

From Where We Stand . . .

'Til They Get A Rope

Did you see who would serve on the nine-member milk advisory committee proposed by Governor Shaffer this week? There would be two consumer representatives, two milk dealers, one retailer and a milk marketing labor representative. Oh, yes two dairy farmers are to be included (just to disguise the real purpose of silencing the farm voice).

Now, of course the two consumer rep's are going to understand farmers problems and be sympathetic to their needs (big joke) And the milk dealers and the retailer will certainly take care of the farmer (another big joke).

Anyway what's so drastically wrong with the three-member Milk Control Commission we now have? Records show they have done a rather good job under the circumstances

Certainly, milk from the cow to the dinner table is a complex route. And a complete study of everything involved is necessary. But we believe the Milk Control Commission has been falsely accused in the name of the game "Political Football"

A loud vocal chorus of housewives has accused the commission of keeping farm prices low (how would they know?) and consumer milk prices higher than say Ohio prices. We understand there is a small section of Ohio where a milk price war has been continuing for a number of years. Now, however, a movement is in progress to establish milk control laws.

And consumer milk prices (home delivered) are not the highest in the nation. They are right in the middle of the listing of The Fluid Milk and Cream Report published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in September 1967.

Through the consumer oriented news media, an avalanche of propaganda has spilled forth declaring the farmers in the Pittsburgh area are under paid in comparison to the rest of the nation. But facts from the Government Report shows them to be receiving milk prices in the top third of the nation

Farmers themselves are supporting the milk control laws. A report in this issue by John W. Scott, Master of the 61,000 member Grange, says, "Sporadic and isolated attacks on Pennsylvania's milk control law are no reliable indication of the value of this program to the whole Commonwealth"

We believe the attacks on the milk control commission come largely from political and out-of-state interests that want to suppress the dairy farmer's voice to fatten their own wallets.

It is certainly obvious from the pro-

posed line-up of the new Milk Advisory Committee that farmers would have only two votes out of nine. Well, from where we stand, it looks like that should hold farmer's 'til they get a rope.

Farmers Greatest Contribution

The Lancaster County Farmers Association, Tuesday night, adopted all 14 of the recommendations made by their policy development committee. They are as follows:

1. We recommend public utilities, when condemning land for right of way, be governed by current Eminent Domain laws.
2. We recommend a small fee be charged to persons using public recreational facilities to help pay for maintenance of same.
3. We recommend the P.F.A. reaffirm its faith in the P.M.C.C.
4. We recommend that truck license not be increased, but any additional revenue for highways be raised through fuel tax increase.
5. We recommend the Department of Highways increase the width of seasonal permits, for agricultural equipment, from 166 inches to 186 inches.
6. We recommend that P.F.A. speed up Farm Business Analysis service.
7. We recommend that the state meat inspection laws be retained as to the present specifications.
8. We recommend opposing the use of federal funds for political campaigns.
9. We recommend the livestock markets participate in the National Livestock and Meat Board and the Pork Producers Council voluntary check off programs to promote meats.
10. We recommend that no sewage be allowed to drain into wells, open crevices, or sink holes.
11. We recommend that no city or borough can annex any property without the property owners consent
12. We recommend the A.F.B.F. make a study concerning why there is an import tax of 16 cents on unstemmed and a tax of 23 cents on stemmed cigar filler tobacco
13. We recommend the erection of a medial strip on "Death Curve" on the New Danville Pike
14. We recommend section 14B of the Taft Hartley law remain in its present enforcements.

We would not go so far as to say that we support every one of these proposals. But we certainly do think this function of the largest farm organization in Lancaster County is their most worthy contribution to the agriculture industry.

At least that's the way it looks from where we stand

Farm News This Week

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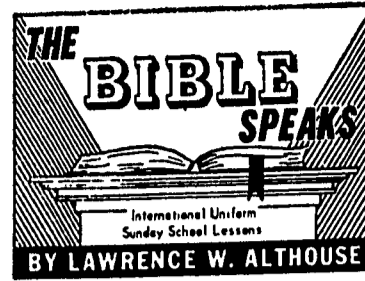
You should not say anything you dare not write and sign

Don't think of a job as a roof over your head, but as an opportunity.

Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period Saturday through next Wednesday are expected to average below normal. Day-time highs in the 50's and over night lows in the 30's. No marked day to day change is expected. Normal temperature for this time of year is high 64 and low 42.

Rain may total one-half inch as showers at the beginning of next week.



DIVINELY DISTURBED!

Lesson for October 22, 1967

Background Scripture Amos 3 through 6, Devotional Reading Psalms 82

If you've read Paul Wellman's *The Chain*, you will recall the two clergymen who are contrasted in their pastorates at St. Alban's parish. One is "Little Robbie," the pious, amiable pastor who is loved by all. There is also Father John Carlisle, his successor. Reminiscent of Christ himself, Carlisle did not hesitate to minister in the slums, to associate with sinners, and concern himself with the welfare of the



Rev. Althouse

His pastorate was a disturbing one. His sermons upset his parishioners and his acts were no less cause for disquiet. He took away their comfort at St. Alban's and gave them a conscience. Yet, this disturbing man was the parish's salvation. He was not enjoyable, but he and his divine disturbance were necessary.

Jesus The Treat

Jesus was not enjoyable either. The scribes and Pharisees found him infuriating. The priests and Sadducees saw him as a disturbing influence. The Roman authorities watched him with distrust and apprehension. The respectable people were appalled at the people with whom he associated. The clever, the rich, the powerful: all found him to be a threat.

It does not take much imagination to realize that the Prophet Amos was a disturbing man too. He made people uncomfortable, hostile, angry. His prophecies wounded their pride, tore away their self-respect. These people resented Amos and we would not very likely be any more receptive to him today, for he had the power to disturb people . . . and who wants to be disturbed?

What we want are men like "Little Robbie," antiseptically pious and inoffensively amiable. Yet it is the John Carlisle's, the Amos's whom we need. For we

need to be disturbed, divinely disturbed.

A Sick Society

There are many people today who do not see any relevance between the Gospel and social affairs, who believe injustice, integration, alcoholism, war and peace, poverty, etc., are not the proper concerns of Christians and their churches. Perhaps you will agree, but then what would you do with a prophet like Amos? His prophecies were directed not only to sick souls, but also to a sick society, a sinful social order: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream". (Amos 5:24)

Amos was deeply disturbed because the righteous were afflicted, the needy were ignored, and the authorities accepted bribes. Furthermore, the people were complacent because they were so prosperous: "Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves, upon their couches, and eat lambs from the flock . . . who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp . . . who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of the Joseph!" (Amos 6:4-6 RSV)

The "Fat Life"

What he described was the affluent society of the ancient world, a society not too different from our own in some respects. We might easily change a few words without doing violence to his prophecy: "Woe to those who are at ease in First Church (or whatever yours is called), and to those who feel secure in their suburban hide-aways, the respectable men of our communities."

Self-indulgent living, the evil that provoked the ministry of Amos, still calls for prophets today. Unless men like these can divinely disturb us, we too will face the consequences of that life. With affluence and prosperity there is always a "therefore." "Therefore they shall not be the first of those to go into exile and the revelry of those who stretch themselves will pass away." (Amos 6:7 RSV)

Such a message today may disturb us, but we need prophets to divinely disturb us, lest we too learn the hard way the consequences of the "fat life."

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Manage Dairy Herd Carefully . . .

Fall is a very important time of the season for dairy men in order to keep their cows healthy and in high milk production. Producers grazing later cuttings of alfalfa or clover are reminded of the suggestion to feed their cows some hay or silage before turning the herd on the green forage, also, remove them from the area at least four hours before the next milking period. These practices will help control bloat and protect milk quality.

To Recognize Dairy Barn Ventilation . . .

Most types of dairy barns need some additional ventilation, this is especially true of the stanchion barn. Modern barns are filled to capacity which may create greater ventilation problems. The trend in free-stall barns is to construct them with less open sides and ends. Efficient ventilation calls for a system of air movement through the building. Inlets and outlets are required to remove excess heat, moisture, and odors. Don't construct the free-stall barn too tight.

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To Be Aware of Strangers . . .

All farmers and property owners are subject to sales pressure from strangers who seem to be offering a very good bargain. We're not opposing the idea of shopping around to get the best buy; however, we'd suggest that folks be sure of the reputation of the man with whom they are dealing. Local business concerns are usually represented by local people who aim to give service and satisfaction. Strangers seldom are around when trouble or dissatisfaction exists.