

Lancaster Farming

OPINION

This Banquet Was For You

If you are in the poultry business, this banquet was for you. The largest poultry banquet in the Northeast and maybe anywhere in the world was attended by more than 1700 industry people Thursday night in Hershey.

And after you merged with the crowd, the next thing you noticed was the smooth running event. Obviously this well planned event had been rehearsed. In fact, that's what happened. About six months ago, 50 sales people and their spouses actually tested the meal and reviewed the entertainment. If all was not right, changes were made.

Guests who purchased whole tables received maps of their table location in advance. Signs on the tables showed company names and logos too.

This year, the entertainment was the Forester Sisters, country's newest hit singing quartet and Jay Johnson, one of America's funniest ventriloquists. The \$100-a-plate dinner included Turkey Medallions with Wild Rice.

The attention given to this banquet is due to the fact that it is the primary source of income for the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation. Proceeds after expenses provide 75 percent of their annual operating budget.

We believe the industry support of this event and therefore the Federation is commendable. The Federation provides a voice for the poultry industries' producers, processors and their suppliers. The organization's activities include educational programs, government relations, promotion, college scholarships, research, disease control and a source of information.

While we could never mention all the people who worked hard to make this banquet a success, Paul Sauder, Penn Dutch Farms, Tom Bross, III, Round Hill Foods, Inc., and Don Horn, Pennfield Corporation, served as co-chairman. They deserve a lot of credit.

Yes, another very successful Pennsylvania Poultry Federation banquet was held this week. And yes, if you are in the poultry business, this banquet was for you.



NOW IS THE TIME

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To Control Flies

Flies are a continual problem to keep under control on most farms. Successful fly control begins early, before flies become a problem. Best control results from using a variety of preventive and control measures. Flies have developed resistance to many chemicals. Therefore, it is beneficial to use different classes of insecticides (i.e. organophosphates, pyrethrins, etc.) - not to be confused with methods of application (residual sprays, baits, feed additives, etc.). By using a variety of insecticides, flies that are resistant to one might be killed by another. New fly baits appear to be effective. Of equal importance is the prevention of fly breeding places. In other words, keep the premises clean. If feed is spilled, clean it up, scrape yards and alleys several times weekly, clean pens and box stalls weekly and incorporate manure soon after application.

To Consider Deworming Cattle

Internal parasites can cause costly problems, according to Glenn Shirk, Extension Dairy Agent. Infected cattle have poorer feed conversions, grow more slowly, have a poorer immune system and don't produce or conceive well. Young cattle under 20 months of age and poorly fed cattle are most susceptible. Resistance to internal parasites increases with age, but older cattle can also become infected.

A major source of infective larvae is pastures, especially those that are overstocked or overgrazed. Another source is feed that is contaminated by the feces of infected cattle. Thus, young cattle should not be grazed on land grazed by older cattle.

A good time to deworm cattle is

Farm Forum

Editor:

Governor Casey's proposed budget cut of the FFA Foundation's funding of \$33,000 will make efforts to improve agricultural education in Pennsylvania difficult. The removal of this

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a few weeks after they have been turned out to pasture, with a second deworming about 3-6 weeks later. Young calves should be dewormed about every three months.

To Use A Starter Solution

Gardening is a way of life for farmers and most suburban people. And if you want to give your garden a real boost this spring ... then use a fertilizer starter solution when you set out your plants. It's easy to make ... just dissolve about 3 tablespoons or so of regular 10-10-10 or similar analysis fertilizer in a gallon of water. And, as you set out your plants, such as cabbage, tomatoes or peppers, pour some of the starter solution in the hole ... stir the soil ... put in the plant ... cover the roots with soil ... and you've got that plant off to the best start ever.

A starter solution makes plant nutrients available to the young roots immediately.

Or, even better, you might want to buy a special starter fertilizer. These are specially designed com-

plete fertilizers which are high in available phosphorus. Be sure to follow label directions on the container.

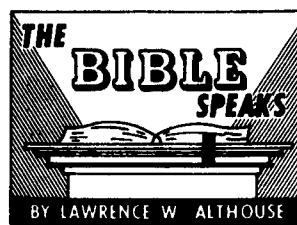
To Check Your Dog For Parasites

Most all farms have a dog or two around as pets and for security purposes. In either event, now is a good time to check for parasites.

Fleas become a special problem during the spring. The eggs they laid in the fall that were not killed by insecticides may have been dormant over the winter. Then in the warmth and moisture of the spring, these eggs hatch.

Numerous treatments exist for fleas such as flea and tick powders that contain carbaryl. One application won't eliminate the problem. You must also pay attention to your pet's environment. Aerosol sprays work well for treating living areas.

You may not be aware that your dog has fleas, especially with a long-haired dog. Just roll the dog on its back and look at the belly where the hair is thin. You can usually spot fleas in this area.



THE MURDERER AMONG US

May 6, 1990

Background Scripture:

1 John 3:11-24.

Devotional Reading:

Galatians 6:1-10.

The writer of 1 John has gone too far, hasn't he? It is one thing to proclaim, as he does, that "we should love one another." It is no less fitting that he should remind us not to "be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother" (1 John 3:11,12). Both of these admonitions make us feel rather comfortable, because, as Christians, we subscribe to love and we haven't murdered our brother.

But, John goes much too far afield when he says, "Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him" (3:15). That is a hard passage to swallow. (Not that you and I "hate," mind you; we're too Christian for that.) One can hate quietly, inwardly, or, at worst, with fierce looks and harsh words. Hatred will make the person hated feel badly, but will not necessarily cause him any physical harm. The murderer, on the other hand, commits violent physical injury and takes away that person's life. Surely there is a wide, wide gap between hatred and murder!

SPEAKING IN METAPHORS

The writer of John, of course, is speaking metaphorically in this passage. He knows that there is a gap between hatred and murder.

But, he is trying to help us understand that the gap is not nearly so wide as we think. Hatred and murder are inextricably linked and most murders begin with hatred. If there was no hatred in our world, there would be few, if any, murders. If, as Christians, we want to reduce the crime of murder in the world, we must begin by reducing the level of hatred.

John is also trying to help us understand that hate always "murders," even if not physically. You and I know lots of people whose lives have been heavily burdened and even ruined by the hatred that they have experienced from others. Physically their lives are still in tact, but figuratively, psychologically or spiritually they may have been "murdered." It is not true that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me!"

SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS

Worst of all, however — and this is the hardest thing for most of us to learn — hate usually "murders" the hater. I have known far too many people who spend their lives engulfed in bitterness because of what others have done or said. Logically, we might say that their anger is justified. Terrible things have been done and said to them and about them. But, by holding on to their bitterness, their resentment, no matter how righteous or logical, they have succeeded only in wounding their own spirits and perhaps killing their own souls. The person who hates is like the person who shoots himself in the foot.

There is not likely to be among our circle of associates a person who has taken the life of another human being. But in John's figurative sense, there is always a murderer in our midst. And often that "murderer" is us.

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Farm Calendar

- Saturday, May 5**
Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, Maryland, thru May 6.
- Sunday, May 6**
Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, Maryland.
- Monday, May 7**
Pa. Association of Dairy Sanitarians and Dairy Laboratory Analysts Conference, Keller Conference Center, Penn State, State College, thru May 9.
Clearfield Co. 4-H officers training, Clearfield Co. Vo-Tech cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
School tour at Max Isenberg's, Alexandria, 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 8**
Pa. Association of Dairy Sanitarians and Dairy Laboratory Analysts Conference, Keller Conference Center, Penn State, State College, thru May 9.
Red Rose Quilter's Guild, quilt conservation, Columbia Ave.,

- Lancaster.
Canning Pie Fillings Workshop, Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
School tour at Bob Oliver's, Franklin, 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 9**
Pa. Association of Dairy Sanitarians and Dairy Laboratory Analysts Conference, Keller Conference Center, Penn State, State College.
York Co. Envirothon Competition, Izaak Walton League, York Chapter #67 grounds, Dallastown, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
School tour at Harold Byler's, Mill Creek, 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 10**
Centre Co. 4-H County Council, Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, 7:30 p.m.
Huntingdon Co. 4-H Dairy Club. School tour at Gibboney Farms, Alfarata, Huntingdon, 9:00

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- ANSWERS:**
- 1 SIRLOIN STEAK
 - 2 T-BONE
 - 3 PORTERHOUSE
 - 4 CHUCK STEAK
 - 5 ROUND STEAK
 - 6 HAMBURGER
 - 7 CLUB STEAK
 - 8 RUMP ROAST
 - 9 BRISKET
 - 10 BEEF LIVER
- DAVE CARPENTER