

# Letters To The Editor

**Dear editor:**  
Petroleum, on which our country heavily depends, is a diminishing resource and in light of increasingly expensive and unstable oil supplies, any analysis of our country's resources for self-sufficiency has to include alcohol derived from corn. Our freedom depends on our mobility. Crops cannot be planted or harvested without fuel. A shortage at the wrong time would be disastrous.

As events in the Middle East unfold it becomes more and more apparent how easily and swiftly our oil supplies could be threatened, with our government being powerless to defend them. A 5% shortage is enough to create a serious shortage as in 1973 and 1975. A 25% shortage, which is equivalent to Middle East imports, would be disastrous to the farming community. Agriculture is the backbone of the nation and must be kept strong. This is why we can no longer depend on unstable oil prices and supplies both foreign and domestic.

There are several liquid fuel alternatives; oil shale, heavy tar sand, coal gasification and alcohol. With the exception of alcohol, the other alternatives will be very expensive, controlled by big

business and be at least 7 to 10 years before they will be practical if at all. Quoting the United States Department of Energy, "Alcohol is the only alternative energy source which will have a significant impact on energy independence in the next decade."

Economically and strategically it makes sense to have an energy source which is manufactured from local feedstocks and shipped back to local farmers, thereby keeping the dollars circulating locally and strengthening the community instead of frittering them away overseas to the advantage of big business, both foreign and domestic. Such a plan would be especially feasible if the farmers would have some control over their energy source.

It is imperative people realize what a serious condition we are really in. It is difficult to imagine what would happen if indeed Middle East oil would be completely shut off as could easily happen. On top of this, the Russian oil wells (two years ago Russian was the world's top producer of oil) have peaked in the past year and a half and they will be very soon on the world market for oil, obtaining it through Soviet subsidized

money or by force. In any case, it is imperative we get started immediately on a national alcohol project, not just talking about it.

**James D. Kessler**  
Vice President  
Penn Agrihol Coop.

**Dear editor:**

We're glad you had 'tongue in cheek' when you wrote the milk check-off editorial in Saturday's issue of Lancaster Farming. Our contention for a long time has been — it's under-promotion, not over-promotion.

Another topic for an editorial could be — Producer are you a good consumer?

Give it to 'em, Curt!  
**Mr. & Mrs. R. Armacost, Jr.**  
Upperco, Md.

## Lancaster Holsteins

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cluded next for March, 1981.

In a report from the state office, Mike Weimer announced the goal for Lancaster County membership is 678, and encouraged breeders to work in the current membership campaign to reach that goal. He pointed out that foreign and domestic interest still runs high in cattle from Pennsylvania with a special interest in young bulls from this state.

President Nathan Stoltzfus presented a \$25 savings bond to Mark Frey, Ronks R1, as winner of the country Future Farmers of America dairy judging contest. Frey is a

member of the Pequea Valley FFA Chapter.

Lancaster County Dairy Princess Connie Balmer told the dairymen about her activities, including serving as a host on the recent Farm-City week tour which brought 650 people to her family's Guernsey farm near Lititz. She also presented a brief program on "Milk - The American Way", featuring patriotic music as a background.

She spoke out firmly in support of advertising programs saying that it is necessary to "get consumers to drink milk instead of cola."

She said the dairy industry makes a unique contribution

to the health and welfare of this country through its many products.

She added, "One of the ways to keep the country strong is to keep its citizens strong."

She said this can be done with a balanced diet including the recommended allowances of milk.

Entertainment was provided by Merv Sands local entertainer who now works and lives in New York City.

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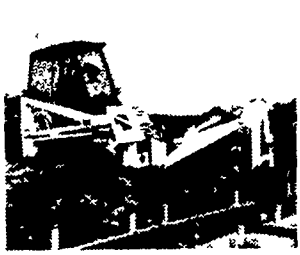
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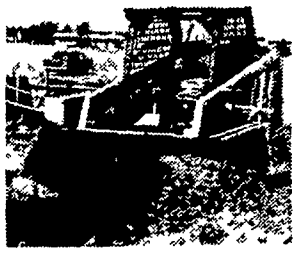
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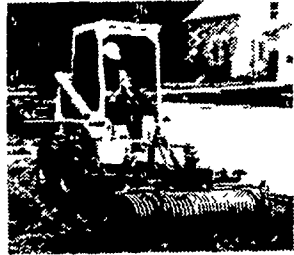
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