

From Where We Stand . . .

Oleo, Coleo, and Away We Goleo!

According to the '64 agricultural census, there are 2000 farm families in Lancaster County who derive fifty percent, or more, of their total farm incomes from producing milk. Think of that! No county in Pennsylvania comes close to matching that figure.

Sitting in the Host Town Motel with some 125 dairy folks assembled Tuesday night for the Lancaster County Dairy Princess Pageant, we couldn't help wondering how some of the rest of our stalwart dairymen were spending the evening.

Were they sitting at home watching some stale rerun on TV as they washed down oleomargarine sandwiches with soft drinks and sipped coffee flavored with so-called "non-dairy creamers"?

Of course, the travel problem would prevent some from attending, a weather-delayed work schedule might account for others who were missing. But we'd bet everything on the fact that the bulk of the absences were due primarily to DISINTEREST.

You might ask "How can anyone not be interested in the promotion and well-being of his own industry?" We continually ask ourselves this question as we see activity after activity attended and supported by the same small number of individuals. Where are the rest? Too busy? Too many more important things to do? Or, just not interested? No, everyone is interested in the product that represents their livelihood. Perhaps they truly don't understand the problem.

Lancaster County's tremendous milk business has grown over many generations of farm families. It ceased growing a few years back as milk and milk products began to lose ground to substitutes and to competitive products. It has been out-promoted at every turn. The industry will continue to shrink in direct proportion to the disinterest of its members. If you are a disinterested member, you can be assured the weight of your disinterest will be felt by those persons gamely trying to carry the ball while nine-tenths of their team warms the bench.

Maybe some dairymen are not convinced a full-scale Princess Program is the best way to promote their product. Perhaps it's not, however, it's one way of communicating which the consuming public understands. But promotion of milk products goes far beyond that done through princess pageants. It is a very large job and one that has to be continued with diligence and imagination.

For those who missed Tuesday's event we can report that the affair was successful in every way. It was successful because a few determined people thought it was worth doing. The girls who competed to represent YOUR industry were all fine examples of American young womanhood. Any industry could be proud to be represented by any one of the three contestants. What influence the Princess, Anna Mae Donough, may have on the milk-consuming habits of other county youngsters in the coming year is,

of course, unknown. But you can be certain of one thing: her efforts will be directed along positive lines toward a single goal — promoting milk. Can you truthfully say the same for your efforts?

An American What?

"FLAG — You know, that piece of cloth with all the stars and stripes on it. That symbol of our country."

We didn't have to explain in quite that much detail, actually, when we went looking for an American flag this week, but the exaggeration is not too extreme.

Have you had occasion to try to buy a flag lately? If you ever should have, don't expect it to be a five-minute shopping stop. We canvassed store after store in an effort to locate an American flag. This fact is particularly shaking since it is supposed to be National Flag Week, highlighted by Flag Day itself.

Most products have their national "weeks." Manufacturers and distributors of these favored products plan promotional campaigns around these weeks with extensive advertising, banners and posters are usually displayed at all retail points of sale. But not so with the American flag.

After our initial shock in finding this important product in such short supply, we began to get a little mad. And we began to consider some of the implications involved.

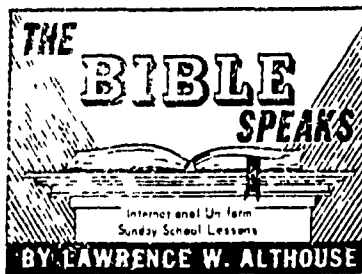
With American prestige on the run throughout the world, with American embassies and libraries being sacked, with American tourists and foreign employees threatened and spat upon, with American servicemen dying in Vietnam for a cause few Americans continue to believe in — is it not sufficient that the rest of the world should run us down without our rushing to help them do the dirty deed?

There was a time when Americans had a national pride that was the envy of the world. If we think so little of ourselves now, can we expect outsiders to do otherwise?

Super-nationalism can be a dangerous thing, but that is no reason we should hasten to the other extreme. There is an old saying to the effect that "Pride goeth before a fall." We always took that to mean that he who is too overwhelmingly proud of himself is about to step off the edge of the earth. But this week we see that old saying in another light — An individual, or a nation, that loses the ingredient of pride has nowhere to go but down.

Our flag is just a symbol, of course, but inherent in our respect for that symbol is everything that made America the greatest nation in the history of civilization. It is not necessary that we wave it launtingly before our adversaries in the bullring, but we must respect it and we must demand that others in the world do also.

But perhaps before we can rightfully demand respect from others, we must reestablish respect for ourselves as Americans. Can you think of a better way to begin than by having pride in our symbol of freedom — of democracy — of AMERICA?



Even More Committed

Lesson for June 18, 1967

Background Scripture: Acts 11:19-30
Devotional Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

The reports that came back to the little community of disciples in Jerusalem were quite encouraging — up to a point.

The persecution against the followers of Christ could not wipe out the Church; many of the disciples were able to escape from Jerusalem to Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch. Let all the congregation say "Amen!"



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Not only had many disciples escaped from Jerusalem, but they were preaching the Gospel in these far-flung places. Let all the congregation say "Amen!"

Finally, there comes a report from Antioch saying that many Greeks (Gentiles) there were hearing the Gospel and responding to it, forming a considerable community of Gentile followers of Christ in Antioch. Let all the congregation say: "WHAT'S THIS?"

Another Change!

We can imagine what was the reaction of some Jerusalem Christians: "Another change! What is the Church coming to? What will become of it if 'they' keep changing everything?"

First they had been asked to overcome their considerable feelings about Samaritans and accept these despised people into the fellowship of Christ. Next, they had been shocked to hear that a few Gentiles had even become followers. Now, however, word came to them saying that a whole Gentile community of followers had been established in Antioch and was continuing to grow. They were being asked to think, not of a Jewish Christian Church with some Gentile Christians in it, but a Church which is every bit as much Gentile as Jewish.

It is the same kind of problem faced by many Christians co-

gregations today when they are challenged to welcome and even admit as members Negroes or Puerto Ricans. Let one Negro attend your Church and apply for membership, and there may be comparatively little difficulty getting this past the governing board of your church. In fact, you may even find that some of your people will look upon him with a sense of satisfaction as "our Negro member." But, instead of one, let that number be multiplied and let the congregation be faced with the possibility of receiving a large group of Negroes as members — perhaps, in time, a majority — and then we find a different attitude.

Loss Of "Our Ways"

It wasn't that the people in Jerusalem had anything against the Gentile convert as such, you understand, but they were rightly afraid of the changes these new people would bring into the Church. The fellowship in Jerusalem didn't want anything to change. They were accustomed to a pattern of life that included all the major religious duties of the devout Jew. This involved obeying the strict food laws, going to the Temple at the hours of prayer, and attending the synagogue on the Sabbath. What would happen to their way of life if the Church took on a Gentile flavor? This is the same fearful question we ask today when the Church opens wide its doors.

They were justified in their fears of change. It wasn't long until the Jewish Sabbath was replaced with a Lord's Day observance commemorating the resurrection of Christ on the first day of the week. The food laws were largely ignored by Gentile converts. In fact, the reaction of Gentiles seemed to change the whole style of life to which they had become accustomed.

Hand Of God

Barnabas was probably no more eager for change than anyone else in Jerusalem. Yet, it must be said of him: "When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad." When he saw the hand of God in these changes, he accepted them. He was committed to a style of life, but he was even more committed to the will of God.

Are you?
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Go To Church Sunday

Now Is The Time . . .

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To Control Algae

Many farm pond owners face the problem of unwanted algae in the water. This growth is usually greater in shallow water where the sunlight can get to the bottom of the pond. One preventative measure is not to have any water in the pond less than 18 inches deep. Chemical control may be attained by treating with copper sulphate (one pound per million pounds of water) or with Diquat. Pond owners are urged to become acquainted with the proper use of these materials because there are some restrictions.

To Spray For Aphids and Scale

Many ornamental trees and shrubs are now infested with either scales or aphids. The scales are hatching into the crawler stage and may be controlled at this time with applications of malathion; early next spring a dormant spray of oil will be of great help. All aphids may be controlled by spraying with malathion two or three times at weekly applications. Both of these insects suck sap from the shrub and will weaken healthy plants over a period of years.

To Prepare Grain Bins

Small grain harvest is approaching. If the crop is to be stored on the farm the bins should be well cleaned and sprayed to kill all insects. The use of either methoxychlor or malathion at least several days before the new grain is empli-



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ed will reduce the insect problem later on. A surface treatment over the top of the bin with malathion will also help prevent infestation.

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Farm Calendar

June 19—19 & 20 Pennsylvania 4-H Club Congress at Penn State University
June 20—9:30 a.m. Lampeter-Strasburg 4-H Club, at I.S. High School
—1:30 p.m. Pennsylvania Small Grains Field Day at Field Research Farm near Landisville
June 21—9 a.m. FFA Poultry judging workshop at Weaver's Poultry, New Holland
June 22—7:30 a.m. Ephrata Adult Farmer Tour, leaves from Ephrata High School

STRAWBERRIES LOOK GOOD

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's strawberry crop is expected to total 58 million pounds, the State Crop Reporting Service has announced. Warm weather at the end of May caused a 600,000 pound crop estimate increase.

For New Bolton Center and Buck and Doe Farms
—9 a.m. FFA Land Judging workshop at Garden Spot High School
—7:30 p.m. 4-H Holstein Club at Earl Smoker farm, Stevens R1, for fitting and showing demonstrations



HOT! That's the way the weatherman sees the next five days with temperatures expected to average much above the normal range of 84 to 61 degrees. The hottest part of the period will occur over the weekend, with somewhat cooler temperatures expected by midweek. Precipitation in the form of general thunder showers in the latter half of the period should total more than 1/2 inch.