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OPEN MIND

What's the Number One need of milk promotion in Pennsylvania?

After attending Thursday's session of the state's new milk promotion committee in Harrisburg, I'd have to say the continuing top need is an "open mind."

The age-old thorn of contention of generic vs. brand name advertising surfaced again on Thursday and the committee essentially copped out by tabling a motion to recommend that brand name advertising be considered in milk promotion.

If the committee this early in the game is going to bog itself down in past prejudices and closed thinking, then it's time for it to re-evaluate itself and its role.

A rather impassioned plea was made at the session by a committee member for an open mind concerning milk and its promotion. We heartily agree. Each member needs to do some serious thinking in the solitude of the barn or tractor cab.

It's entirely up to the committee to decide how milk should be promoted in Pennsylvania. But these decisions need to be made on fresh, clear, current thinking and not on prejudiced

opinions that have been passed down through families and organizations just like the color of tractor that's bought.

PMMB

This is not the time to make any drastic changes in the program of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board. The dairy industry in Pennsylvania has enough problems without throwing another fly into the bulk tank.

Let's get the state milk promotion program off to a good start. Let's get more milk consumed. Let's bring some profit back into all of farming.

BUT the handwriting is on the wall. Changes in the PMMB will be coming one day.

Once the dairy industry gets itself back on a sound footing, it should get rid of all of its crutches, including the regulation of prices and government in general.

Grandmom Heidi used to say that "you can't have your cake and eat it, too." If the dairy industry wants to "play" with the big boys, like Coke and Pepsi in the free enterprise system, then it must do so like a big boy, without any apron strings attached.

DAIRY SIGNUPS

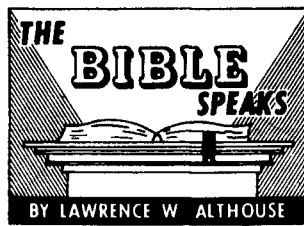
There are still about two-thirds of the eligible dairy farmers out there who don't take part in a federally regulated promotion program who haven't signed up yet for the state program.

Let's get those authorization cards back to the state.

Your money is going to be deducted anyway. It makes more sense that two-thirds of it stay right here in Pennsylvania. Remember: the farther your money is spent from your own pocketbook, the less good it is going to do for you.

DAIRY ISSUE

We hope you like this Dairy Issue. And from all of us at Lancaster Farming, may we echo Otis' comment down below:
HAPPY DAIRY MONTH



THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE
 June 3, 1984

Background Scriptures:

1 Samuel 8:12.

Devotional Reading:

1 Samuel 8:4-9.

The situation that confronted Samuel seems entirely alien and incomparable to our own times.

The age of the Judges of Israel was drawing to a close. Samuel was the last of these Judges — who were not "judges" in the judicial sense, but temporary leaders — and now his own ministry was drawing to a close.

During this period of Hebrew history, the tribes of Israel flourished without a single centralized leadership. They were bound together in a loose tribal confederation that waxed in times of mutual peril and waned in periods of prosperity and security.

When challenges came to any or all of the twelve tribes, we are told that "God raised up a leader" — Jephthah, Samson, Gideon — to meet the threat. But when the crisis had passed, for the most part, the Judge faded from the scene.

GIVE US A KING!

Now, with Samuel obviously in his last days and the Amorites threatening to overrun the land, the people come to Samuel asking for God to send them a king. It seems a reasonable enough

request: why shouldn't they have a designated leader?

Samuel's response is a surprising one: he's utterly against the choice of a king. Furthermore he indicates that their desire to have one is a sin against God, a rejection of his leadership.

What possible relevance can this archaic situation have for us today? Are we implying the God is against us having duly constituted political authority? If God opposed the crowning of a king for Israel does that mean he is equally antagonistic to our election of mayors, governors, a Congress, or a President?

Yet, perhaps Samuel and his times are closer to us than is immediately apparent.

If we read 1 Samuel 12 carefully, we find that it is not the king per se that is the issue Samuel is raising. His concern is that the people will transfer to a human king the faith and dependence they had previously posited in the Lord. And that is where we find their story becoming our story; it is a continuing human tendency to look to human leaders to do and mean what only God can do and mean.

SERVE THE LORD

We are presently in the midst of an intensive — and sometimes wearying — campaign to elect a President for these United States. It is not only right but necessary for us to do so. But we need to realize that no human President can do for us what has to be done. He or she cannot be God and we must resist the temptation to look to Presidency to give us what only God can give.

Thus, Samuel's counsel — archaic as it is — is timely and appropriate: "...if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God, it will be well" (12:14b).

Let that be the People's choice.

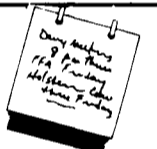
NOW IS THE TIME

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Farm Calendar



Saturday, June 2
 HAPPY DAIRY MONTH.

Pa. Sheep Field Day, 9 a.m., Mercer County 4-H and Extension Center.

Hunterdon County, N.J. Grape Day and Commercial Small Fruit Meeting, King's Road Winery, Rt. 579, Pattenburg, N.J. 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 3
 32 Annual Convention of Pa. Food Merchants Association, Monroeville Exposition Mart, continues through Tuesday.

Tuesday, June 5
 Hunterdon County, N.J. Sheep Breeders Association, Extension Center, 8 p.m.
 Cedar Crest Young Farmers

should be mowed. This practice will help control weeds and encourage new growth of grass.

Livestock will consume the dry clippings. Pastures should be clipped several times during the season. In addition, the clipped area will look much better to the general public as they travel through the country.

Banquet, 7 p.m., Schaeferstown Fire Hall.

Wednesday, June 6
 Hunterdon County, N.J. Board of Agriculture, Extension Center, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 8
 Dairy Month - Mike Schmidt "Growth" Posters to be given away at Phillie-Pirates twilight double-header, 5:30 p.m., Veterans Stadium.

Saturday, June 9
 Dauphin County Dairy Princess Contest.

Dairy Month Cal Ripken Jr. "Growth" poster give-away at Orioles-Tigers game, 3:30 p.m., Baltimore.

Strawberry Festival, orchard and farm tour, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Blevins Fruit Farm, R1 Stewartstown.

Hunterdon County, N.J. Dairy Princess Contest and Milk Promotion, Turntable Junction.
 Pa. Lamb Cook-Off Contest at Grand Opening of Appalachian Lamb Company, Greencastle.

To Be Alert For Corn Pests

We are into the season for cutworm damage on corn and this includes the black cutworm. Just a reminder to keep a close check on all corn fields for the next few weeks. Damage symptoms will be plants cut off just above the ground level. The culprit will be hiding in the soil a few inches from the cut plant. We suggest a rescue treatment if 2-3% of the plants are cut and you can find more than 5 larvae per 100 plants. Remember the black cutworm is the one with the granular skin. The control materials listed in the 1983-84 Agronomy Guide include Lorsban or Sevin or Parathion or Permethrin or Dyllox or a newer material Permethrin. Be sure to follow all label directions.

To Practice Bio-Security

Livestock and poultry diseases continue to be a threat to farmers. I still feel that in too many cases the farmer brings the infection

home to his own animals and poultry. Are you careful about the footwear worn when attending the public stock yards or sales barns? Most of these places are an outlet for animals with some infection; the chances of picking up these organisms on your boots or shoes are very great. Even though the public places are often disinfected, there is still danger of infection. We urge farmers to be very careful with their sanitary habits. The same is true when using public trucks to transport animals; be sure they are clean and well disinfected. Don't be guilty of bringing home infection to your own animals.

To Be Aware of Hot Hay

Many farmers may have been forced to bale hay at higher-than-usual moisture levels in order to get the first cutting of hay into the barn between brief breaks in the weather. This can result in excessive heating, spoilage and

possible a barn fire due to spontaneous combustion. If you suspect your hay is hot, check its temperature. Drive a pipe down into the hay mow at several locations, and lower a thermometer into the pipe. Temperatures will rise to 120° F during normal sweating and then drop back. At 150° F, you are entering the danger zone, and temperatures should be checked daily. A 160° F you are in the danger zone and temperatures should be monitored every 4 hours. Hot spots or fire pockets may be anticipated at 175° F; alert your fire company. At 185° F, start removing the hay; be careful you don't fall into a fire pocket; have fire protection and rescue service standing by.

To Clip Pastures

Mowing permanent pastures at this time of year is a very good idea. Many of the plants will be heading out and some will go to seed; this means that the plants

Otis

