



# OPINION

## Bush Or Dukakis? You're The Deciding Factor

Farm policy doesn't seem to have received appropriate attention from the national presidential campaigns of either party this year. And we think that's a mistake. While only two percent of our people live on farms, twenty percent of the population in Pennsylvania, for example, are directly affected by ag policy. This additional voter group will side with farmers because their jobs depend on it.

We've all heard about the depressed economic conditions where the coal and steel industries have lost their profitability. Rural communities would be affected by agriculture's demise too.

In what little that has been said about agriculture, the traditional party differences can be seen. Bush wants to get government out of farming. Dukakis proposes supply management first on a list of his proposals.

Art Hershey, state representative from Chester County and chair of the Pennsylvania Farmers For Bush, said the vice president wants to relax subsidies to farmers by the year 2000. "Bush wants to subsidize sales rather than growers," Hershey said. According to Her-

shey, Bush has proposed a World Food Conference shortly after the election if he wins.

Dukakis says he wants to open new markets for farmers too. According to Eric Schnurer, policy coordinator, Philadelphia office of the Dukakis campaign, the Massachusetts governor wants to encourage research into new uses of farm products. And he wants to get tough with international trading partners who will not play fair.

Bush has called the 1985 farm bill "Outstanding Legislation" and believes the recent drought relief for the nation's farmers and the "pro-agriculture" party platform to be reasons why he is popular in rural areas.

To us, it looks like Bush and Quayle have shown more interest in farmers than Dukakis and Bentsen. But next Tuesday, on election day, let's get out the rural and farm vote in large numbers. Let's show the national candidates just how much influence the rural vote has on the outcome of the election in many states across the nation.

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## NOW IS THE TIME

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### To Stretch Your Food Dollars

With food being the largest single item of cost in producing meat and milk, it's important to make feeds go further. Several things can be done to accomplish this. Here are a few. Avoid feed waste and spoilage. For more efficient utilization, test your forages and balance your rations. Also, feed frequently and offer animals smaller portions at each feeding; this is one of the benefits of electronic feeders. Where practical, it may be beneficial to blend some or all of the ration, such as in total mixed rations. Grind and chop feeds to the proper length. For example, corn kernels should be broken into about 6 pieces for dairy cattle. Take advantage of good feed buys. Don't waste feeds on non-productive animals; cull low producers, problem cows and excess heifers of questionable generic merit.

### To Appreciate Farm-City Week

"Partners In Economic Progress" is the theme of this year's Farm-City Week being observed November 18-24. Farm-City Week was created to bridge gaps that may occur between rural and urban residents. It presents an unparalleled opportunity for city and farm people to cement bonds of friendship. We hope that a better appreciation of the contributions of both rural and urban Lancaster Countians is recognized.

In observing Farm-City Week, the Lancaster County Farmer's Association has opened nine (9) farms for urban and suburban people to visit. These farms will be open for visits on Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The farms range from turkeys, sheep, dairy, fruit, horses, vegetables, hogs and steers. If you would like a list and directions to the farms, contact our extension office. We urge you to take part in Farm-City Week events.

### To Mulch Strawberries

Winter injury has been a prob-

Lancaster Co. PA Holstein Association annual meeting, Good-N-Plenty Restaurant, Lancaster, 6:45 p.m.  
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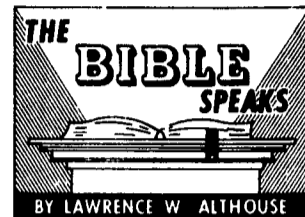
lem in strawberries for a number of years. Crown injury can be reduced by applying mulch to protect them for the winter. The best time for application is from mid-November to mid-December. The exact date depends on weather conditions. But a good rule of thumb is to apply mulch when the temperature begins to stay around 20 to 25 degrees F. If it drops to 15 degrees or lower, unprotected strawberry crowns could be injured. In any case it's a good idea to mulch the plants after they have been exposed to a few good freezes. Mulching is a very good practice to insure a better crop next year.

### To Be Aware Of Mystery Holes In The Lawn

Many people have called about small holes all over their lawn.

The holes are about 3-5 inches deep and 2-3 inches wide and are found scattered throughout the lawn. According to Bruce Hellerick, Extension Agent - Horticulture, these mysterious holes are the work of a skunk looking for grubs in the soil. Skunks do most of their feeding at night so you rarely see what is causing the damage. There is little you can do now, except fill in the holes with loose soil and soft a little grass seed on it. As the weather continues to get colder the grubs will move deep into the soil and insecticides will have no effect. Mark your calendar to do something about it next August.

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WHY NO JOB FOR GOD IS "TOO BIG"  
November 6, 1988

### Background Scripture:

Jeremiah 1.

### Devotional Reading:

John 1:43-51.

Don't all of us wish we were as certain of God's intention for our lives as Jeremiah was? No one in the Old Testament was as convinced that he was doing what God wanted him to do as this prophet was. Jeremiah was quite certain of what God had said to him: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. I appointed you a prophet of the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5).

Some people have the idea that sometime after we are born, we finally recognize our need for God and therefore set out to find him. But Jeremiah makes it clear that that isn't the way it works. God "knows" us even before he creates us in the flesh. In fact, it is God who plans and calls us into being. We may not know God, but he knows us.

Furthermore, he not only "knows" us, but he creates us with his purpose in mind. Before Jeremiah was born, God "appointed" him to be a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah was created to be a prophet and each one of us is created by God to be, become, or do something. So, therefore, each of us is called by God to fulfill the purpose for which he created us. I believe God called me to be a minister, but I am just as certain that he called you to something as well. The call of God comes to all of us. In that sense each of us have a vocation, a "calling," from God.

### THE "ONLY" DEFENSE

Many years ago I saw the Broadway play *The Lark*, a dramatization of an episode in the life of St. Joan of Arc. I remember

vividly--if not word-for-word-- a scene between Joan and the Dauphin (next in line as king of France). The Dauphin demands to know why the "voices" from heaven speak to Joan, and not to him. "They do speak to you," replied the saint, "but you do not listen." God calls each of us, but many of us do not listen for that call.

Confronted with God's formidable role as "prophet to the nations," Jeremiah reacts in an entirely human manner: "Ah, Lord God! Behold I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth" (1:6). Hearing these timid words, we can't help remembering the response of Moses to God's call from the burning bush: "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11) and Isaiah's terrified response in the temple: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips..." (Isaiah 6:5).

We, too, are likely, when confronted by God to fulfill our reason for being, to respond with the "only" defense-- we think of ourselves as "only" something--only a youth, only a senior citizen, only inexperienced, only one person, and so on. Whatever the task, we don't see ourselves as being adequate.

### I AM WITH YOU

But God had heard that excuse before, so he says to us as he said to Jeremiah: "Do not say 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you" (1:7-8).

We are quite right in thinking that we are inadequate for God's big challenges, but it doesn't matter because God supplies us with the strength and whatever else we need. "Behold," he assured Jeremiah, "I have put my words in your mouth" (1:9). When God calls us to do a job for him, we must remember, that no job is ever too big for God -- even when he works through us.

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## Farm Calendar

### Saturday, November 5

Bucks County Annual Holstein Meeting.

15th Annual North American International Livestock Exposition, Kentucky Fair and Expo Center. Runs through Nov. 19.

Berks County 4-H swine, beef banquet, Kutztown Grange, 7 p.m.

### Monday, November 7

Octorara Young Farmers annual dinner meeting, West Fallowfield Christian School, 6:45 p.m.

Cumberland Co. Dairy Farm workshop, vo-ag room, Shippenburg H.S., 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 8

Ephrata Area Young Farmers Swine and Beef meeting, Ephrata, H.S., 7:45 p.m.

Wayne County barn meeting at Richard Shipky's farm; speaker - Dr. Jud Henricks, 8 p.m. Call 253 597-0239.

### Wednesday, November 9

National FFA Convention, 11/9-12

Maryland Governor's Conference, Future of Ag, Omni, Baltimore; 11/10-11

McKean County DHIA and Holstein Club annual meeting, Hall's Restaurant, Smethport, 7:30 p.m. from 11/9-12.

Lancaster Farm Credit meeting, Hershey Lodge.

### Thursday, November 10

Bradford Extension annual meeting, Wysox Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.

Lackawanna Co. extension meeting, Lakeview Lounge, Intersection Routes 107 & 247, 7:30 p.m.

Berks Co. Farmer/Businessperson exchange, 5th annual Farm-City banquet, 6:00 p.m. at Stokesay Castle

Cumberland Co. Dairy Herd Improvement program annual meeting, Penn Township Firehall, Huntsdale, 6:30 p.m.

Mifflin DHIA meeting, Belleville Mennonite School, for reservations call 248-9618 at 7:00 p.m.

Drought Adjustment meeting, Vo-Ag room Gettysburg H.S., 8:00 p.m.

Cumberland Co. Dairy Banquet, Penn Tupt Firehall, Huntsdale

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