

From Where We Stand . . . Viewing The Milk Control Commission

Sometimes we get to thinking so much about our own viewpoint we forget there may be someone who stands somewhere else

Last week end we had occasion to be in the coal region of West Virginia where about the only daily paper available is printed in Pittsburgh

To a farm-oriented editor, some of the stories had a (to say the least) peculiar — almost foreign — tone to them

It was almost as if there were some sort of collusion between the farmer and legislators to bring higher prices to the consumer

One story in particular was of more than passing interest to us It began thus

"Pennsylvania residents who want to abolish the state Milk Control Commission have more ammunition for their cause Red tape and bureaucratic delay will cause at least another two-week delay in a ruling on the Battle of the Bulky Bottle "

It did not take long to find out that the issue has been a real 'hot potato' in the area, and while we have heard some of the noise of the turmoil in this county, we had no idea just how explosive the situation had become out in the other end of the state

The focal point of the controversy is the ruling by the PMCC that milk can be sold in glass gallon jugs at lower than the standard quart rate but can not be retailed in half gallon plastic bottles at the same price — even when the two half gallon containers are stapled together

Adding fuel to the fire is the fact that Pennsylvania residents in the area can drive just a few miles into West Virginia and buy their milk in the half gallon bottles

The situation has become so explosive that one assemblyman from the Pittsburgh area introduced a bill into state legislature to abolish the Milk Control Commission, and he has served notice that he intends to introduce similar legislation in the coming session

As we said at the beginning of this piece we sometimes forget there is a point of view different from our own, but we believe dairymen would be unwise to let the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission be killed

We do not believe the abolition of the PMCC would be advantageous to either the dairy farmer or to the consumer

Admittedly, the agency has not always made perfect decisions Whenever human judgments are brought into any

situation as complex as the fluid milk market, mistakes will be made

Perhaps some changes need to be made in the organization of the commission Perhaps machinery needs to be speeded up so that decisions which affect large numbers of people need not be held up in committees for several months, but why throw the baby out with the bath?

If a change in the commission is needed, then it is the duty of dairy organizations to see to it that the changes get into the law books, but we don't kill a calf to cure it of a cold

At least that's how it looks from where we stand

★ ★ ★ ★ AN IMAGE FOR MEAT

Among the various factors which have been responsible for maintaining an increasing consumption of meat in this country are three which rank top-most in importance. quality of product, consumer purchasing power and a favorable image of meat

This is the way Carl F. Neumann, secretary and general manager of the National Livestock and Meat Board, expressed his feelings recently at a meeting of livestock feeders at Oklahoma University

We believe Mr Neumann has given the livestock feeder as well as the breeder something to think about

There are strong indications that consumers will continue to have money with which to buy the product, and better understanding and appreciation of the importance of meat in the diet will continue to urge the consumer to purchase meat

Therefore the livestock man has only two important factors over which he has some control

Producers and processors of meat products have been continually improving methods so that better and better products reach the consumer This we applaud

Meat has held a very favorable spot in the thinking of the general public in comparison to certain other food products, but with the promotion of certain manufactured food products with built-in convenience features, meat stands a good chance of being crowded out of the menus of working mothers

We agree with the belief of Neumann that special attention should be directed toward maintaining and building a favorable image of meat

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● Garden Spot FFA

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eliminated from further competition
Russell Cassell Hummelstown R2 a student at Lower Merion High School Hummelstown won the contest with a speech called "The Farmer Versus Fallout"

Kenneth Martin a sophomore at the Garden Spot High School New Holland was fourth in regional competition Last month he took honors in the York-Lancaster area to beat out Donald Kravbill of Lampeter - Strasburg High School In the speaking this week Donald finished third in the Regional placings Martin spoke on Soil Conservation while Kravbill used the FFA as his subject

Judges for the regional event were Dr David McClay Head of the Department of Agricultural Education at the Pennsylvania State University Richard Lighter FFA advisor of the Adams-Franklin area and Jack Owen, Editor of Lancaster Farming

● Summary Shows

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for 1960 released in conjunction with the state report showed Lancaster County still the leader in agricultural production

The Garden Spot Farmers accounted for \$106,501,000 of the states \$811,253,000 The nearest competitor among the other counties had less than half the production of Lancaster County Chester County produced \$117,320,000 worth of farm products while the third place county York had \$36-

901,000 in sales Berks and Bucks Counties followed in that order

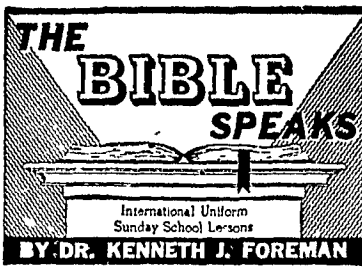
In the county production Poultry and poultry products accounting for \$33,389,000 while dairy products added another \$23,259,000 and livestock sold live brought an estimated \$21,110,000 to Garden Spot farmers

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Against Pressure Lesson for May 6, 1962

IT is so easy and respectable to be at least a conventional Christian in America, that we are shocked by the picture "Question 7," because it makes starkly plain the ugly penalties Christians have to pay in communist countries just for being Christian. Because there is such a difference between our country and East Germany (for example) or between our country and the Roman Empire in the first century after Christ, we are tempted to overlook the fact that we too live in a society that is still very largely pagan. The Christians to whom the Letters in the New Testament were written were reminded that they had come out of darkness into God's light. The darkness had not vanished, it was out there like a vast dreadful night

Passions of the flesh

If we are not surrounded by pitch-blackness, it is because Christian ideas and ideals have permeated society as a whole. Much of America's "way of life" has Christian origins. Nevertheless, paganism may take the form of a grey cloud, a fog like the bright emptiness of an antarctic "white-out." Nothing can be plainly seen in it. This kind of pagan fog surrounds the Christian, often without his realizing it. We can take some expressions from 1 Peter 2, to illustrate the writer speaks of "passions of the flesh that wage war against your souls"

In America paganism, much as in the ancient and rotting Roman world, the suggestion is constantly made, in advertising, entertainment, literature and the ordinary "climate of opinion," that anything is all right for you if you really want to do it or to have it. Liquor is all right if you want it, the best reason for a divorce is just that you want one, young peo-

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Among the Gentiles

The early-times Christians could not have been fooled by this. They knew that "Everybody" was mostly pagan. To look to popular opinion, in any Roman city, for Christian standards of living, would have seemed ridiculous. A Christian was expected to be different, they knew that much, or most of them did. Today "conformity" is very much the thing, but we do not ask, as we should, Conformity with what? with whom? Imitating people who do not even pretend to be Christian, is absurd, yet millions of church-members do it. Take two simple examples. There is a magazine about women's "hair-do's." It's what the magazine is all about, nothing else. Query: Is it a Christian use of time, brains and money to spend money making and buying a magazine devoted to hair-do's? Is there anything more important to take a Christian woman's time?

Not just against

No one should suppose that the Christian life consists mostly in whacking pagans over the head with the Ten Commandments. Neither does it consist in merely not doing this and not doing that. Saint Peter did not lay out the Christian life as a series of Don't's. "Live as free men, but live as servants of God." That's positive living, not negative. Honor all men, he says. Love the brotherhood. That's positive living in two directions. The Christian has dealings with non-Christians and also with Christians, and negative approaches are no help either way.

The best resistance against the constant pressure of paganism is not to keep shouting NO all the time. It is to find a way of living such that it will be the pagan, not the Christian, who discovers that his life is empty. The Christian can well get on without the pagan's "fun," but the pagan may be turned around by observing the Christian's happiness

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Now Is The Time . . .

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To Make Winter Rye Silage

Livestock producers planning to make silage from the winter rye crop should try to chop the material at heading time, do not wait for the milky kernel in the rye head as in other small grains. The use of a molasses or cereal grain preservative at the rate of 150 to 200 pounds per ton of silage is strongly recommended

To Place Corn Fertilizer Property

The kernels of corn and a complete fertilizer should not come in contact with one another. This is often the case with the old split-shoe type of corn planter. Since the trend is toward heavier amounts of high analysis fertilizer on the row, this problem becomes more dangerous. The fertilizer attachment on the planter should place the material about two inches to the side and two inches deeper than the kernels, this should prevent burning of the sprout by the fertilizer

To Prevent Tobacco Seedbed Diseases

The use of a regular spray program on the tobacco bed will help obtain good plants when you want them. The use of the streptomycin-fermicide spray every week or ten days should eliminate the trouble from wildfire and bluemold. Detailed spray leaflet on this program is available at the Extension Office

To Use Caution With 2,4-D Sprays

All spray operators are urged to be extremely careful with all spray materials, follow the labels and the proper amounts. In case of weed spraying with 2,4-D the amine form is much safer than any of the ester forms. Shade trees, flowers, tomato and tobacco plants, and all legumes may be severely damaged by careless spraying