

Introduces Bill to Identify Imitation Milk
 Representative Stratton (N.Y.) recently introduced a bill designed to clarify consumer confusion regarding imitation milk and real milk. The bill is designed to do three things: (1) to prevent any imitation milk or so-called "filled-milk" from being

packaged in a form to resemble genuine milk or dairy products; (2) to prevent imitation milk or "filled milk" from being displayed in any dairy products counters or shelves in stores or supermarkets; and (3) to prevent products from using the term "milk" in their name or on their packages.

Dechant Calls For Political Parties To Work For Farmers

The President of the National Farmers Union last week called for "some real competition" between the two major political parties on doing something for the American farmer.

Tony T. Dechant of Denver, Colorado, told the Republican Platform Committee: "Too many farmers feel let down by both political parties. Unfortunately both parties have carried party platforms which have been filled with platitudes saving that they are going to aid the family farmer. We hope that this year this Platform Committee will write some meaningful planks which will spell out a positive program on what this Nation should do to end the long drought in the farm economy which has brought millions of proud farm families to their knees."

Dechant said that doing something meant taking action that could be "translated into increased net income."

Dechant said farm programs should become the base on which to build. "It is ridiculous to oppose an extension of the 1965 Farm Act on the grounds that a new Administration should not have its hands tied on the farm income front... The challenge of the new Administration, following the November elections, is to use the base for coming to grips with moving agriculture up to a par with other segments of our economy. The fact is that agriculture has never shared in the general prosperity of this Nation."

The issue is not confined to rural America, Dechant asserted. "Today our leaders are trying to solve the city problems," he said. "They will not find the solution in the cities alone... Over 15 million people from the farms and from rural communi-

ties have moved into the cities since the early 1950's to compete for jobs and the inadequate facilities. Unless the rural problems are handled, millions more will stream to the cities making the solution impossible."

Dechant reminded the Republicans that it was Abraham Lincoln who had reinforced America's base of the independent farm family when during his Administration the Republicans passed the Homestead Act. And like today, during the Civil War there was great turbulence in the cities when more than 1200 were killed in riots. "At that time," Dechant said, "it was the Irish and other nationalities who did not have a stake in the system, and were rebelling against the draft and the system."

Dechant quoted another Republican, Theodore Roosevelt, who defended the Homestead Act and the 160-acre limitation for benefits under the Reclamation Law of 1902: "It is because I am against revolution; it is because I am against the doctrines of the extremists, of the Socialists; it is because I wish to see this country of ours continued as a genuine democracy; it is because I wish to secure for our children and our grandchildren and for their children's children the same freedom of opportunity, the same peace and order and justice that we have had in the past."

Dechant told the Republican Platform Committee: "Instead of pious platitudes on preserving and improving the family farm concept, we need bold, daring and positive action."

He referred to a five-page comprehensive statement which he submitted, emphasizing the need for action in seven basic areas:

(1) Farm income must be increased to 100 percent of parity.

Most Plants Need Frequent Watering

Water flowers, vegetables and ornamental plants frequently during dry summer weather, says Robert F. Stevens, extension horticulturist at the University of Delaware.

Most plants need about one inch of water a week to maintain satisfactory growth, he explains. And newly planted trees and shrubs may require as much as two inches a week.

During a normal summer, rainfall may provide up to half of the plant water requirements. But during extended dry spells, irrigation may be necessary to supply needed water.

Many lawn and garden sprinklers deliver water faster than it can be absorbed by heavier soils, says Stevens. In these cases, it's best to run the sprinkler until puddles form or until run-off begins. Then shut off the sprinkler and resume watering after the puddles have been absorbed into the soil.

In watering trees and shrubs, let the hose run slowly into a saucer shaped depression around the plant for several hours.

Most lawn sprinklers deliver water at rates ranging from one inch every two hours to one inch every ten hours, he adds. Rate of delivery information is usually provided with the sprinkler.

(2) Rural America must be protected from the invasion of corporate agriculture.

(3) Adequate credit, both short and long term, must be provided.

(4) Programs that balance production with market requirements must be improved.

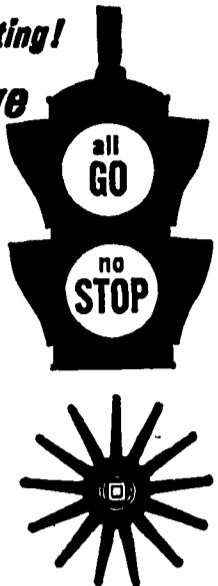
(5) Farm bargaining power must be strengthened.

(6) The farm program budget of the U.S. Department of Agriculture must be increased, and natural resources must be protected.

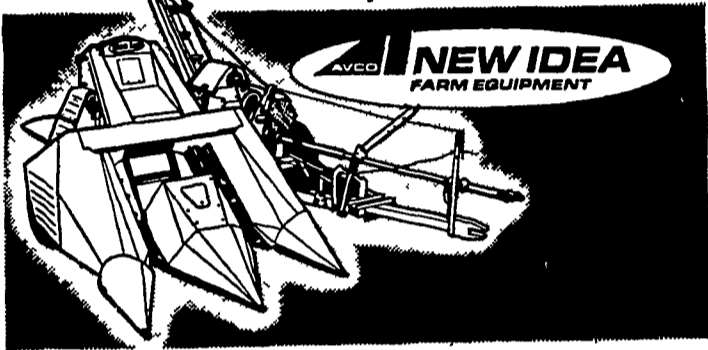
(7) Farmer-owned cooperatives must be strengthened.

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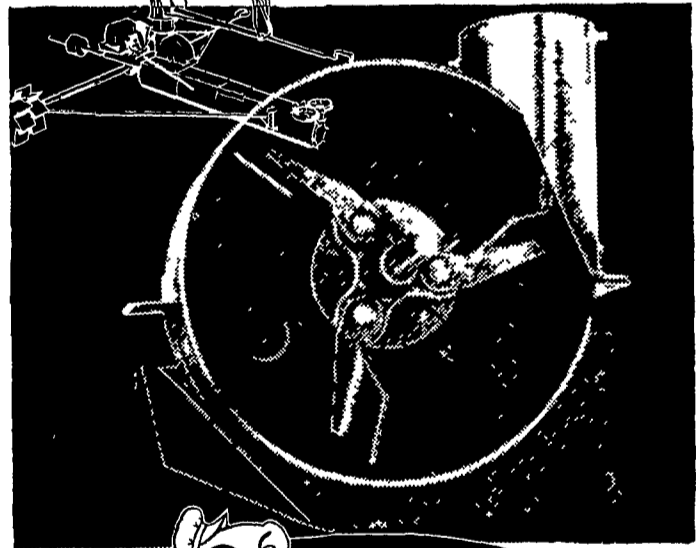
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