

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor and Friends:

Time passes rapidly here just as it does in the United States, so I guess it is time for another Australian report. The fall harvest season is just starting and the main crops to be gathered are millet, corn, cotton, soybeans and sunflowers. Many of the areas that I travel in have been very short of rainfall and will have a very short crop. Other areas are reasonably good and the areas that irrigate have excellent crops.

The railroads are government owned and they give special freight rates on livestock feeds to areas that are drought-stricken. Another thing many cattle men get is a permit to feed their cattle along the stock routes. The law requires that they move them six miles a day, but they can keep them along the road for many months if they care too. The biggest problem is finding wa-

ter for them as they travel. One man told me he had 175 head on the road for nine months in 1965 and when the drought broke they were in fine condition.

In the olden days, the Stock Routes were used a great deal to move cattle. They are still maintained as a public domain, but are rarely ever used. Another thing of interest I have noticed, when an animal dies, they pile wood on it and burn the carcass. There is no rendering works here as in the U.S. I am also quite amused at the rural mail boxes you see. Mostly they are an old bucket or milk can fastened on a post or stump.

In the rural areas, the Post Offices are frequently in a private farm house, where you would cross a cattle guard or maybe open a gate to get too. In mentioning these things, I do not wish to convey that the rural people are not intelligent and well read, but they are very practical and try hard to live within their means. I find it relatively easy to communicate with them, and most of them like to learn about farming in America.

For some of our best dairy feed customers, we are sending them a subscription to Hoards Dairymen for Christmas gifts. The dairymen close to the cities that have a fairly good milk quota, can buy some feed but those producing cream or over-quota milk, simply do not have enough income to spend money on bought feed. One advantage they do have, they get nearly as much for a cull dairy cow as they pay for a fresh one. You could buy a real good fresh cow for \$200. A reasonably good beef cow would bring \$150.

About a month ago, we had two couples from California stop to visit us. The two men were farmers, in fact one of the men had 2,000 acres in California. He said his land taxes averaged over \$10 per acre per year. We looked at equal land here. The taxes run less than \$1.00 per year. I took them to

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some of the best areas of the Darling Downs where they irrigate and they both said they had never seen "any better land."

I had a letter from a Mr Heisey of Hershey, Pa, who directed a tour to Australia recently. There were 28 in the party including 11 women from Pennsylvania and Maryland. However, they did not include Queensland in their itinerary and I did not get to see them. I felt they missed seeing much of the best and most fertile land in Australia. Mr. Heisey called by phone from southern Australia.

We have selected to build and hope to get started building our new house in about two weeks. It will take two or three months to complete. It should be ready before winter starts in June. This city has an average yearly growth rate of 1,000 people and there are many new homes being built.

Aside from a few days of 90 degrees, we had a very pleasant summer and I would say this is as near a perfect climate as one could find. Another thing I never tire of is the blue sky. I have had a fair look at Queensland, in six months, I have

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Better Save A Little Money: It May Be Worth Something, Sometime.

traveled 20,000 miles in my sales work.

The company plans to get me a new vehicle as soon as the new models come out in April. We don't do anything like they do in the States, do we!

Good bye for now to all the Lancaster County friends.

Yours Very Truly,
Amos Hively
20 Glendower Street
Toowoomba, Queensland
Australia 4350

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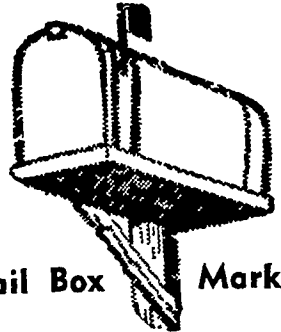
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