

COMMENTS FROM READERS

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is everybody's business", an article "Dairyman's lack of concern blamed in part for surplus milk dilemma", and finally an ad on page 88 by Agri-King presenting congratulations and awards for high milk production are conflicting and difficult to understand!

First off we have proven we can over-produce ourselves in to the poor house with what land we have! Preserve ag land? What for? Use it for jobs, since all the do-gooders and keepers of the world will see that cheap food prevails and the farmer loses on all ends!

We pay dues to co-ops and if not a co-op member we pay dues to Federal Order 4 in our area. We advertise and still are stuck with overproduction of milk! Come on now, someone is not doing their job or jobs, and someone is taking it in the pocket, and I mean a big hole in the pocket!

Save Land, Overproduction is the farmers fault, and then present awards for high milk production all in the same issue!

Perhaps I am stupid, for I do not see anyone really concerned enough to demand an opening of exports with the farmer benefiting, nor do I hear of anyone fired from the job of a co-op worker for a job very poorly done in the promotion of dairy products!

I'm sure someone of your subscribers has an answer, usually everyone has an answer to the farmers problems, from saving land to overproduction, which all boils down to the farmer! Wouldn't it be great if we could strike for 365 days and be paid for it?

I am a distraught farm wife, and farmer!

Sincerely,
Joan C. Byerly
Warwick, Md.

Grassland travelers

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find out, vo-ag instructors Bob Woods and Cliff Day asked their students to summarize highlights of each day.

Maxine Messner continued with her essay as follows:

"I was fortunate enough to participate in the milk quality and dairy foods contest. There were 93 members in my contest, which was held at the downtown Holiday Inn. I found the contest both exciting and a challenge.

"Pennsylvania's team consisted of Ron Good and Barry Herman, both from Ephrata, and myself. Ron received a silver medal; Barry and I each a bronze medal for individual competition. Our team earned a silver plaque. Mr. Donald Chittin from Philadelphia was the team's coach.

"At Kansas City I had the pleasure to see a championship rodeo held in the Kemper Livestock Arena. There was plenty of fun and excitement. To entertain us, country music star Crystal Gayle highlighted the rodeo with her beauty and talent."

Maxine's twin sister, Eileen, was impressed with the American Royal, which she describes as "a very complete livestock exhibition with beef, swine, sheep and horses." In addition, the New Holland

student noted listening to "four well-written speeches" which were a part of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest.

Craig Sheaffer summarized a day's activities prior to the group's arrival in Kansas City. The highlight of that day, writes Sheaffer, was a trip to Lincoln's New Salem State Park. "Here, in this 19th Century village of log houses, barns, cabins and other miscellaneous buildings, is where President Lincoln spent a good part of his early life," Sheaffer reported.

Another highlight, according to Sheaffer, was crossing the Mississippi River, and inspecting a grain-laden barge at Hannibal, a town which is almost synonymous with Mark Twain. Naturally, there's a museum there which bears his name, and the Grassland FFA Chapter took the opportunity to visit.

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Heinz

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\$2.3 billion, and that was thought of as a give-away, said Heinz. The final costs are expected to be around \$6.5 billion, he revealed.

In concluding remarks, the senator assured the dairymen that Congress is not about to attack cooperatives. Despite some criticisms which have been leveled against them as a result of "a few bad apples," Congress appreciates what the cooperative way of business is doing for American agriculture and the consumer, Heinz said.

"We drove then to the Linton Charolais Ranch," Sheaffer continued, "and after a tour of the LCR, we got back on the road towards John Campbell's farm at Cowgill, Mo."

John Campbell is a former Garden Spot FFA'er, and a 1964 Keystone Farmer who presently farms 800 acres of soybeans, milo and corn

He's one of several farmers from the Garden Spot to migrate westward. Another former Lancaster Countian who hosted the group is Isaac Hoover. Coming to Missouri from Bowmanville, Hoover now operates a dairy farm near Versailles.

Other highlights of the trip (other than convention activities themselves) were

a visit to the Air Force Museum near Dayton, Ohio; the Truman Library, the Kansas City Royals-Chiefs stadium, the Indianapolis Speedway, the Agriculture Hall of Fame, the Kansas City Municipal Building, the Hereford Association headquarters, and the famous Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

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