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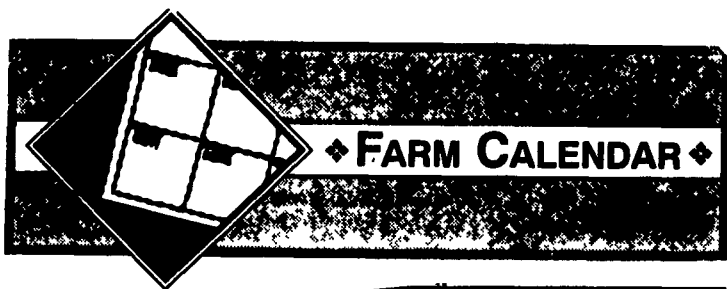
Response To FFA Fore Gratifying

An event that has been growing from year to year is the Fore FFA Golf Tournament benefit for the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation. This year the number of supporters grew so much that one golf course could not handle all the sponsors who wanted to play. So 221 golfers spent last Monday having fun and raising money for the FFA youth.

Many organizations, both community and agribusinesses, contributed a lot of time, materials, and money to the project. Of course, Hoss's Steak and Sea House Restaurants have been sponsoring the event for the last five years with lunch and a full course steak dinner.

Cost to play was \$85.00 per person. And the evening auction of donated items raised \$8,000 for a total to \$25,000 to the organization.

We congratulate all the donors and contributors who made this event possible. The cause is a good one. The benefits to our ag youth is obvious. And the response is gratifying.



FARM CALENDAR

Saturday, July 19

Pa. Shorthorn Breeders Association State Show, Hookstown Fairgrounds.

"New Generation" No-Till Field Day, Steve Groff Farm, Holtwood, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cattlemen Summer Field Day, York County 4-H Center, 9 a.m.

Shippensburg Community Fair, Shippensburg, thru July 26.

Washington County Maryland District Holstein Show, Washington County Ag Education Center, Sharpsburg, 10 a.m.

4-H Roundup, Troy Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ADGA National Dairy Goat Show, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, thru July 26.

Sunday, July 20

Friendly Horseman's Club Horse Show, Denver Showgrounds, Cambria County Ice Cream Social, Wildemess Hollow 4-H Property, 6 p.m.

Monday, July 21

4-H Camp Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park, thru July 25.

Jefferson Township Fair, Mercer, thru July 26.

Kimberton Community Fair, Kimberton, thru July 26.

Shippensburg Community Fair, Shippensburg, thru July 26.

Troy Fair, Troy, thru July 27.

Lehigh Valley Horse Council Meeting and Lecture, New Tripoli, 7:30 p.m.

Cambria County Horse Leader Meeting, extension office, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22

1997 SWCS Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, thru July 25.

Penn State Agronomic Field Diagnostic Clinic, Rockspring Research Farm, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., also July 24.

Plainfield Farmers Fair, Nazareth, thru July 26.

York/Lancaster Vegetable Twilight Meeting, Sunnyside Farm, York, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania State Grange Pre-Legislative Conference, Super 8 Motel, Harrisburg, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23

Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts Executive Council Meeting, Embers Inn, Carlisle.

Black and White Show, Plainfield Fair, 10 a.m.

Farm-Business Picnic, Cedar Lane Farm, Oldwick, N.J., tours 4:30 p.m., picnic 6:30 p.m.

Electric Power Service Deregulation Roundtable, Senate Majority Caucus Room, Main Capitol, Harrisburg, 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 24

Field Crops Day, Northwestern Branch, Hoytville.

Lancaster County Black and White Dairy Show, Solanco Fairgrounds, Quarryville, 10 a.m.

Pasture Walk and Conservation Tour, Tim Kurtz, Kurtland Farms, Elverson, 10 a.m.-noon DST.

Md. Grain Producers Association annual meeting, Queen Anne's County 4-H Park, Centreville.

4-H Dairy Roundup, Plainfield Fair, 10 a.m.

Keystone National Rib Cookoff and Music Fest, York Fairgrounds, thru July 27.

Fayette County Fair, Dunbar, thru Aug. 2.

Garrett County Maryland Holstein Show, McHenry Fairgrounds, McHenry, 6 p.m.

Maryland Dairy Princess Pageant, Holiday Inn-FSK Mall, Frederick, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 25

Washington County Holstein Club Picnic, John and Patty McMurry, Eighty-Four, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 26

Pa. Holstein Southwest Championship Show, Fayette County Fairgrounds, Uniontown, 10 a.m.

Lebanon Area Fair, Lebanon Fairgrounds, thru Aug. 1.

Carroll County Fair, Carroll County Agricultural Center, thru Aug. 2.

Mercer County Grange Fair, Mercer, thru Aug. 2.

Potter County Fair, Hillport, thru Aug. 2.

Sunday, July 27

Morrison Cove Dairy Show, Mar-



Now Is The Time
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To Vaccinate for Rabies

There has been an increase in the number of rabies cases in Pennsylvania. In York County alone at least two young children have been bitten by animals believed to have rabies and are taking the rabies shots. We are just beginning the peak rabies season of July, August and September. All dogs, household cats and pets older than three months old should be vaccinated against the virus. Also, we recommend all horse owners to have their horses and ponies vaccinated for rabies. Consult your veterinarian for a vaccination program for your pets and other animals. Never approach or touch a raccoon or other wild animal,

tinsburg, thru Aug. 1.

Clearfield County Fair, Clearfield, thru Aug. 2.

Goshen Country Fair, West Chester, thru Aug. 2.

Tuesday, July 29

Pa. 4-H State Achievement Days, Penn State, thru July 31.

Pasture Walk and Conservation Tour, Aaron Stoltzfoos, Welsh Vue Farm, Gap, 10 a.m.-noon DST.

Ag Horizons VIII Program, Wildwood Conference Center of Harrisburg Community College.

Franklin County Field Day, Ed and Glen Brake Farm, Mercersburg, 11 a.m.

New Stanton Farm and Home Fair, New Stanton, thru Aug. 2.

Wednesday, July 30

Octorara Young Farmers Association Summer Tour, Mason Dixon Farms and Eisenhower Farm, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Hoof Care Workshop and Trimming Demonstration, Beaver Farm, Bangor, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

Muck Crops Day, Celeryville.

Pa. Tree Fruit Grower Field Day, Penn State Fruit Research and Extension Center, Biglerville, 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

Morrison Cove Holstein Show, Memorial Park, Martinsburg, 9 a.m.

Cut Flower Conference and Tour, Howard Community College, Columbia, Md., thru Aug. 1.

Capitol Region Summer Turf and Ornamental School, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Dauphin County Holstein Association twilight meeting, Bob Kessler, Curtin, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 1

Deadline for Pennsylvania Soybean Contest entries.

Northwest Championship Show, Fairgrounds, Stoneboro, 9:30 a.m.

1997 Performance Ram Test and Sheep Producers field day, Penn State Ag Arena, thru Aug. 2.

especially if it is acting unusually aggressive or affectionate. An infected animal may lose its fear of humans and seem friendly. If you are bitten or come into contact with an animal that may be rabid, wash the wound immediately and contact a doctor and animal control officials. Do not take rabies lightly. It is deadly to humans.

To Understand Heat Stress in Corn

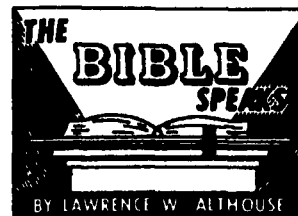
The recent hot, dry weather has caused many corn leaves to curl. When leaves curl, the amount of surface area for transpiration is reduced and the amount of water lost from leaves is reduced. This helps the corn plant survive longer under hot, dry conditions. Leaf curling may also be a signal of soil compaction. When you see spots with leaves curling before the rest of the field, you should check to see if there is restricted root growth resulting from soil compaction. This could be useful information to know before planting next year's crop. Leaf curling could also be a result of

lower water holding capacity of the soil due to coarse soil texture or shallow soil profile.

To Estimate Corn Yield Loss

I have received several phone calls from the media this week asking how much yield is lost when corn is drought stressed. This depends on the duration of the drought stress and the growth stage of the corn. Drought stress that occurs during the two weeks prior and following pollination will cause the largest declines in corn yields. Corn that is drought stressed at about the 10 leaf stage may lose one to two per cent of yield per day. Severe drought stress during silking may result in 5 to 10 per cent yield loss per day. Severe drought stress is defined as corn leaves curling for 15 to 18 hours per day. Slight curling of corn leaves during the heat of the afternoon will not result in major yield losses.

Feather Prof's Footnote: "Accept the challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of success."



THE ADVOCATE

July 20, 1997

Background Scripture: Hebrews 4:14 through 5:10;
Devotional Reading: Hebrews 7:20-28

If you knew that you were about to appear before the throne of God and could appoint someone to act as your intermediary or advocate, what kind of person would you choose?

The popular choice in our day would probably be the meanest, toughest lawyer we could find. Someone else might choose a government official with "lots of connections." But I don't think either of those types would do very much for me before the Lord.

What I would choose for myself would be the kind of person described in Hebrews 4:14 to 5:10. "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession" (4:14). No one in God's whole creation stands as high as he does; there would be no one else with, as we put it today, "so much clout" in our favor.

The problem with this passage is that the concept of a "great high priesthood" is essentially alien to us and our times. The Levitical priesthood ended almost 2,000 years ago. The concept of sacrificing animals for our sins is today repugnant to us.

OUR ADVOCATE

Perhaps the passage in Hebrews would connect with us more clearly if we think of Jesus as our "mediator" or "advocate." The Apostle John himself spoke of Jesus in this manner: "...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous..." (1 Jn. 2:1). In the days when the New Testament was written the Greek word we translate as "advocate" meant "one who pleads for us" and was applied to anyone who took the side of another in a lawsuit or trial. One scholar says it meant "the help of anyone who 'lends his presence' to his friend."

While I personally have experienced almost nothing of the kind of priesthood of which Hebrews is

speaking, I have known some people who have figuratively "gone to bat for me." These are people who have stood with me in a time of trial, just as today's lawyer stands with his client in a court of law. I can relate to one who will act as my mediator or advocate before the throne of God.

There is a German word that I have often used when speaking of Jesus Christ as our "great high priest." The word is *stellvertreter* (STELL-fur-TRAITOR), literally "one who stands in the place of someone else." Haven't most of us experienced at some time a person — parent or friend — who has been our *stellvertreter*, someone who has stood, not just with us, but in a sense before us, "taking the heat" that was rightly ours?

INTERCESSOR

Jesus is uniquely qualified to be our advocate. Even "In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears." He was and still is our intercessor, one who "pleads" for us in our weaknesses and ignorance. His whole life was one of being there for others.

We can be confident knowing that he cares deeply about each of us.

Besides the fact that we believe Jesus Christ was "called by God" and thus bears his authority, that which makes him so appealing for us as an advocate or "great high priest" is our realization that he has known the limitations of our humanity. "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are..." (4:15). We know that, though he is from God, he is also one of us.

In a criminal case one may hire a lawyer or be assigned one, but Jesus comes to us, taking our case even before we ask him. It is thus that we can "with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (4:16).

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