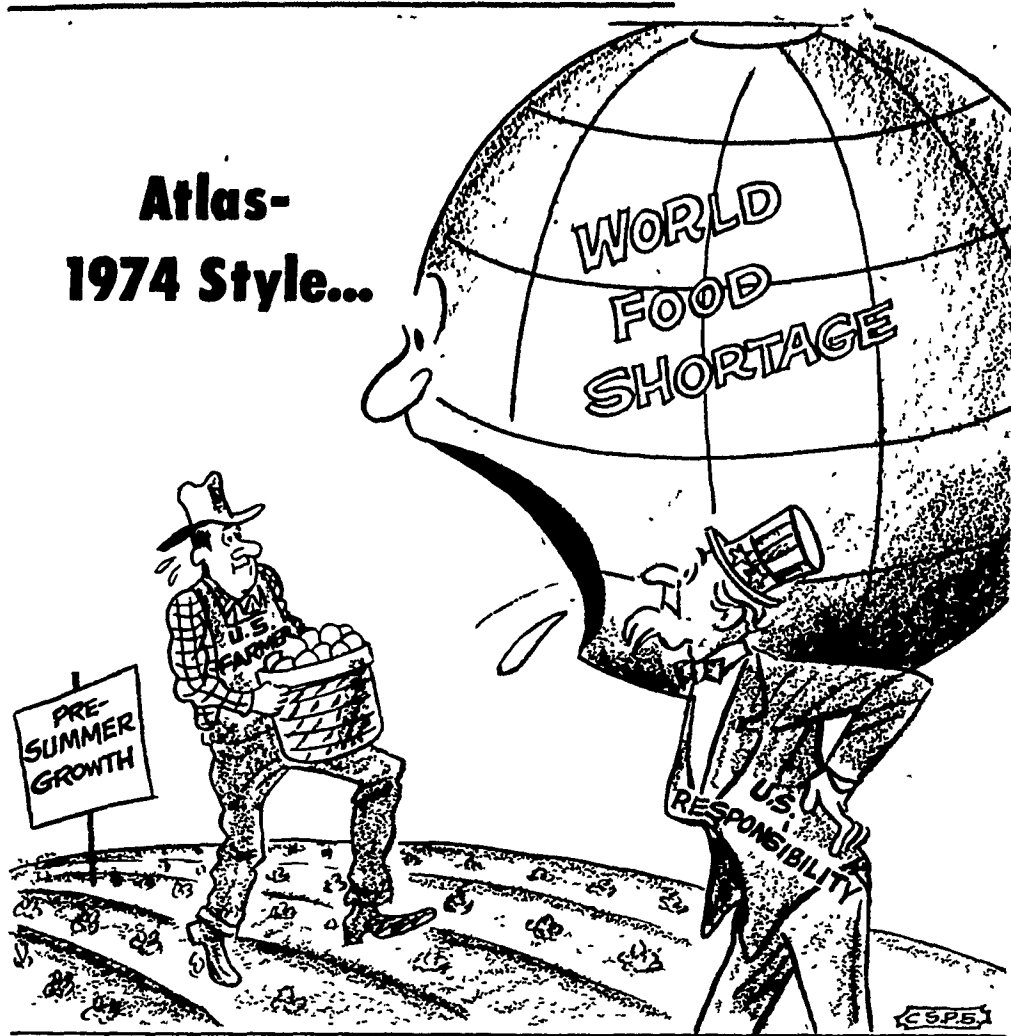


Atlas- 1974 Style...



Letters to the Editor

Editor: This seems to be an appropriate time to let the dairymen know that it has been an enjoyable experience to serve them this past year.

My job will shortly come to an end, and I would like to share some of the feelings that have developed over the past year.

As my reign began last June, it was scary. To have to get up in front of large groups to speak was not one of my favorite pastimes; but as time progressed, my feelings changed.

The role of the Dairy Princess is often taken too

lightly. Surely, it is a moment of glory to be crowned, but it should be much more than this. Last fall at our state training seminar the importance of the job dawned on me. A Dairy Princess is a spokesman for the dairy farmer and industry, and that alone makes the job a great responsibility.

Her first goal should be to promote milk and dairy products to the non-dairy public. There are a variety of ways this can be done, and the opportunities are available, all you have to do is ask. People are ready for new ideas if they know they are available.

Secondly, a dairy Princess should encourage dairymen—let them know someone is still rooting for them, and give them support. She must urge him to promote his product, and what better time to do it than the month of June. So get started and Join Us Now Everyone; put in a good word for a great product!

The past year has been busy, but in many ways rewarding. Let me say it has been a pleasure to serve as the Lancaster County Dairy Princess.

Raelene Harbold
Lancaster County
Dairy Princess

"Grassroots Opinion"

"The energy crisis," comments the National Association of Manufacturers, "has begun to add real meaning to an old word in our vocabulary which, even though it may be understood, has not been experienced by a majority of Americans. The word is sacrifice. We have demanded and gotten immediacy both in our work and play. If we don't have the cash, we demand instant credit. If we can't get the color or style of a particular item in one place, we move on to another to shop. Now let's include the word sacrifice in our public and private vocabularies for 1974. Rather than insisting on instant solutions by putting future generations in hock even more than we have been, let's slow down a bit and be prepared to sacrifice here and there. Urge the legislators too, to establish priorities on projects requiring your tax dollars, and eliminate those which can be effectively accomplished by private initiative."

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"No worker," notes an Iowa Public Service Company publication, "by sheer muscle power, can produce in a day the energy represented by one kilowatt-hour of electricity."

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As the U.S. moves closer to adoption of a metric system of measurement, the National Association of Manufacturers com-

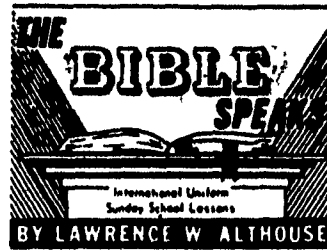
ments: "Each sector of the American economy should select the most efficient cost, benefit approach in changing over to the metric system in cooperation with the National Metric Conversion Board. While there have been astronomical estimates on the conversion costs, no one really knows just how much it will be. However, there will be little incentive to look for thoughtful low-cost solutions if subsidies are made available by the federal government. We should rely on the ingenuity of the American people to find ways of circumventing the costs of conversion, and target dates for conversion should not include the time taken to devise the best possible program."

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"I hope the day will soon come when we will learn that there is no oil in Washington, D.C., and that if the petroleum supplies we need are going to be produced, they will be produced by free enterprise, not by government decree" -- U.S. Senator William E. Brock

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Blue Cross of Oregon reports in its publication Health News Digest: "An American industry spent an estimated \$3.1 billion on equipment for employee safety and health in 1973, a 26 percent jump over 1972."



BEYOND WORDS

Lesson for June 2, 1974

Background Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1.
Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-25.

Recently I was in a seminar where Keith Miller, author of a number of books on Christian life and witness, asked the group to think of someone, apart from their family, who had first helped them experience Christian love. None of the people named by the group had said anything about love, although all of them had demonstrated it by what they did with acts of kindness, compassion, helpfulness, and understanding.

Miller then indicated that if he had asked the group to tell him the meaning of Christian love, they probably would have responded with definitions and doctrinal statements that, for all their correctness, would not have communicated much about the real power of Christian love. For the most part, he demonstrated, love is something you do, something that goes far beyond words. But also in power.

This is always true of the gospel. We can attempt to define it and describe it with words — often eloquent words — but it is best demonstrated by action. Jesus had a brilliant message, but his message would have been unheeded had it not been that his own life validated that message. He not only had a message, Jesus was the message. There was nothing that he asked of men that he did not demonstrate in his own life.

The Apostle Paul also knew that the power of the gospel was in the action that went beyond words alone. In his first epistle to the church at Thessalonica, Paul reminded his readers that they had been won, not just by his words alone, but by the power of the gospel he lived in their presence. Remembering his stay with them, he said: "... for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power ..." (1:5). The proof of their preaching was in their own lives: "You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake" (1:5b).

We need not say anything

As Paul and his co-workers had brought the gospel to Thessalonica by a power that went beyond words, so the people of that city received it in the same way. Although persecuted, the new followers of Christ in Thessalonica were seen to possess a strange and compelling joy. Despite hardship, they showed what it meant to serve Christ and followers of the Lord were inspired by their example. As Paul reminds them, "... you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia (1:7).

Best of all, their example was so compelling that Paul found that it was more successful than his preaching: "... but your faith in God has gone everywhere, so that we need not say anything" (1:8).

NOW IS THE TIME...

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To Topdress Alfalfa Stand

Alfalfa plants are heavy users of both phosphorus and potash. Many successful growers will add additional fertilizer one or two times each year. Immediately after the removal of the first cutting is a good time to make one of these applications. On established stands it is still doubtful if the investment in any nitrogen fertilizer will be a good practice; healthy plants should get their own nitrogen from the root nodules. The alfalfa crop is very valuable and future cuttings depend upon liberal feeding and good management.

To Avoid Farm Machinery Hitch-Hikers

Most pieces of farm machinery including tractors were designed for one or less passengers. Too many times we notice several people riding a tractor or some other kind of farm machinery. Children like to ride on tractors but it should not be allowed. Each year in this country hundreds of youngsters are injured or killed because Dad could not refuse them a ride. Also, the tractor is not a place to babysit; with unexpected emergencies the child could be in real danger. Machinery safety should be stressed to all employees at all times.

To Be Alert For Insects In No-Till Corn

Growers using this method of corn production have both weed control effort and insect control problems to encounter. Herbicide sprays at the proper time should keep vegetative growth to a minimum. However, the insects are unknown until they appear and the amount of organic matter on top of the ground provides excellent protection. At this time we have reports of both stalk borer and armyworms feeding upon no-till corn. Stalk Borers are difficult to eliminate with any present insecticides. Armyworms can be controlled by Sevin, Dyloz, or Malathion. Growers are urged to check their fields several times each week at this time of the growing season. Alertness might save the corn crop.

To Provide Shade and Water

Hot weather will get to farm animals the same as human beings. This is especially true if the humidity is also high at the same time. Plenty of fresh water at all times is very important during extremely hot weather; along with protection from the hot sun and some air movement, these items should give maximum comfort. Fattening animals confined to buildings during the hot weather may need some special attention to avoid losses. Fans plus cross-ventilation will help keep them from suffering too much. Animal comfort adds to the efficiency of most farm animals.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, June 1
June Dairy Month Begins
Wednesday, June 5
Eastern Milk Producers
Cooperative Assoc., Inc.

annual meeting, Hotel
Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.
June 5 and 6 — University of
Md. College Days For
Women.

IT'S THE CUSTOM

Many Americans traveling abroad are unnecessarily fearful about getting through customs. It's neither difficult nor dangerous if you follow these suggestions from the Holiday Inn travel writers:

1. Your purchases can be exempt from duty if you dutifully fill out the customs form if they are for your personal or household use, if your trip was not made just to buy them and if you didn't order them in advance.

2. You're allowed to bring in

That is the best possible kind of witness and evangelism. Anyone and everyone can do that kind of witnessing for Jesus Christ — demonstrating the gospel with a power that goes beyond words.

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duty free items worth \$100 including 100 cigars (not Havanas) and one quart of spirits. Certain art objects and antiques over 100 years old are exempt from this and may come in for free whatever their cost.

3. To avoid overloading your luggage while you travel, send gifts back marked "Gift — under \$10." You may send as many as you like, but at present, you can send no more than one a day per person.

4. If you have any questions about whether you can take a



particular item home, consult the U.S. consul, or pursue the matter with the purser on your plane.

Hopefully, these hints will keep you from holding up those border lines and help you become accustomed to customs!