we believe the full potential for education of youth in the 4-H program has not yet been reached. For example, the need to educate our youth about the consequences of drug and alcohol use and abuse could be very effectively presented through the 4-H educational system that's already in place. And not only the system, but also the atmosphere for learning is in place.

4-H'ers enjoy their projects. And they respect their adult and peer leaders, who by their position as volunteers, prove they care about the youth in their clubs. This caring attitude by the leaders creates a willingness to accept infor-

mation passed on to the youth through the 4-H educational network.

In Maryland, the 4-H program is already gearing up for a new program in a subject area that will allow both farm and city youth to participate. This subject area is conservation and management of natural resources. The material presented and the related projects available will keep the Maryland 4-H program on the cutting edge of current national trends, research results and career opportunities related to natural resources.

Yes, in 4-H there's something for everyone. Maybe you still have a place for a dairy, beef, hog, sheep, goat or poultry project. Great! But if you don't have that kind of space, don't despair. You may be able to find a place for a dog, rabbit, gerbil, guinea pig or an exotic bird. A plant science project may also appeal to you. Many garden project members this year gained practical experience on how to cope with drought. In Baltimore, inner-city members supplement family income by selling horticultural specialty items which they grow and assemble themselves.

Certainly, the quality of life for young people across America would be greatly diminished without the 4-H programs. And we want to take the opportunity on this National 4-H Week observance to thank all those involved. The land-grant colleges and universities; the national and state ag department and the cooperative extension services. Also, the national 4-H council and the adult and teen volunteer leaders.

THANKS!



## NOW IS THE TIME

By Jay Irwin  
Lancaster County Agriculture Agent

### To Graze Cautiously

As we move into the frost season, farmers pasturing cattle should be concerned about possible dangers of grazing frosted legumes. All of the permanent grasses such as bluegrass, orchardgrass or brome grass 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 unusually do not present any bloating problems. However, the legumes such as clover and alfalfa should be grazed carefully. 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

First, soil test, then 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. In order to do its job of correcting soil acidity, lime must come in contact with 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.

During the fall season are firm

ADC East Berlin Local of District 24, 7 p.m., York Springs Fire Hall.

Wednesday, October 12  
PA Chapter of Organic Crop Improvement Association, 7 p.m. Harrisburg Farm Show Bldg, Room B. Topic: "Research & Facts of Sewage Sludge, 215 693-5027.

Thursday, October 13  
Penn State Tax Workshop, through the 14th. Quality Inn, 234 Montgomery Pike, Williamsport.

Crawford Co. Council; 1 of Farm Organ. annuals & awards banquet, 7:30 p.m. West Mead No.2 Firehall.

Atlantic Dairy Coop Hunterdon-Mercer Local of Dist. 2 meet-

(Turn to Page A31)

and usually dry enough to allow lime spreading trucks to move about more easily. Deliveries of lime can be made on time.

### To Pick & Store Apples

Whether you grow apples or just like to eat them, it's important to store them properly.

Cool apples will keep longer. Ideally, they should be stored at 33° F., at 90 percent humidity, and in dim light or darkness.

Now as to picking; it's a good practice to store the fruit in shade as it is picked, then allow it to stand in the orchard overnight to cool. Then, place the apples in storage early in the morning before the temperature rises too much.

If you leave apples in a packing shed or in piles under the tree for one week, you'll shorten their storage life by about five weeks. So, keep apples cool, maintain good air circulation during storage, and your apples should keep a long

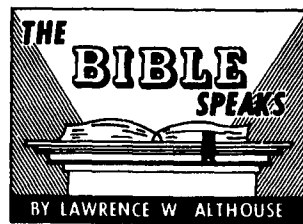
time.

### To Salute 4-H

National 4-H Week was this week -- October 2-8. I wish to congratulate the 3,997 members, 650 volunteer adult leaders, and the professional youth workers for their accomplishments and service to Lancaster County.

Through 4-H projects and activities, youth from all social and economic backgrounds, both rural and urban, demonstrate that they can make a difference in food production, conservation of our natural resources, improve economic understanding, and in the formulation of future career decisions.

As a result of the fine exchange programs, 4-H also contributes to international understanding and increased world food production. Four-H provides an important pathway to the future for many youth. Again, congratulations to all people in the 4-H program.



ANSWER YOUR CALL!  
October 9, 1988

Background Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-25.

Devotional Reading: Matthew 21:33-41.

At least half the message of the Bible could be summed up in this one verse from Isaiah 5: "...and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes" (5:2b).

That is much of the story of Genesis—God planted a garden in Eden and "looked for it to yield grapes, but," through the sin of Adam and Eve "it yielded wild grapes." It is also the story of Exodus — by Moses God led the people of Israel through the wilderness and into the Promised Land where, once again, "he looked for it to yield grapes," but through the sinfulness of the people of Israel, the Promised Land "yielded wild grapes." And so it runs through Judges I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles and on into the prophets.

When Israel comes to the people with his allegory of the vineyard, they cannot fail to know of what it is he is speaking. Israel is the vineyard and God is the vinedresser who lovingly and tenderly does all that he can to insure a harvest of tender grapes.

JUSTICE!  
RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Just as the Prophet Nathan had used a parable to lead David into condemning his own sin, so, by means of this allegory, Isaiah leads the people of Israel to render judgement against themselves: "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not

done in it?" (5:4). God had more than done his part, so "When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?"

The result of this disappointing harvest will be the destruction of the vineyard. Of course the figures of the vineyard and the wild grapes represent the spiritual failure of Israel. What had God really wanted of his people? "...and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!" (5:7b).  
PRODUCE!

The allegory of the vineyard may be pretty remote for most of us today; we know little about the growing of grapes. Nevertheless, we do know what productivity means, for our world today thrives on productivity. So, what God expects of all of us is to produce results in the world that are pleasing to God and instrumental in his purpose. Little that we say and do in the course of our religion matters very much unless it produces tangible results.

Not only were the people of Israel — and us? — not productive of good results, what they produced were results that were entirely contrary to God's will: injustice and unrighteousness. Not content to generalize on this theme, Isaiah goes on to spell out six specific reproaches and, as we read them, who among us cannot help but feel they were written for us as well as the people of Israel? He condemns their greed and covetousness (5:8-10), their riotous living (11,12), their mockery of God (18,19), their moral depravity (20) and arrogant conceit (21,22). Finally, he condemns the widespread practice of bribery (23).

What do you think it is that God looks for today in our world? And what is it that he finds? Are injustice and unrighteousness the "wild grapes" that he finds in the vineyards he has planted here? And when he looks into your life, what does he find?

(Based on copyrighted Outlines produced by the Committee on the Uniform Series and used by permission. Released by Community & Suburban Press.)

## Farm Calendar

### Saturday, October 8

KILE Livestock judging contest continues through October 14.

### Monday, October 10

KILE Keystone Stockman's contest

Lancaster County Poultry Health Seminar, Holiday Inn North, Lancaster

Atlantic Dairy Coop, Shenandoah Local of Dist. 25, 6:45 p.m. at Henry's Country Inn, near Shepherdstown, W.Va.

### Tuesday, October 11

Lancaster County Farmers Association Banquet, Conestoga Fire Company, 7 p.m.

Tax workshop, Lancaster Farm & Home Center, through the 12th.

Atlantic Dairy Coop, South Jersey

Local of District 2 annual dinner meeting, 7 p.m. Elmer Grange Hall, Pittsgrove Circle, N.J.

Atlantic Dairy Coop, Dist. 16, meeting, 7:15 p.m., South Middleton Fire Hall, Boiling Springs.

Atlantic Dairy Coop Upper Bucks and Lower Buck Locals of District 1, meeting 7 p.m., Grange Hall, Plumsteadville

Atlantic Dairy Coop Washington Co. Local of District 25 dinner meeting, 7 p.m. at Boonsboro Fire Hall, Boonsboro, Md.

Atlantic Dairy Coop Cecil Local District 10 meeting, 7:15 p.m., Elkton Methodist Church, Elkton, Md.

## Lancaster Farming

Established 1955

Published Every Saturday

Ephrata Review Building

1 E Main St

Ephrata, PA 17522

— by —

Lancaster Farming, Inc.

A Steinhilber Enterprise

Robert G Campbell General Manager

Everett R Newswanger Managing Editor

Copyright 1988 by Lancaster Farming

