

## What's in a name?

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

The Sire Summary makes fascinating reading.

But I don't study it to make decisions in a dairy breeding program as most of you do. I find the names fascinating.

Where did they come from? Under what circumstances were they picked?

For instance:

If I was naming a bull -- "Rebel or Ruffian, Dynamo or Dynamite" sound good. That gives a real macho impression. But definitely not "Gay John Juan." In fact, I wouldn't name any bull with the designation "gay," even if I am from Pennsylvania.

And "Rhetoric" gives me a false mental picture, too. Kinda reminds me of all the politics going on now -- a lot of empty promises and no real performance.

What's the fascination with the heavens in naming bulls? There seem to be more heavenly references in their names than anything else. To cite just a few, there are "Telestar, Super Star, Starmaker, Jupiter,

Gemini, Astronaut" etc. Are these supposed to be space age bulls?

Do some bulls reflect owners' tastes in TV, music or reading? If so, what a variety of tastes. Farmer TV viewers must range from "Zorro to Guiding Light" and rural music-lovers from "Fabian to Mozart and Beethoven." But no Beetles. And there gotta be a Michael Jackson on the sire horizon. Be sure to mate him with a cow named Emmy. And one Shakespeare-admiring farmer named a "Hamlet." Let's hope it's not a progenical question of "To Be or Not To Be."

Some old-time football player who practiced out in the back pasture named a "Dropkick." Or, did something happen in the barn? In any event, better update him to "Soccer-Style."

I also try to visualize "Sheik and Rabbi" in adjoining pens. Why it might be the Middle East War down on the farm. Or does "Rabbi" guarantee kosher milk?

Sure, dairy breeding is big business. But aren't "Executive and Board Chairman" carrying it a bit too far.

"Lucky" turns me off as a bull name, too. Something like that shouldn't be a matter of chance.

"Sexation" has a real positive ring to it.

"Brutus or Bubba" give a good feeling, too. But not "Cedric." And definitely not "Quick Shot or Minuteman."

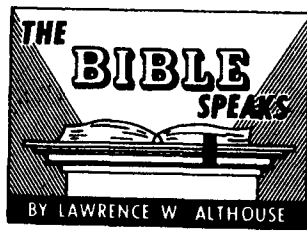
And I also like "Confidence," but not "Anticipation."

And is it good to name a sire "Bachelor?"

Is there any connection between "Shamrock and Leprechaun" or between "Midas Touch and Nugget or Klondike?"

And was "Coffee Break" born at mid-morning or afternoon?

But that's enough of this "bull" for one time. Needless to point out, I didn't have anything profound or enlightening to say this week.



THE RIGHT ENEMIES  
March 11, 1984

Background Scripture:  
Mark 2:1 through 3:6.

Devotional reading:  
Mark 2:1-12.

So far as I know, I don't have any enemies.

I could be wrong about that and it has not always been so, but at this time in my life it seems to be true.

That doesn't mean that there are not people who don't like me or disapprove of me. Anyone who writes or preaches publicly can expect to have some detractors. But, so far as I am aware, there is no one who is working to hurt me or detract from me in any way.

THEY WATCHED HIM

Now, before you become overly impressed with the above presumed state of affairs, let me confess that I find it somewhat disquieting. Not that I would seek to have some enemies, but that without some foes, I have to wonder whether I'm doing my job. If no one opposes what I am doing in my ministry, might it be that I'm not doing anything worthwhile?

Maybe I'm all wrong about that, but when I study the ministry of Jesus, I seem led to that conclusion. Take Mark 2, for example. In this brief chapter there are recorded six incidents in the ministry of

Jesus. In five of them Jesus is severely criticized by the scribes and Pharisees. As you read on into 3:1-6, there is yet another incident and another hostile confrontation. And, at the close of this last incident, it is obvious that the scribes and Pharisees have become Jesus' bitter enemies.

Now, how did Jesus earn their enemy? Did he simply reap what he had sown? Had he been intemperate in his remarks about the scribes and Pharisees? Had he attacked them in some way?

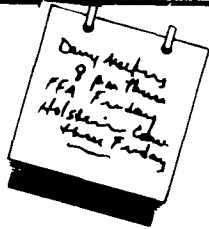
No, Jesus hadn't sought their hostility. His words and actions seem harmless enough to us, but the scribes and Pharisees found them very offensive. What did Jesus do to acquire these enemies? First he healed a paralytic and told him, "Your sins are forgiven" (2:5). Then he sat and ate with some tax collectors and sinners (2:16, 17, which scandalized the scribes and Pharisees. Next, they became offended because he did not fast (2:18). Then, they really became hostile when they found him picking and eating grain on the sabbath (2:23-28). And finally, he healed a man's withered hand on the sabbath. In other words, he earned their hostility by doing what he considered to be his job.

HOW TO DESTROY HIM

We can understand that they disagreed with Jesus, but why did they become so hostile over this simple disagreement? Yet, isn't that still a problem with us today? Religion becomes something to get angry about and even to fight over. It divides families, friends and communities. It even sometimes leads to wars.

So you see, although none of us should ever want to have any enemies, often, if we are doing what God wants us to do, they will go along with the job.

## Farm Calendar



### Saturday, March 10

Pa. Guernsey Association annual meeting, continues, Danville Sheraton Inn.

Cecil County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

### Monday, March 12

Assuring a Safe Water Supply, 1:30 p.m., North Branch, Adams County National Bank, Gettysburg; 7:30 p.m., Oxford Twp. Municipal Building.

Inter-State District 12, noon, Willow Valley Farm Restaurant.

University of Delaware turf and grounds workshop, 8:30 a.m., North Campus.

Susquehanna Valley Retail Farm Marketers meeting and trade show, 9:30 a.m., Country Cupboard Restaurant.

Cumberland County 4-H Dairy Banquet, 7 p.m.

Farm Estate Planning, 10 a.m., Bradford Extension.

### Tuesday, March 13

Berry production seminar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Holiday Inn, Meadowlands, Washington, Pa.

Swine Management Conference, Penn State, continues through Thursday.

Beekkeepers meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lancaster Farm & Home Center.

Forestry Issue Conference, Keller Conference Center, Penn State, continues tomorrow.

American Dairy Assn. annual meeting, Syracuse, N.Y., continues tomorrow.

McKean County Dairy Herd Reproduction School, Seneca Highlands Vo-Tech School, Port Allegheny, continues tomorrow.

Lycoming Corn Clinic, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Eldred Twp. Fire Hall.

Lehigh Valley Farmers annual meeting, noon, Host Farm, Lancaster.

Cumberland County Holstein tour to NE Pa.

Schuylkill potato meeting, 9:30 a.m., Ringtown Hotel.

Ephrata Young Farmers sludge meeting, 7:45 p.m., Ag Shop.

Schuylkill farm financial management clinic, 9:30 a.m., Penn State Schuylkill campus.

### Wednesday, March 14

Pa. Turkey Conference, 9 a.m., Sheraton Inn, New Cumberland.

Soil fertility meeting, 7:30 p.m.,

Union Grove School, Terre Hill. Schuylkill fruit meeting, 9:30 a.m., Mahantango Fire Co.

Regional Crops Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., DuBois Holiday Inn.

Baltimore Co. Holstein meeting, Friendly Farms.

Atlantic Breeders annual meeting, 10 a.m., Host Town, Lancaster.

SE Pa. potato growers meeting, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Schnecksville Grange Hall.

Milkers School, Bradford County, Mansfield, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., continues tomorrow.

### Thursday, March 15

Fayette County Extension annual meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shady Side Inn, north of Uniontown.

York potato meeting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Centre Presbyterian Church, New Park.

Ephrata Young Farmers alfalfa meeting, 7:45 p.m., Ag Shop.

Farm Transfer meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lancaster Farm & Home Center.

Garden Spot FFA banquet, 7 p.m., Lampeter Fire Hall.

Little Dutchmen FFA banquet, (Turn to Page A12)

## NOW IS THE TIME

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### To Plan Weed Control Program

Weeds continue to be one of the major factors in reduced crop yields. This is true in the garden as well as in the field. The battle to control weeds is not a new one; years ago cultivation was the only method of weed control. Now, herbicides are widely used for weed control. However, we still have too much crop damage from weeds. An Agronomist once said that for every pound of weeds produced, the crop yield was reduced by the same weight. Some weeds amount to several tons per acre; this means that much less of the desired crop. Follow the recommendations in the Agronomy Guide and plan for a better weed control program this year.

### To Be Aware Of Rural Crime

Crime in rural areas continues to climb. Thieves are drawn to rural communities because of the attitude that crime is a city problem, so it's safe to leave your door unlocked. As long as this notion persists, rural areas will remain a thieves' paradise. You can make it less so by forcing a burglar to work harder. Install dead bolt locks on all exterior doors and windows. Keep in mind they work only if you use them.

Get to know your neighbors; they can be a great crime deterrent. Agree to watch their place while they're away and they'll gladly do the same for you. It's important to identify your property. Police won't return items unless they're positively identified. Private gas pumps and storage tanks are popular targets for thieves. Be sure to lock these up whenever you aren't around. Exterior lights around your home, garage and barn will also do a lot to ward off burglars.

### To Avoid Soil Compaction

One of the real dangers of being in too big a hurry in getting on the soil in the spring with heavy equipment is that we pack this wet soil so hard that poor yields result. With modern machinery, the weight is much more than a team of horses or mules. As a result we have ground that is as hard as concrete and it never recovers. It

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## Otis

