

## Across the Editor's Desk

The reply of "Uncle Dudley" in a recent edition of Nation's Agriculture to an irate anti-chemical reader concerned about the future of her two children is worth noting. Dudley said of the two children:

"They are likely the healthiest little girls mankind has ever seen, with the possible exception of a few girls in Sweden, Switzerland and Norway.

"They will grow up with little fear of diseases which once killed a high percentage of children.

"They will live longer than humans have ever been privileged to live (which has always been

considered a valuable thing, and I suppose it will still be so)

"They have the greatest selection of foods that any civilization has been able to offer.

"They now have the cheapest food in the history of mankind (measured in percentage of wages) which is probably the greatest factor in our high standard of living. This frees people from growing vegetables so that they can build cars, television sets, bathrooms

"In view of this, can you really condemn our scientists and our chemical industry and our country? It seems to me a pretty good place to live," he said

He continued, "I am happy that organic gardeners don't have to buy an ounce of fertilizer or insecticides. No farmer will disagree with the principles of organic farming, but the idea that he could find enough vegetation to cover fields with three inches of compost is straight out of fairyland"

While noting the benefits of having agricultural pests taken care of by their natural enemies, he said, "If all the organic gardeners in the nation saved all their crops for the city of Chicago, people would be starving in the 'windy city' within a week's time

"I truly am glad that you and your neighbors are interested in protecting our environment. We just want you to examine all the evidence critically, and try to decide what is practical and true"

### Apple Referendum Set

State apple growers will vote on whether they wish to continue an apple marketing program which they adopted three years ago

The referendum will be held May 7, with 440 producers with 500 or more trees each receiving ballots. Ballots must be returned to the department of agriculture, Harrisburg, by noon May 21

Producers will vote on whether to continue the present assessment of three cents per hundred-weight on apples sold for the fresh market and one cent on apples sold for processing for promotion of the sale and use of Pennsylvania grown apples

## How to Stop Milk Losses From Garlic

Each Spring, dairymen across the state lose business because of the wild garlic plant which proliferates in open fields. It is the largest reason milk is rejected for being off-flavor.

The loss today often is compounded because of bulk tank handling, and if garlic flavors should get into the milk as much as two day's supply can be lost

Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative says the problem can be eliminated in two ways

First, proper grazing management, and second, eliminating garlic from pastures

Management tips include: Keep cows off of pasture until grass and clover are five to six inches high. Because garlic comes up first, placing cows on pasture too soon can cause them to eat garlic because nothing else is available

Feed plenty of hay, silage and grain just before the cows go on pasture

Keep hay in the rack in the pasture at all times

Clip tall garlic from heavily infested pastures, and grazing with dry cows and heifers before turning milk cows in to feed

Keep garlic-eating cows and heifers out of the same barn as those milking. The breaths of the contaminated cows will effect milk flavor

Allow milk cows on pasture only a short time, increasing time out over a period of several weeks

Place milk cows removed from pasture in a two or three acre lot or well ventilated barn

Feed milk cows a little dry feed, with plenty of water available.

The only good alternative is to develop a long-range spraying program to eliminate garlic from fields entirely

If there is any suspicion that there is garlic flavor in milk, it should be inspected carefully. Even a very light flavor can cause the milk to be rejected.

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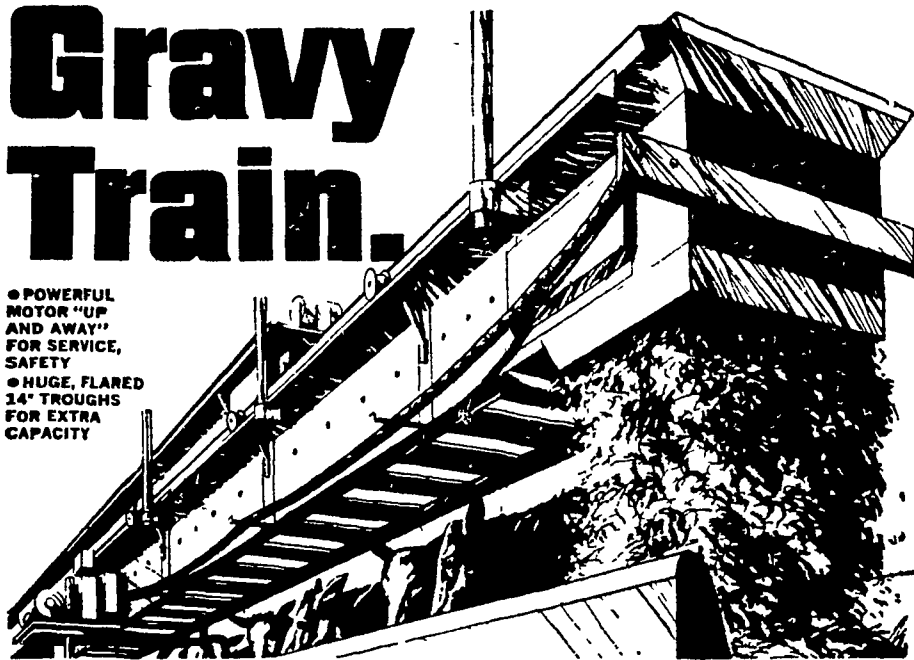
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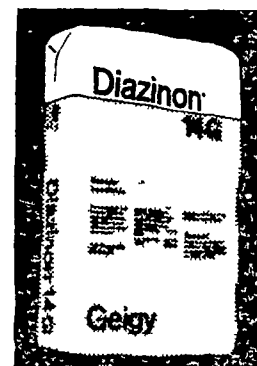
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