



Swapping and so long

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

Sure, June Dairy Month is long gone and July is nearly one-third history already, but the Dairy Product Promotion Swap Shop is still open.

The latest customers are Terry L. and Shirley A. Womer, of Pasture-Green Dairy Farm, R1 Middleburg.

Shirley writes:

"I think your Swap Shop is great. We need to put our heads together to promote milk. Enclosed please find part of Snyder County's promotional material. My husband was in charge of restaurant promotion. We inquired about the mystery tipper program in area restaurants but didn't receive any cooperation.

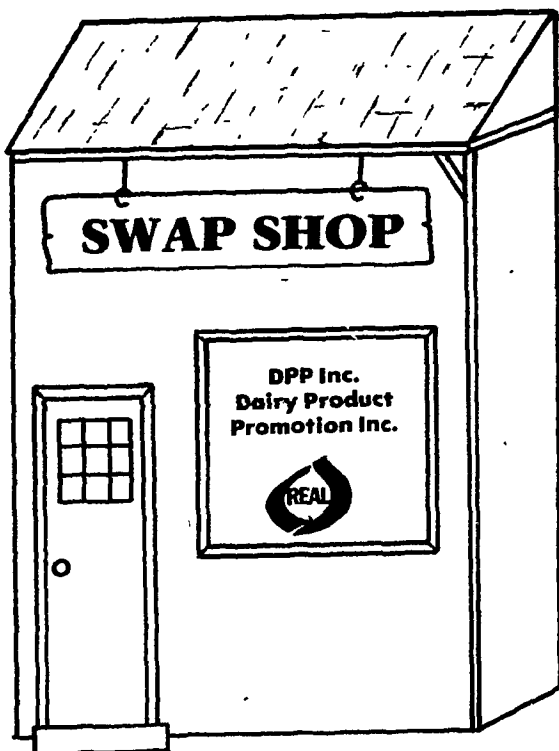
"I few years ago I picked up a placemat similar to the one enclosed in another part of the state and for years it sat in my desk drawer. (See Snyder County Dairy Promotion placemat on Page A12.)

"We got area businesses to buy ads to pay for the printing. We printed 5,000 placemats and are distributing them to area restaurants. Restaurant owners told us this will do more to promote milk than the mystery tipper would have. Hope you can use our idea."

More swapping...

And it's time that some hard-nosed horse swapping is applied to Pennsylvania's ag pull in the halls of Congress.

As the leading ag state in the Northeast... as a so-called industrialized state whose top economic enterprise is agriculture... as the state with the largest rural population in the nation... as the state blessed with bountiful ag resources and proximity to metropolitan



markets... as a state whose farm families combine unsurpassed traditional ag commitment with innovative flexibility... Pennsylvania needs a louder ag voice in Washington, D.C.

Pennsylvania deserves direct agricultural committee representation in Congress. And we know about seniority and all those other clubhouse roadblocks that are customarily cited. But if farmers farmed according to seniority rules and other artificial excuses, there would be a lot more hungry people around.

It's likely no coincidence that one of the first "gatherings" of Reagan campaign people took place recently in Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth will be a key in any Reagan re-election bid. And the Commonwealth's farm vote will be a key to the key. Let's use that political leverage to improve on our ag leverage in Washington.

And, so long...

It's with mixed emotions that you bid so long to a valued colleague. This is Deb Koontz' last Lancaster Farming. Her last Homestead Notes, her last Home on the Range and her last Kid's Korner.

She's moving on to matrimony, Baltimore and other writing pursuits. Deb has been a joy to work with and she plied her journalistic trade with professional competence.

We're sorry to see her go but are happy for the new adventures and challenges that lie ahead.

We'll let Otis do the final honors and express our mutual feelings below.



Saturday, July 9
Jersey District III picnic at Charles Wollaston's. Bring place settings and two covered dishes.

Sunday, July 10
Manor FFA Alumni organizational meeting at 2 p.m. at Penn Manor High School.

Adams County Homesteaders meeting and picnic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Soloman and Forman farm. The rabies problem will be discussed. Pa. Flying Farmers will meet at Mike Orendo Farm, Bethel,

landing at grimes at 1 p.m.
Monday, July 11
Vegetable demonstration plot meeting at 7 p.m. at Summers Canning Co., New Freedom, York County.

York County Swine Round-Up at Sechrist Auction, Stewartstown.
Pa. Junior Grange Youth Camp, Camp Kanestoke, Spruce Creek. Will continue through the week.

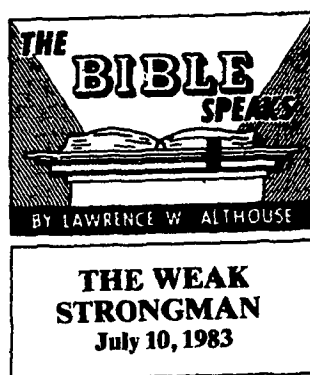
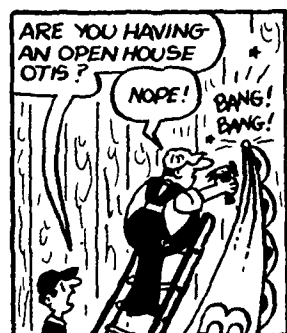
Annual meeting of Pa. Vo-Ag Teachers' Association at Kells Conference Center, Penn State.

Will continue through Wednesday.

Tuesday, July 12
Adams County dairy tour to Berks and Lehigh Counties.

York County bus trip to Agway Seed Research Farm in Prospect, Butler County. Farmland Assessment Workshops at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Center, Route 31, Flemington, N.J.

Semi-annual meeting of Delegates
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Background Scripture:
Judges 13 through 16.
Devotional Reading:
Acts 15:6-11.

Physically he was very strong. As a person, however, Samson was very weak.

Although he had fantastic strength and could subdue large numbers of Philistines, he could not subdue himself. He could kill a lion but he could not tame the beast within himself. Even today his name is virtually synonymous with "strongman," but the scriptures speak much more of his fatal weakness.

SHE PRESSED HARD

Samson started out well enough. His birth and his special status as one dedicated to the Lord was announced to his parents by an angel. The Book of Judges tell us that "the boy grew and the Lord blessed him." Furthermore, "The Spirit of the Lord began to stir him..." It would seem he had a bright future before him.

At the wedding he tells a riddle and challenges the Philistine wedding guests to solve it before the end of the seven-day wedding feast. Only Samson knows the answer, but the wedding guests coerce Samson's bride into using her power of persuasion to wheedle from her husband the answer. This

is not because they are simply curious about the riddle, but because losing the challenge will cost them dearly: "Have you invited us here to impoverish us?"

In a conversation that sounds curiously contemporary — "You only hate me, you do not love me; you have put a riddle to my countrymen, and you have not told me what it is!" — the bride does her best to extract the answer from her husband. And at first he does well: "Behold I have not told my father nor my mother, and shall I tell you?" So far, so good!

Ah, but that was only the first day. After seven days of tears, we are told: "on the seventh day he told her, because she pressed him hard." Imagine this strongman who could tear a lion limb from limb was overcome by a crying, pouting woman. It probably wasn't the first time and it certainly hasn't been the last time.

"ENTICE HIM AND SEE"

It was not the last time for Samson. Later he fell in love with a woman from the Sorek valley. She was the third Philistine woman in Samson's young life: first the bride who betrayed him and was then given to another man, then the prostitute in Gaza in whose house he was almost trapped by Philistines, and now Delilah.

We might try to excuse Samson and reason that he was just a poor judge of character. Three times he gives Delilah a false answer and three times the Philistines act on that information. Samson had to realize that Delilah was betraying him. So why did he finally tell her the secret?

The answer: because he more greatly desired the short-term pleasure of her favor than the long-term approval of God. Like many of us, he was his own worst enemy—the one he was unwilling to subdue.

NOW IS THE TIME

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To Control Canada Thistle
Canada thistles are listed as a noxious weed in Pennsylvania; this means they should be controlled and not allowed to go to seed. Too often we see what some people call "summer snowflakes" floating through the air; these are not snowflakes but thistle seeds. We should insist that these be mowed or sprayed to prevent seed formation.

Most townships have noxious weed ordinances to prevent the spread, from farm to farm, of Canada thistles and other noxious weeds. These ordinances should be enforced for the best interest of all farmers. You can spot spray with Banvel for control. Be sure to follow all label instructions. We urge everyone to do something about this problem.

To Use Caution When Shipping Hogs

Far too many hogs are fed up to market weight, each year only to be lost because of careless hauling during hot weather.

There are ways to prevent these losses. Whenever it's possible, haul these hogs to market early or late in the day - when it's the coolest. Avoid mid-day or early afternoon trips. That's when temperatures are the worst.

While the hogs are being loaded onto the trucks, take things easy. Don't hurry them. If you do, they'll just become overheated. And, to make sure they can be comfortable in the truck, use wet sand for bedding. Don't use straw or other materials that hold heat and fail to help cool the animals.

Once the animals are loaded, start right then for the market - and go directly to the market without stopping.

Take these few precautions and you'll market all your hogs instead of just some of them.

To Control Erosion

We have been blessed with timely rains this spring and early summer but, some of these rains have been very heavy and created considerable run-off. It emphasizes the need for terraces, contours and strips to control these large amounts of water.

The use of diversion ditches and sodded waterways above the area to be protected should be considered.

When surface water is not controlled around the premises we also have the added danger of getting surface water into our well water supplies; this may contaminate it and make it unfit for human consumption. We need to be concerned with controlling these large amounts of water on the land and around farm buildings.

To Beware of Wood Ticks

We have received reports of youngsters and pets coming to the house carrying wood ticks; these are often called dog ticks, because they infest dogs and pets quite readily. These ticks await their victims on low-growing shrubs and tall grasses and often near trails and playgrounds.

The ticks attach themselves to the skin and suck blood. On humans they are commonly found on the neck near the hairline and

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