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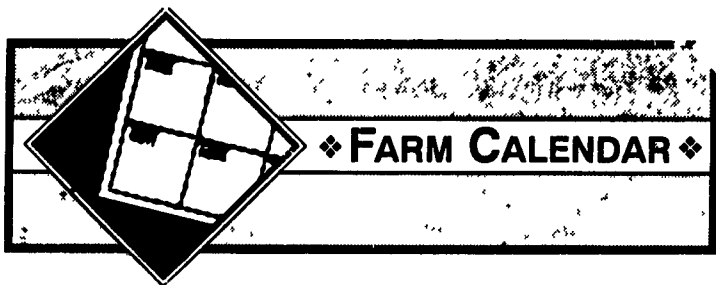
## Quotable Quotes

We often look for what we call "quotable quotes" when we talk to farmers or listen to public officials. And we are more inclined to quote the former rather than the latter. But we were in a press conference with Gov. Tom Ridge last Saturday that was just prior to the governor's annual tour of the Farm Show.

As this conference ended, Gov. Ridge made an off-the-cuff statement to Pennsylvania consumers that we think falls very nicely into our "Quotable Quotes" column. He said, and we quote:

"I would say to all Pennsylvanians, 'You have no idea when you go to buy that box of cereal or loaf of bread or bottle of milk how little of the price you pay ends up to go to the farm families who produce it,'" Ridge said. "You should all know out there that our farmers are the most efficient producers of food and fiber in the world. Dispel yourself of the notion that when you pay the price that it's going to the farmer. You might want to see how much they are paying the superstar for the endorsement. I'm just telling everybody, we have a lot to understand in what our agriculture and farm community do for Pennsylvania and appreciate the contribution they make to the quality of life in this country."

Thank you Gov. Ridge for this statement. With your permission, we will put your quote on our soon-to-be launched home page on the internet where all the world can see what's really happening inside the farm gate.



### FARM CALENDAR

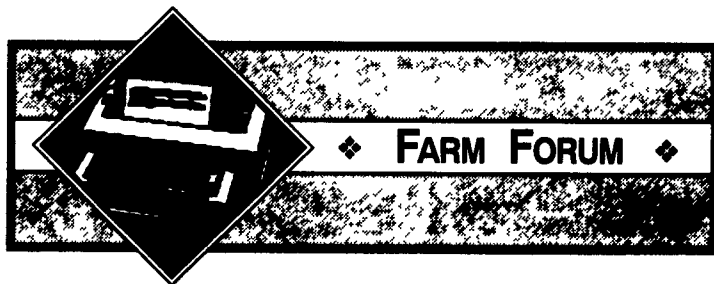
**Saturday, January 18**  
 Susquehanna County Holstein Association Annual Meeting, Montrose VFW Hall, Montrose, noon.  
 Northeastern Pa. Maple Production School, downlinked to Wayne County extension, Honesdale, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Potter County Holstein Association annual meeting, Community Building, Ulysses, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 20**  
 Pa. Crop Management Association Annual Meeting, Penn State Scanticon, University Park, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 New Holland Vegetable Day, Summit Valley Elementary School, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 21**  
 ADC Dist. 3 meeting, Solanco Fairgrounds, Quarryville, 11:30 a.m.  
 Lime, Fertilizer, and Pesticide Annual Conference, University Park, thru Jan. 23.  
 Solanco Young Farmers meeting, pesticide recertification, Solanco High School, 7 p.m.  
 Pa. Fruit School, Using Weather Forecasting to Manage Orchard Pests, Biglerville Fruit Lab.  
 Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation meeting, Farm and Home Center, 6:30 p.m.  
 1997 Equine Mini Series, Holiday Inn, Carlisle, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
 Greenhouse Structures, Solanco High School ag classroom, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 22**  
 Farm Financial Management Workshops, Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown, Md., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Farm Financial Management, Bradford Extension Office,

Towanda, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Farm Bureau Issue Update Meeting, Best Western/Regency, Binghamton, N.Y., 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
 Farm Bureau Issue Update Meeting, Holiday Inn, Auburn, N.Y., 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
 Capitol Region Greenhouse Seminar, Trail Nursery, Dover.  
 Nutrient Management Certification School organizational meeting, Lebanon County Ag



### FARM FORUM

**Editor:**  
 Several years ago I wrote Joyce Bupp expressing to her the pleasure I received from reading her column each week. My exact statement to her at that time was — the first thing I read each issue is the "Bible Speaks" by Lawrence W. Althouse and then turn to your column. Her gracious reply was — you have your priorities in perfect order, the Sunday School lesson first.

I was surprised Friday, yesterday, to find this weeks issue already delivered, ordinarily the delivery comes on Saturday. As usual I turned first to page 10 and read the Sunday School lesson then to Section "B", and I looked and looked and looked some more, finally 213 pages from the front there was Joyce Bupp's column. I had already concluded that the Farm Show had already bumped from this edition, fortunately I was wrong.



## Now Is The Time

### By John Schwartz

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#### To Look At Nutrient Management Regulations

The regulations for implementing the Pennsylvania Nutrient Management Law are nearing completion, according to Leon Ressler, extension environmental agent.

It is expected that the law will take effect in September 1997. The first nutrient management plans will be due one year later in September 1998.

Plans will be required from farms which have two or more animal units per acre of cropland. An animal unit is defined as 1,000 pounds of live body weight. The plans must be written by a certified nutrient management planner.

Farmers may become certified to write their own nutrient management plan or they may hire a commercial planner.

#### To Become Certified Nutrient Management Planners

People who are interested in becoming certified nutrient management planners must attend two days of required precertification training, according to Leon

Center, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.  
 Md. Cooperative Extension Mid-Winter Meeting, Ag Center, Westminster, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 Ag Day, Frank M. Jarman American Legion, 9:30 a.m.

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Ressler, extension environmental agent.

This training will cover what the Nutrient Management Law (Act 6) will require in nutrient management plans. The training will assume participants have a basic understanding of soil fertility, crop management, conservation practices, and manure management.

Optional one-day workshops will be conducted for those desiring training in these areas. After the required training is completed, those desiring certification will then take a certification exam. The exam will cover nutrient application and management, soil science and fertility, soil testing and analysis, fertilizer materials, best management practices for nutrient and water management, Act 6 and other applicable laws.

Contact your local extension office for training and certification exam dates. For Lancaster County, the meetings will be held at the Farm and Home Center. The training dates are March 10 and 11 and

the exam will be given on March 18.

#### To Melt Ice On Walkways

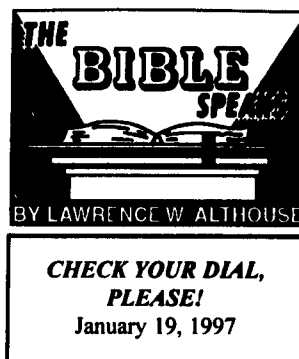
With the recent ice storms, Dr. Tim Elkner, extension horticultural agent, reminds us to use sand or kitty litter on ice instead of salt or fertilizers.

Salt washed into lawns and beds will damage plant roots. However, you will not see the damage until later in the year when warmer weather returns.

Fertilizers, while generally being good for plants in the yard, tend to concentrate at the edges of walks and driveways when the ice melts. These areas of concentrated fertilizers may cause the same type of damage to your plants as salt.

You may use your fertilizer spreader to sprinkle sand on icy areas. This will result in a more even application of sand and will be much easier than spreading with a shovel.

*Feather Prof.'s Footnote: "Do more than look. Observe."*



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**Background Scripture:**  
 Matthew 4:18-20; 16:13-23  
**Devotional Reading:**  
 Luke 22:54-62

I double that there are many in this land who have never seen or at least heard that famous Bud Abbot and Lou Costello routine, "Who's on first; What's on second." Much of its undying popularity is based upon our ability to identify with the confusing vs. the communicating power of human language.

We have some of the same problems when we try to understand the gospels and it seems that this is why Jesus seldom accepted or claimed titles for himself. He knew, for example, that the connotations of the word "messiah" could convey so many different meanings to people and he wanted to avoid the word games which so many of his followers continue to play. We see this same paradox when he tells his disciples "whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (Mt. 20:27).

It is this same ambiguity that is the heart of the controversy over "the primacy of Peter." When Jesus says, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church," is he establishing Peter as the first primate of the church or is he simply speaking about the faith which Peter exhibited in this incident? The Roman Catholic church, of course, believes the former and most others the latter.

#### WHAT DO THEY SAY?

I really don't care who wins that argument — it doesn't really change for me the meaning of following Jesus Christ — but I think the subtlety of the words used here are instructive for all of us. When, stopping for a sojourn in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asks, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" He gets a variety of answers from his followers. When he asks, "But who do you say that I am?", only impetuous, straight-forward Peter blurts out: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Mt.

16:14-16).

Who is this impulsive Galilean? His name is really *Simon Bar-Jona*, meaning "Simon, son of John." When Jesus says, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build by church," he is saying in Aramaic, you are *Cephas*, a word very close to *kepha*, the word for rock. When his words were translated into Greek they became *Petros* (Peter) and *petra* (rock).

We know that Simon Peter (as we call him today) was a fisherman and a if not the leader of Jesus' band of disciples. We know he has outspoken and impulsive and on Jesus' last night on earth Peter denied him three times. Never a perfect man, Peter was nevertheless a man of faith and I think it was Peter's faith that was lifted up by Jesus as an example to the rest of his disciples.

#### FROM 'ROCK' TO 'SATAN'

Actually, Peter's faith is like ours-imperfect. Not only did he deny his Lord, but in Matthew 16 in just five verses he goes from being the "rock" of faith to an aide of Satan! When he protests Jesus' prophecy of his impending death, Jesus replies, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men" (v.23). What a slide! Does it remind you of any of your own descents from faith in God to faith in human wisdom?

Earlier in this episode, Jesus salutes Peter with these words: "Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (v.17). What Jesus is saying here is roughly akin to 'Good for you, Simon, you've been tuned into God.' And in contrast to that, he says later "for you are not on the side of God, but of men."

So the crux of the matter is being tuned into God or tuned into society. Most often is makes a big difference in the message we're hearing.

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