



OPINION

About KILE And The 4-H Program

The 39th Keystone International Livestock Exposition is in progress this weekend in Harrisburg. Over 4,400 entries are competing for \$200,000 in premiums. Hundreds of collegiate, FFA and 4-H students from several states are competing, and these contests are excellent tests of knowledge and skill and provide students with valuable experience for their futures in agriculture.

This year has been designated the "Year of the Beef," and extra effort is being made to increase public awareness of the beef industry and the high caliber of shows held annually at KILE.

But of course, sheep, horses, and hogs receive their fair share of recognition, too. And along with all the breed shows, the organizers of KILE have planned entertainment for the whole family. The show runs through Monday so it's not too late to load up the family and head for the show in Harrisburg at the Farm Show Complex.

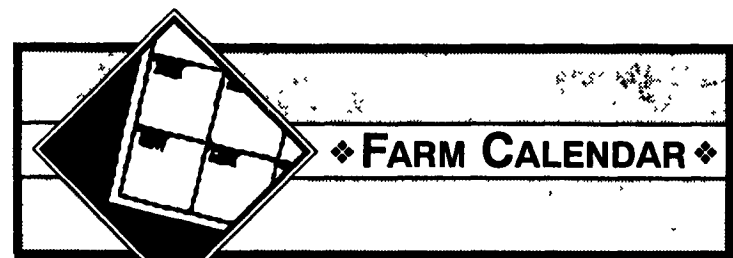
This is also National 4-H Week. Local clubs across the nation celebrate the accomplishments of 4-H youth during the week of October 2 to 8. The theme for 1995 is "4-H...More Than You Ever Imagined." This reflects the variety of 4-H programming and the diversity of the loves and backgrounds of 4-H youth.

Young people between the ages of 8 and 19 develop leadership, citizenship, interpersonal, and workforce skills in a wide variety of 4-H programs that fall within four major academic disciplines: biological sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities, and physical sciences.

Over 5.6 million young people participate each year in 4-H "hands-on" activities. Dedicated, volunteer adult leaders donate their time and talents to help these young people.

4-H is part of the youth development program of the Cooperative Extension System.

We recognize each person who is part of the 4-H program. Because of 4-H, our world is a better place in which to live.



Sunday, October 8

Luzerne County Annual Meeting and 4-H Achievement Awards Presentation, Luzerne County Courthouse, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, October 9

Manheim Community Farm Show, Manheim, thru Oct. 13. Local Solutions To Pa.'s Pollution, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, thru Oct. 11.

Poultry Management and Health Seminar, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, noon.

Bradford-Sullivan County Farm Bureau annual meeting, Bonanza Restaurant, Wysox, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10

Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. annual meeting, Delmarva Convention Center, Delmar, Md.

Dairylea Cooperative Inc. annual meeting, Sheraton Inn, Liverpool, N.Y., thru Oct. 11.

ADADC Dist. 6 meeting, Club 211, Middletown, N.Y., 7:30 p.m.

EAYFA monthly meeting, Ephrata High School, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

Unionville Community Fair, Unionville, thru Oct. 14. 4th Annual Pa. Community Forestry Conference, Days Inn, Penn State, thru Oct. 13.

ADADC Dist. 10 meeting, Brisben Baptist Church, Brisben, N.Y., 8 p.m.

ADADC Dist. 17 meeting, Gibson Grange, Gelatt, 8 p.m.

Pa./Va. Turkey Day, Embers Inn and Convention Center, Carlisle, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, October 13

Takings Debate Seminar, Berks County Ag Center, Leesport, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Annual Management Workshop For Youth, Penn State.

Saturday, October 14

Penn-Ohio Sale, Fairgrounds, Stoneboro, 11 a.m.

N.W. Cattleman's Association 21st Annual Choice Plus Club Calf Sale and Educational Seminar, Mercer County 4-H Park, Mercer.

Future Harvest Festival, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, Md., thru Oct. 15.

Sunday, October 15

Thorncroft Equestrian Center Fall Handicapped Horse Show, Riding and Driving classes, Thorncroft, Malvern.

Monday, October 16

Berks County Extension Association dinner, Berks County Ag Center, Leesport, 6:30 p.m. Lebanon County Holstein banquet, location TBA.

Tuesday, October 17

Dillsburg Community Fair, Dillsburg, thru Oct. 21.

Pa. Council of Cooperatives Annual Meeting and Leadership Recognition Banquet, Nittany Lion Inn, State College. Solanco Young Farmers meeting, Silage Corn Management, Solanco High School.



Now Is The Time

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To Evaluate Soybean Forage

Do you have some double crop soybeans which look like they will not produce enough beans for harvest?

If so, you may want to consider an alternative use for them, according to Robert Anderson, extension agronomy agent.

In general, soybeans are not known as a forage crop with the best nutritional value. The soybean plant is high in fiber and very high in lignin.

High lignin feeds do not taste good and animals will eat less of them. Nutritionists generally do not suggest using a feed like this for high producing dairy cows but would find it more appropriate for heifers, late lactation cows and beef animals.

Soybean hay does not cure very well due to large leaves and amount of stems. Immature soybeans on the plant also hold moisture.

In addition, weather conditions at this time of year make drying any kind of hay difficult. Soybean silage offers more flexibility and possibly better quality feed.

The moisture content of the silage is critical. Soybeans should be put in an upright silo between 50 and 65 percent moisture or 55 and 70 percent moisture in a bunker silo or bag. Another consideration is whether there is a sufficient quantity of soybeans in the field to harvest as a forage crop.

If only a few plants are tall enough to mow, then harvesting may cost more than the feed is

ADADC Dist. 9 meeting, Tally Ho Restaurant, Richfield Springs, N.Y., 7:45 p.m.

Beekeepers meeting, Dutch Gold Honey, Rohrertstown, 7 p.m.

Lycoming County Cooperative Extension annual meeting, Eldred Township Fire Hall, Warrensville, 7 p.m.

Pa. Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program, Ag Commodities, Gettysburg, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 18

National Meeting On Poultry Health and Processing, Sheraton Ocean City, Ocean City, Md., thru Oct. 20.

ADADC Dist. 12 meeting, Sennett Federated Church, Sennett, N.Y., 7:30 p.m.

ADADC Dist. 16 meeting, Bradley Hall, Columbia Crossroads, 8 p.m.

Land Development Seminar, Stoll Center, Wysox, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, October 19

National Meeting On Poultry Health and Processing, Sheraton Ocean City, Ocean City, Md.

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worth and the crop should be left in the field as a green manure crop.

To Do

Tax Planning

Alan Strock, extension farm management agent, reminds us now is the time to start thinking about 1995 income and social security taxes.

The next two months is the time to project your expenses and income till the end of the year. Then you need to calculate your tentative tax liability.

If your projected liability is higher than you desire, many methods are available to lower your tax liability. A few methods are pay your children for work done, purchase farm inputs such as feed, fertilizer or seeds ahead, purchase machinery, or contribute to your IRA.

However, be careful not to make investment decisions based solely on eliminating taxes.

Remember, the goal of tax planning is to level out your tax liability year to year, not necessarily to eliminate all tax liability.

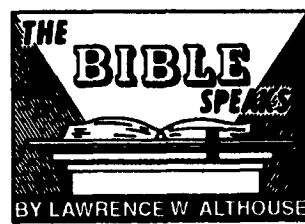
To Plan For Small Grain Silage

Small grain silage may make an excellent feed for ruminant livestock. In addition to being a good feed, small grain silage makes good economic sense.

Small grains grown for silage will allow a livestock producer to grow two forage crops in one year giving an increase in the total amount of feed grown per acre. Small grains will also give the added advantages of using more nutrients per acre, especially fall applied manure, being a winter cover crop and protecting water quality.

For the best feeding value, small grains need to be harvested at the optimum stage of growth. Rye makes the best feed when harvested in the boot stage. Oats are best when harvested in the boot to early head stage. Wheat and barley make the best feed when harvested in the soft dough stage.

Feather Prof.'s Footnote: "Excellence can be yours if you see life as a daring experience."



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Background Scripture:

Acts 8:4-40

Devotional Reading:

Acts 8:9-22

"So there was much joy in that city. But there was a man named Simon...& (8:8,9).

There is always someone like Simon in or near the community where we live. The Simon of New Testament times was a magician, the writer of Acts, tells us. Whether he actually performed magic or only magical tricks, we do not know. Whatever he did, it amazed, not only the people of his own city, but the whole "nation of Samaria." The writer tells us, "...they gave heed to him, because for a long time he had amazed them with this magic" (8:11).

The Simons of today are more likely to be politicians, entertainers—including some television evangelists—or sports celebrities. People often seem almost hypnotized by the power of these people. They pay enormous sums to hear and see them and their every move is closely chronicled in the press.

In the days of the early church the apostles preached with a power that also captured the attention of the public. When Philip went to Samaria preaching about the kingdom of God, apparently large numbers of people responded to the gospel. Simon had amazed the people with his feats; Philip, by contrast, brought them the good news of the kingdom of God and baptism. In fact, so powerful was Philip that "Even Simon himself believed..." (8:13).

BIRTH OF SIMONY

Acts tells us, "he was amazed." But he would be even more amazed when later he witnessed the descent of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands by the apostles. It is understandable that Simon, freshly converted, made a response which was appropriate from the perspective of the life he used to live: "Give me also this power, that any one

on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit" (8:19).

Of course, we all know that Simon was wrong, but don't many of us bring some unsanctified attitudes along with us into the church? Over the years I've seen some of these attitudes and values gain unquestioned acceptance: the most successful church is the biggest one; the most important members are the most prominent or wealthy ones; a program is successful if lots of people attend; etc. There's a lot more of Simon in the church than we may realize.

Simon has left his mark on the church. The historic practice of permitting people to purchase church offices—particularly during the Middle Ages—either by the payment of money or some other sordid consideration is called simony (SIM-oh-knee) and it was one of the issues which both Protestant and Roman Catholic reformers sought to correct. Simony in the strictest sense is no longer an issue today, but that doesn't mean there are not times when the church is not "for sale!"

SELLING THE GIFT

We need to give Simon credit, however, for, when Peter reproaches him sternly, "Your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!" Simon responds to his challenge to "Repent" with contrition: "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me" (8:24).

Now, you may protest that Simon is only trying to escape the judgment that Peter has laid upon him but there are some of us who, even when we are caught red-handed, don't have the presence of mind to repent. Instead—and Simon could have tried this—we brazen it out, justifying our unsanctified acts and attitudes. Give Simon credit for knowing when to admit his sin and ask for God's forgiveness.

Do we?

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