

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:
Joyce Bupp's article on workmen's compensation in the June 21st issue of Lancaster Farming certainly hits the nail on the head and all I can say is Amen and Amen.
P-L-E-A-S-E keep writing more articles on this subject. We dairy farmers have

enough aggravation to contend with without any unnecessary aggravation. May I take this opportunity to tell you how very much I enjoy your articles each week.
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Dear Editor:
Your editorial comments about independent dairymen needing a single united voice is very interesting. Do you realize that cooperatives are made up of independent dairymen who see strength in unity?
Cooperatives are not entities apart from the members. Some dairymen combine their voices only for legislation, bargaining, market orders and other common problems; these are called bargaining cooperatives. Other dairymen provide capital money to acquire plants to process and manufacture their milk for a greater assurance of market. Independent dairymen have made a choice to accept the risk of going it alone

in exchange for a few cents' higher price. Then when calamity strikes, there is a public outcry of sympathy for the poor lone dairymen with no voice.
People came to this land to be independent but soon found they needed to join together to protect this independence - the result we call our United States.
There are responsibilities that go along with trying to protect markets. Who do you think provides the legal and technical service to call market order hearings, provide and present testimony, file briefs, and inform producers? Who provides plants to manufacture week-end milk, holiday milk, and school vacation milk? Many handlers buy milk direct

from producers and also from cooperatives.
When a handler does not need all the milk produced, who do you think gets backed out of the plant - the independent producer or the co-op? Who bears the expense of their balancing? I think you will find the answers to be almost exclusively the cooperatives.

a cooperative fund or opt out.
A cooperative does not buy its member's milk, but markets it, pays the expenses, including those outlined above, and returns the balance as payment. If a store account goes bad, it becomes an expense which is shared by all members in the co-op.

Where were the independent dairymen during the development of the proposed security fund? If it had been left up to them, they would probably be providing their own security fund, which is essentially no security at all.

I believe most cooperatives, insofar as possible, are balancing out each month's income and expense, which sometimes yields a price less than the administrator's price for that month. If any expenses are allowed to accumulate to the end of the year or longer, they assume the unpleasant term of assessment. To build a security fund with members' money against the failure of the cooperative to balance out the milk returns would be a duplication of expense to the members. Thus the option for cooperatives.

The cooperatives provided the personnel, the time and expense, to help develop a security fund that will give some protection to the independent dairymen, as well as to the cooperatives who market their members' milk to handlers. The cooperatives who process their members' milk and sell to stores may participate in

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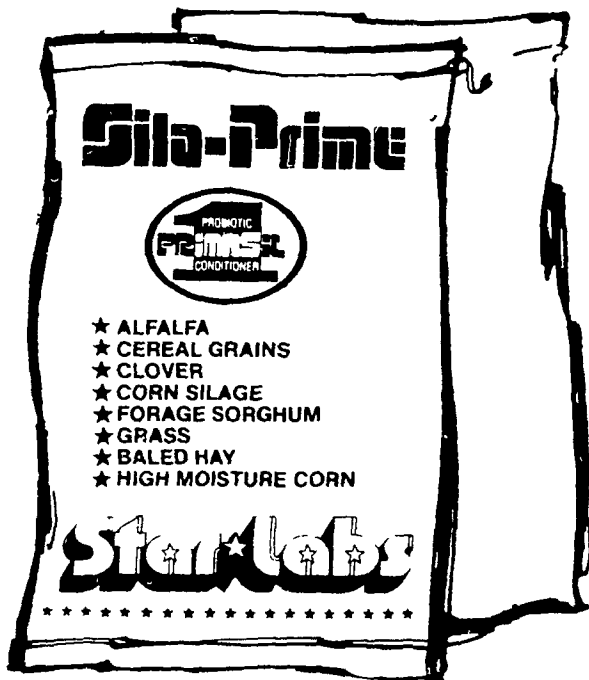
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Tewksbury's Eastern job still up in the air

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — According to Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, no official action was taken at the June 24 meeting of the Co-op with regards to Arden Tewksbury's continued employment.

Tewksbury retired from his duties as Co-op president at the June 4 annual meeting of Eastern. According to Co-op rules he was allowed to serve only nine years on the Board, and he had completed a full term.

Tewksbury then was reported to have been hired by Co-op General Manager Howard McDonald, at an annual salary of \$30,000.

Tewksbury's title was to be Assistant to the General Manager.

An Eastern Co-op spokesman said there was discussion on the appointment but no motions were delivered to the meeting and nothing was made firm.

He said that included no action on firming

Tewksbury's proposed position as Assistant to the General Manager nor on any move to prevent him from holding such a post.

He did say there had been discussion of the matter. Reports that Tewksbury would have to give up the annual salary and be retained on a per diem basis by the Co-op were not accurate, Eastern said.

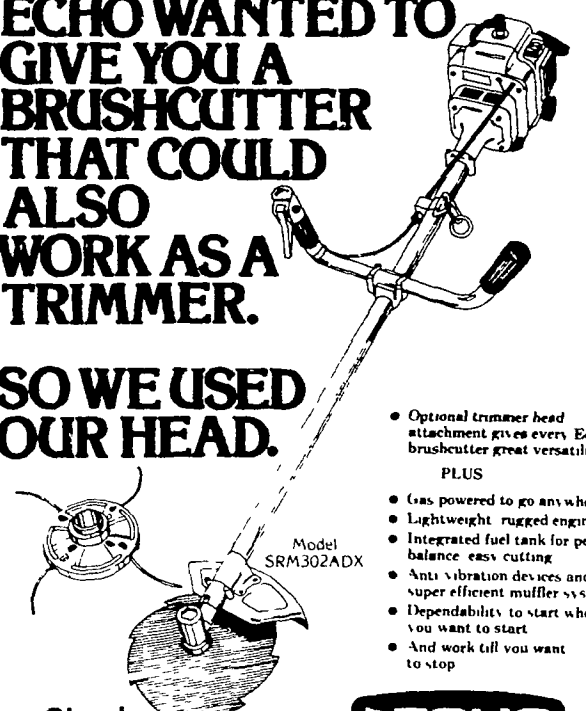
With Howard McDonald on vacation, no official action was possible, Eastern said.

The Eastern spokesman also said nothing else of interest happened at the Board of Directors meeting.



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