

# The Milk Check

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Now that the elections and the 45 day "comment" period are over, nothing seems to have changed much as far as finding a national dairy program that would provide a lasting solution to the problem of high price support costs.

A lot of farm organizations and co-ops encouraged letter writing campaigns showing producer opposition to the 50 cent assessment scheduled to start December 1 but little was suggested to replace it except the same variety of proposals made by all the same organizations before the present program was passed. It wasn't hard to figure out why producers were against the assessment but no one came up with workable alternatives to take its place.

At least there was no consensus in the dairy industry of what was wanted that everyone could fight for. It's alright to be "against" an idea but nothing gets accomplished unless we're "for" something.

Maybe the flood of letters or one of the law suits filed against it will delay or even stop the assessment but either way we won't be any nearer a lasting solution than we are now. The answer isn't simple and the solution won't be easy but unless we can agree on a program I'm afraid that someone else may do it for us.

We might continue our delaying tactics long enough to allow other organizations such as the Community Nutrition Institute or the National Association for Milk Association for Milk Marketing Reform to seize the opportunity not only to eliminate the price support program but to dismantle the Federal Milk Marketing Orders.

### Half a Loaf

Even pressing for some of the things that the administration suggested six months ago would be helpful. None of them alone could be called a solution but together they could be significant and half a loaf is better than none.

Things like selling dairy products to Russia or other foreign countries who will pay; using American dairy products in our military posts in foreign countries; impose countervailing duties on imports subsidized by other countries; change the composition of milk to sell more powder and most importantly, restrict casein imports for use in imitation dairy products while putting more producer dollars in promoting the real thing can still be helpful and are possible if we put as much effort into them as we did in opposing the 50 cent assessment.

## Public Sales

A public auction of real estate and antiques was held Nov. 18 by Emma M. Myers, 61 Poplar Street, Intercourse, Lancaster Co.

The real estate consisted of an 11-year-old 3 bedroom brick rancher with a 2-car garage which was sold for \$60,500.

Other prices included: oval glass china closet \$1,000, blanket chest \$390, Coppertone side-by-side refrigerator \$360, riding mower \$200, automatic washer & dryer \$185 each, shelf clock \$110, tramp art mirror \$80, post card album \$80 and rag rug runners \$42.50 each.

Auctioneers were Ira Stoltzfus & son and Jay M. Leary.

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A large two-day public sale of real estate and household goods was held Nov. 19 and 20 for the John E. Landis Estate, 691 Hartman

Station Road, 1/2 mile north of Witmer, Lancaster Co.

The real estate included a 1 1/2-story brick house on a 1-acre lot at 691 Hartman Station Road which was sold for \$48,400 to David R. and Judy A. Andrews, Bird-in-Hand, Pa. Two landlocked parcels of woodland were also sold. A 9-acre plot in East Earl and Salisbury Twp. sold to Dennis R. Miller, New Holland for \$14,800 and a 3 and 4/10 acre lot in Earl Township sold to Galen Hibshman, R3 New Holland, for \$3,100.

Other items sold were: dropleaf table \$590, dry sink \$360, chest \$170, bureau \$210, 6 plank-bottom chairs \$95 each, matching settee \$400, rocker \$135, copper kettles \$160 & \$200, butter churn \$105, metal-wheeled tricycle \$130, coaster sled \$120, cheek basket \$145, rolltop desk \$1450, quilts \$520 up to \$830, 5 gal.

crook \$165, Alabama coon toy \$140, 17-jewel Hamilton watch \$130, Haviland china set \$300, china mantle clock \$240 and hurricane lamp \$160.

Robert E. and Jeffrey Martin & Frank L. Steller were the auctioneers.

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A public sale of horse drawn farm equipment and livestock was held Nov. 19 by Abram L. and Anna Mae King, 1 mile north of White Horse, Lancaster Co.

Prices included: spring wagon \$520, manure pump \$925, manure wagon \$550, N.H. 272 baler \$1100, J.D. 660 rake \$925, J.D. corn binder \$610, Farmall Super M tractor \$1020, N.I. w/Wisconsin engine crimper \$3,000, bedding chopper \$1,065, charger \$11.50, mule \$1,400, pair of mules \$3,375, harness \$80, collar \$47.50, bride \$68, 3 DeLaval milkers \$420, alfalfa hay \$58 per ton, breeding chart \$95, heifers \$700 & \$660 and bucket \$160.

Steve Petersheim was the auctioneer.

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A public sale of 8 parcels of woodland was held Nov. 20 by C. S. Staats, Jr. and family located in Honey Brook Twp. and partly in West Cain Twp., Chester Co. This property is approximately 3 miles south of Honey Brook.

Parcel #1 consists of 8.797 acres and was sold for \$19,000.

Parcel #2 consists of 8.534 acres and was sold for \$18,000.

Parcel #3 consists of 11.29 acres and was sold for \$15,500.

Parcel #4 consists of 11.509 acres and was sold for \$15,000.

Parcel #5 consists of 13.652 acres and was sold for \$16,500.

Parcel #6 consists of 9.862 acres and was sold for \$19,500.

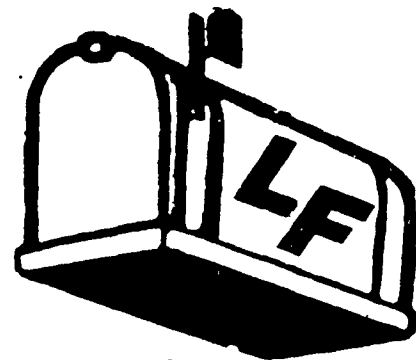
Parcel #7 consists of 16.964 acres and was sold for \$15,000.

Parcel #8 consists of 9.450 acres and was sold for \$8,500.

Elton and Alvin Horning were the auctioneers.

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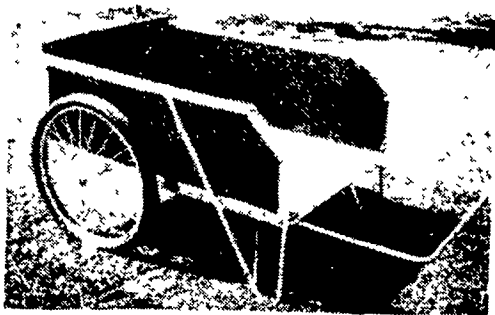
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