

Friend of ag

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

It was gratifying and with relief that we listened to the words of Dr. Bryce Jordan, new president of Penn State, this week.

And the farm community throughout the state can express a collective sigh of relief that in his early days in office he is voicing his support of agriculture as a primary continuing commitment of Penn State as a land grant educational institution.

A good deal of credit for this early pro-ag stance can go to ag trustees, the Ag Advisory Council, state ag officials and particularly, Ag College Dean Sam Smith who have taken Dr. Jordan out into the soil of the state and to shake the hands that work that soil. And I'm sure that Dr. Jordan is personally sincere in his support of agriculture.

A couple of examples of this ag exposure was this week's Ag Advisory Council trip from Erie to Lancaster and Dr. Jordan's appearance before vo-ag teachers on the Penn State campus even earlier. There's just no substitute for appreciating the extent and diversity of Pennsylvania agriculture and the tremendous stake that the Commonwealth has in it than by getting out "amongst it."

And that stake extends even beyond the borders of Pennsylvania. Northeastern

agriculture will become even more allied with Penn State when the ambitions to make the university an ag computer center are realized.

Dr. Jordan's position on ag is even more welcomed when you consider what is happening at some other land grant institutions. Auburn down in Alabama is a good example.

As Auburn's program continued to expand primarily into Liberal Arts disciplines, it got farther and farther away from its original mission in ag and engineering.

Then, an attempt was made to reverse this trend and get it back on its basic original educational course. And what resulted was a Liberal Arts uprising among the staff that has brought news descriptions such as "lynchers" and academic "hit squad." And, now there's just a lot of turmoil on the Auburn campus that's not conducive for anyone's educational interests.

We might suggest that Alabama ag leaders take a lesson from their counterparts in Pennsylvania. Perhaps, they just waited too long to get their story across. Pennsylvania's ag community has done its homework well and the field trips aren't hurting any either.

And the efforts of these ag leaders will not only benefit agriculture but the entire Commonwealth as well.

ANOTHER MILK IDEA

Richard Brown, a Penn State ag graduate who now teaches an environmental course in Manheim Township Schools in Lancaster County, stopped by with a milk promotion idea.

He recalls his days at Penn State and the college cafeteria program.

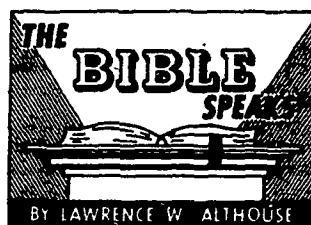
The meal ticket you bought included the right to visit a milk machine in the cafeteria as often as you wanted.

He asks why can't this idea be utilized in every public school and other places of higher learning in the state?

Of course, it helped at Penn State to use its own quality-assured milk that was always fresh and tasty.

As he points out, it's a simple idea but one that deserves a little consideration.

So how about it?



STARTING AND FINISHING July 31, 1983

Background Scripture:
2 Chronicles 24.

Devotional Reading:
Matthew 27: 3-10.

There's an old saying that "All's well that ends well." But some of us pay a lot more attention to impressive beginnings. We like to celebrate at weddings, ship launchings, ground-breaking ceremonies, baptisms, store openings, ribbon cuttings, and you name it. But there are a lot of things with heralded beginnings whose endings are largely ignored. Yet the ending alone can justify the anticipation of the beginning.

DID WHAT WAS RIGHT

Take for example the case of King Joash. He began his reign with lots of promise: "And Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest." Furthermore, Joash also performed a fine act in getting the nation started in restoring the house of the Lord. And when the Levites did not get going on that project as the King desired, he was successful in getting the people to respond to the challenge. In fact, when the work of restoration was all finished, there was even enough money left over to buy new utensils for the house of God. This optimistic passage comes to a close with these comforting words:

"And they offered burnt of-

ferings in the house of the Lord continually all the days of Jehoiada."

Apparently Jehoiada the priest was a very strong influence on Joash. And, if the story had ended with the 14th verse of 2 Chronicles 24, all would be just fine: a king who wants to do right and allows himself to be influenced for good by a fine man of God.

But the story does not end with 24:14. It goes on to tell us that Jehoiada at last becomes very old and dies. And, when he has been buried, the princes of Judah come to King Joash to persuade him to follow a different course than the one laid out by Jehoiada. It wasn't long before the princes of Judah were bringing the nation back to the curse of idolatry. And, just as he had followed the strong example of Jehoiada, now King Joash followed the strong lead of his princes.

KINDNESS UNREMEMBERED

Just because Jehoiada is dead, however, does not mean that the kind is destitute of proper advice and counsel. God inspires the dead Jehoiada's son, Zechariah, and he pointedly challenges Judah back on the right course. But, Joash cannot stand criticism and his anger blinds him to the truth Zechariah is speaking. As the chronicler puts it, "the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son."

For the better part of his life, King Joash had ruled in a very wise manner, following the good advice of Jehoiada. Yet, although he began well, he did not finish in the same way.

Somewhere along the road of life each of us needs to take a good hard look at the finish to which we are moving each day.

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

Dear Editor:

Regarding some of the milk promotion ideas, I strongly disagree with some of the ideas suggested. First, I enjoy milk (good quality milk) for breakfast and as an evening snack. I do not want it with a meal and I feel it is totally unfair for the dairyman to insist that only milk be served at banquets and farm sales. Second, the dairyman needs to reach the non-farm consumer more with advertising than the farming community.

We are all farmers. We produce a nutritious product for the consumer. The consumer should be allowed to choose the product he wants based on his needs, tastes, income, etc. Remember: margarine is produced from a

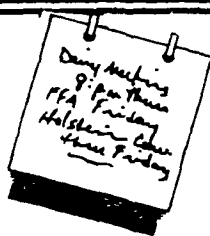
farm product, soybeans or corn oil.

Dairyman, you have a right and there is a great need to promote your product, but you do not have the right to force your product and products on others. We are all farmers and each of us have our own interests, but we can all work together for the benefit of all. Farmers produce a nutritious product for the consumer. This product is marketed in many ways. Remember the consumer has, or should I say must have, the right to accept or reject any product.

P.S. Hope the Dairyman are planning to celebrate at the fairs this year with Milk Punch?

B.D. Hutschenreuter
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Farm Calendar



Saturday, July 30
Pa. Jersey Cattle Club District 5 picnic, farm of David & Donna Reusing.
Vegetable-Flower Open House, Rutgers Display Gardens & Vegetable Research Farms, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., New Brunswick.

Dairy Day, Mirian & Albert Hack Farm, Briar Creek Twp.
Md.-Del. Brown Swiss State Show, Frederick, Md.
Delaware State Holstein Sale, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds, Harrington.

Sunday, July 31
SCSA's 38th annual meeting, Parkview Hilton Hotel, Hartford, Ct., continues through Wednesday.
Union County West End Fair, Laurelton, continues through Saturday.

Monday, Aug. 1
Columbia County 4-H Dairy

Show, noon, Bloomsburg Fairgrounds.
Hunterdon County Sheep Breeders meeting, 8 p.m., Extension Center.

Morrison Cove Dairy Show, Martinsburg, continues through Friday.
Clearfield County Fair, continues through Saturday.

Tuesday, Aug. 2
York-Adams weed control meeting, 7 p.m., York 4-H Center, Bair.
Jacktown Fair, Wind Ridge, continues through Saturday.

Mercer County Pomona Grange Fair, Mercer, continues through Saturday.
New Stanton Farm and Home Fair, continues through Saturday.

Wednesday, Aug. 3
Lebanon County Holstein Field Day, Vincent Wagner Farm,

Jonestown, 7 p.m.
Berks County FFA Market Hog Show and Sale, Leesport Auction. Show at 9:30 a.m.; sale at 6 p.m.

Migrant farm work meeting for Md., Pa., Del. Va. and W. Va. growers, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury, Md. State College.

Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture, 8 p.m., Extension Center.

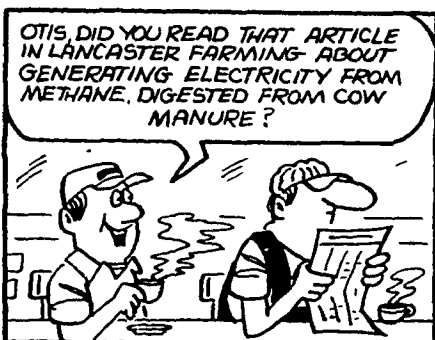
Thursday, Aug. 4
York County Holstein picnic. Beachley-Hardy Seed Marketing Symposium, Penn Harris Motor Inn.
Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Field Day, 10:30 a.m., Scott & Susie Shoemaker Farm, R1 Kirkwood.

Hunterdon 4-H Dairy Show, 10 a.m. Flemington Fairgrounds.
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HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY



TO Prepare The Silo

The corn crop is developing rapidly and soon it will be silo filling time. The condition of the silo should receive some attention before the new corn crop is ensiled. Many of the concrete silos may be pitted and have a rough inside surface. This will allow air pockets and cause moldy silage. Some inside joints may need to be repointed in order to keep out the air and have a smooth surface. Don't wait until the silo filler is

coming before you make these repairs.

Silage is one of the best and most economical feeds on our farms today; let's not spoil it after it is in the silo.

To Fertilize Strawberry Plants

Most strawberry growers have realized very good returns from their plants in recent years. The prices are favorable. In order to realize the maximum yield next spring, we suggest the plants be

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NOW IS THE TIME

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