

# EDITORIAL COMMENTS

BY DIETER KRIEG, EDITOR

## Now they've done it all

So-called government scientists have done it all now. Would you believe they're finding fault with Mother's milk? According to those test tube maniacs the milk of a human Mother contains 20 dangerous substances.

What will they think of next?

Several things are disturbing about this totally ridiculous and yet frightening news. First of all, we, as taxed citizens are paying these blasphemous "scientists" to conduct such research. Secondly, this revelation of the government's work clearly indicates that some forces are indeed at work which are designed to ultimately control a person's nourishment.

The only enlightening note in this latest example of federal folly is that this should illustrate once and for all that government studies are often completely worthless. They're not

worth paying attention to. And yet, we can't afford to ignore them, lest we be ensnared by some maniac's idea of what's good for us.

It's a fact that the government is moving ahead with plans to influence the American diet, and while some beneficial effects may result from that, the additional meddling isn't likely to cause more good than it is harm.

With reports such as Mother's milk being harmful, what else can we expect? It's not too difficult to envision then a report which declares everything as unsafe unless it comes out of a test tube. We know that's untrue and impossible, but I'm not so sure about the idiots working in an environment which is obviously lacking sunshine, fresh air, good cooking, exercise, and lots of good old-fashioned dirt.

Dim-witted researchers are a hazard to our future.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### \$1000 fine questioned

Editor, Lancaster Farming:

Those who are promoting this National Beef Checkoff say that the \$1,000 fine for not paying refers only to packers. That is not true. The law is very clear on this matter. The Beef Research and Information Act states in Section 14B that "any person" who fails to remit or collect the assessment is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

The promoters of this will be collecting some \$40

million to do their promoting and advertising of beef. That is \$40 million each year. In ten years they will have collected nearly a half-billion dollars! This is going to a big money outfit - and the money will be going out of the pockets of farmers and ranchers and mostly into the hands of advertising agencies.

Also, what good is it to do for us to advertise beef if the price isn't any good? I'm not interested in selling more

and more beef at prices we're getting today. But this beef checkoff won't do anything to help cattle prices. It will just be another tax on me, and I pay all the taxes I care to now.

I hope all cattlemen in this area will be sure to register for the upcoming referendum on this checkoff. If you don't register, you can't vote.

Yours truly,  
Forney Longenecker  
Lititz, Pa.

### Miners don't advertise Cadillacs

Editor, Lancaster Farming:

I was greatly shocked at the number of articles in the May 28th issue promoting the Beef Checkoff Referendum. This is hardly unbiased journalism. You would have done your readers a service by interviewing your local farmers and getting their views. Now for my opinion as a part-time farmer who buys 20 dairy calves for raising beef.

I am definitely against the Beef Referendum which is direct invasion of the

independent operation of any farm marketing system. Any farmer who votes for this referendum needs a psychiatrist. Let the fast-food boys (who already have the programs setup and spend millions) do the advertising which will then be fair since they would be promoting domestic beef and imported junk beef so tough you can't eat it unless it's ground. Not only that we see articles every day about foreign animal health problems yet this beef is continuously allowed to "invade" this country. With

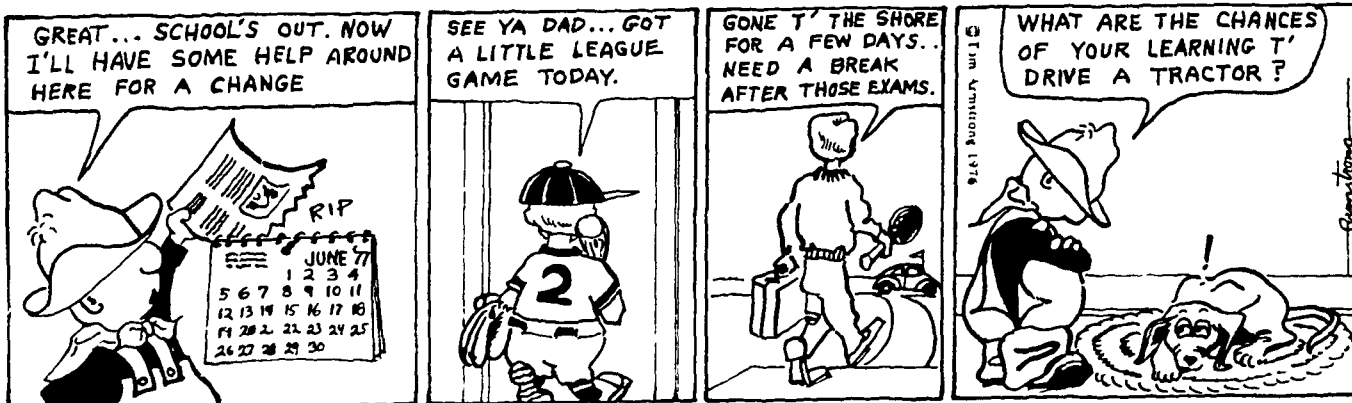
less than 1/4 the meat inspection processes we face here, asking the beef feeder-supplier and the dairy farmer to vote in favor of this checkoff is like asking the Minnesota iron miner to give \$.05 per hour out of his pay to advertise Cadillacs.

Have you ever stopped to consider the bureaucracy this would develop?

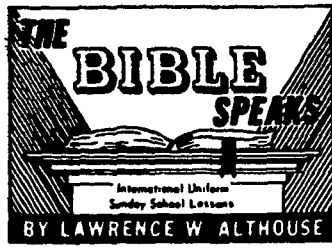
1. First the Federal Government would appoint 12 political hacks to \$25,000 per year jobs.
2. New York's Madison

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### RURAL ROUTE



By Tom Armstrong



### WHEN WE TURN ASIDE

Lesson for June 12, 1977

Background Scriptures:

Exodus 3 through 4

Devotional Reading:

Psalms 105: 1-3, 26-39

Moses was "washed-up." Brought up in royal circles as an Egyptian nobleman, his future seemed assured. He had everything a youngman could desire: wealth, education, and the right connections. But then, one day, in a flash of outraged anger, he murdered an Egyptian overseer who was beating a Hebrew slave. That changed everything. Although he had thought that there were no witnesses to his crime, he soon realized that he was a hunted man.

Moses fled into the barren desert wastes where he settled down into the simple life of a Midianite shepherd, a life he followed into his late years. Thus, when the story of Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage begins, Moses is a "washed-up has-been" whose youthful prospects have been allowed to wither in the desert.

"I will turn aside and see"

Yet, at this age when other men could only look back on careers long over, something happened in Moses' life so that he would ever after be known principally for what he did after his eightieth year! And it happened because, summoned by an encounter with God, Moses said: "I will turn aside and see this great sight" (Exodus 3:3).

A bush burned on the desert floor and yet it did not seem to be consumed. Moses could have shrugged it off as an illusion - one of those frequent tricks played by the rare desert air and sun. Like many of us, he might have reasoned that some evil spirit was behind it and thus given it a wide berth. Or, he may have been so intent on moving his flock to another desert strand of shrubgrass that he refused to take the time to investigate this strange sight.

Instead, this octegenarian failure decided to see for himself what was, the meaning of this strange experience. In doing so, he changed the whole course of his life. By taking the time and interest to "turn aside and see," Moses encountered God. These few steps off the beaten path of his existence make all the difference and the writer of Exodus tells us, "When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to



## NOW IS THE TIME...

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### TO REGISTER FOR BEEF REFERENDUM

I'm aware of the sides being taken on the current beef referendum; also, I'm not in the position to suggest how any producer should vote on this issue. However, I would like to suggest that local beef and dairy producers register at the local ASC office within the next week (by June 17) and then return to vote between July 5 and July 15. Information is available on the details of this program, if any producer needs more information. If we can have a large percentage of the beef and dairy producers in this country register and vote in this referendum, then it will reflect the thinking and opinions of a large number of people. If only a small percentage register and vote, then the decision is being made by a small number of producers. Here again, we urge that producers become familiar with the details of the program, then vote your decision.

### TO CONTROL FLIES

The wet weather of the past week will increase the fly population on many farms. Until that time conditions were so dry the fly breeding program was a bit slow. However, the place to start is to practice good sanitation in and about all buildings. Remove manure and other filth and reduce the number of breeding places. We are informed of a new product named Rabon Oral Larvicide that can be safely fed to livestock and the material will kill the fly larvae in the manure. I am not sure of the availability of this new material but our source of information at Penn State states that it has clearance with food and regulation officials. Manure packs or piles can be sprayed or sprinkled with materials such as Dimethoate and Rabon for fly maggot control.

### TO BEWARE OF WOOD TICKS

Families interested in picnics, nature hikes, or time spent in the woods or playground should be on the alert for wood ticks on their own bodies. These small brown ticks are found in many local areas and will attach themselves to the

him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' (3:4).

"I have come down to deliver"

God tells Moses that he has "seen the affliction" of Israel, "heard their cry," and knows of their sufferings. This is a state of affairs that has been going on for some years. The people of Israel have lifted up numerous prayers and it must surely have seemed that their God either did not hear them or would not answer them. But God has heard and seen and it is his will that their affliction should be lifted. But until someone like Moses would "turn aside and see," God's purpose could not be fulfilled.

human body and suck blood they can often be found near the hairline on the head and back of the ears. They have often been blamed for carrying Rocky Mountain Fever; therefore, they should be eradicated as much as possible. Picnic areas and playgrounds may be sprayed in advance of use with materials such as Diazinon or Sevin. Pets can be treated with Sevin dust.

### TO BEWARE OF LIVESTOCK POISONS

All livestock producers are cautioned about the many sources of poisoning that can kill their animals. Many of the every-day pesticides should not be kept near any type of livestock. Empty containers are very dangerous and should be discarded under very strict supervision. During the summer months wind storms may blow down limbs or trees of the wild cherry species; these wilting or wilted leaves are poisonous to most kinds of livestock. Therefore, if wild cherry trees are in or near pastures the owner should make a prompt inspection after a storm and remove the limbs or fallen trees; better yet, suggest that the wild cherry trees be cut down and removed from the pasture area.

## Farm Calendar

Today, June 11  
York County Pork Producers annual barbecue  
Elicker's Grove, 4 to 6 p.m.

Monday, June 13  
York County 4-H Archer tryouts, 4:30 p.m. at the Truman Smith Archer Shop.

Tuesday, June 14  
Cedar Crest Young Farmers' annual banquet, 7 p.m. at Schaefferstown Public Hall.

Board of Directors meeting of the Lancaster Farm and Home Foundation, 8 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Farm Home Center.

Wednesday, June 15  
Cumberland County dairy princess contest.

Agricultural meeting of Berks County to discuss beef referendum, wheat, barley, corn, sorghum, and tobacco crop acreage reports, farm storage facilities, dryer loan programs and commodity loans 8 p.m. at the Ag Center west of Reading.

Orchard equipment demonstration at Penn Brothers Fruit Farm, Aspers R1, 4 p.m. dark.

Five-County 4-H Camp Hidden Valley, continuing through June 18

Pond weed management meeting sponsored by York County Extension Service, 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center west of Reading.

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