



# OPINION

## God Bless America

Even though we complain about many things that could be better in America, yet we're still glad we live in a land where we have the right to complain. Farm profits should be higher. Expenses lower. But we're not tied to a caste or class system that limits us from rising above our problems. We can get an education. We can change jobs if we want to. We can sell our products and services to the highest bidder. The government does not control newspapers, magazines and TV newscasts. In addition, we can belong to the political party of our choice, and we can decide which farm organization and cooperatives will get our support. And we can go to church and take our families with us.

This weekend the entire country will be celebrating the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty. She hardly shows her age, however, thanks to the much publicized facelift. New York City her home since she arrived from France, is

planning a major celebration. Those festivities will be on view across the nation via television and will no doubt be the focal point for many Independence Day activities.

From the local pageants and fireworks to the millions who gather at the New York harbor, we'll remember again how great it is to live in America and when the last fireworks explode into the night and we return to our homes protected by the laws of the democratic system, the strains of our national hymn will move in our hearts.

God Bless America,  
Land That I love,  
Stand Beside Her and Guide Her  
Through The Night With A Light  
From Above  
From The Mountains,  
To The Prairies,  
To The Oceans White With Foam,  
God Bless America,  
My Home, Sweet Home.  
God Bless America,  
My Home, Sweet Home.



## NOW IS THE TIME

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### To Plan Your Herd Feeding Program

The dry conditions in this part of the state is developing a short supply of hay. In fact the dry conditions in some of the southern states has created a serious hay shortage in those areas. This will be felt in the market place as prices edge upward.

You should be reviewing the situation on your farm; if hay is in short supply, then consider culling the low producers. When you review the farm records it will be apparent that you cannot afford to feed expensive hay to poor producers.

Many farmers from the south are in the area now looking for hay. They know it will be more expensive later as the dry weather continues. So, take a good look at the situation on your farm and determine the best course of ac-

tion.

### 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 Be Aware of Feeding New Grain

The barley harvest is nearly completed and some farmers may be considering using this new grain in their feeding program. Feeding new grains to livestock is possible under very careful management. If fed in too large amounts, digestive disorders such as bloating and scouring may occur. We suggest that the grain be allowed to go through a two-week curing period before being fed. Then it should be included into the grain ration at a slow rate — 10 to 20 percent.

Barley is a popular livestock feed and is a good substitute for corn. In a week or two wheat will

be ready and should also be fed with care. Again, it should be allowed several weeks to cure before feeding. Wheat is not used as much for feeding purposes because of the digestive problems. Smaller amounts in the ration, compared to barley, are suggested. Barley and wheat can be used as livestock feeds, but need special care when mixing in livestock rations.

### Top 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.

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## 30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

—Fifteen registered holsteins from Lancaster County are finding a new home in Guatemala this week. Elvin Hess, Jr. of Strasburg explained that a new market for Lancaster County holsteins may have opened. This is the first export shipment from the Garden Spot according to the Lancaster County Holstein Association president. The animals were trucked to Miami and flown by commercial airlines to Central America across the Gulf of Mexico.

—Around Washington Boro it's tomato time as the 1956 crop of green pack tomatoes moves into the surrounding market areas. The Washington Boro Tomato Growers Cooperative Association was boxing the tomatoes for the nearby markets.

--The Lancaster County Vegetable Growers will be hosting the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers tour through Lancaster County next week. Local growers are invited and urged to join the tour. This tour, according to Harry S. Sloat, Associate County Agent, is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association and the Agricultural Extension Service. The tour assembles at Amos Funk's farm and proceeds to Clyde Eshleman's farm, Funk Brothers Farm and Wilmer Ruhl farm. Final stop on the tour is the Paul Rowe farm at Strasburg.

—The Ayrshire Dairy herd of Spring Mill Farm at Malvern has

achieved top recognition during recent months with outstanding production of 57 cows that are credited with averaging 889 lbs. of milk and 4.2 per cent fat and 37 lbs. of butterfat which placed them among the nation's top Ayrshire herds in the nation.

—Pike County and Mercer County have become Brucellosis free according to agricultural secretary, William L. Henning.

—Hartford County, Maryland and York County, Pennsylvania farmers have been advised that a fox that attacked cattle in the Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania community showed signs of rabies. Dick Reynolds, a saw mill operator killed the fox and Dr. Thomas W. Brown, Fawn Grove Veterinarian sent the head to the Maryland Health Department where the rabies diagnosis was made.

—A twilight meeting to be held in the interest of dairy herd improvement will be held at the Wilbur Pollock farm located 3/4 of a mile west of The Buck. This meeting sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Co-op, will be highlighted with Harvey Schaeffer, Dairy Specialist of the Pennsylvania State University, as the main speaker.

—The United States Department of Agriculture announced this week that on the basis of the July 1, 1956 parity price for wheat, the national average support price for this year's crop will be \$2.00 per bushel.

## Farm Calendar

### Saturday, July 5

Hickory Ridge Antique Farm Show, Horace Potter residence, Route 113, Milford, Del.; continues through July 6. For information, call 302-422-9308.

### Sunday, July 6

Youth Institute, PAFC, Juniata College; continues through July 9.

Summer Youth Camp, Pa. Farmers Union, Camp Kanesataki; continues through July 10.

### Monday, July 7

Berks County Youth Conservation Leadership Program, Camp Joy; continues through July 11.

### Tuesday, July 8

Pa. Lamb and Wool Crafts Festival, Penn State Ag Arena, continues through July 10.

Central Pa. Judging Contest School; continues through July 9, Huntingdon County, noon to noon.

### Wednesday, July 9

Pa. State Lamb Cook-off Contest, 10 a.m. to noon.

Adams County fruitgrowers meeting, Rice Fruit Co. Delegate Meeting, Milk Marketing Inc., Ohio State University.

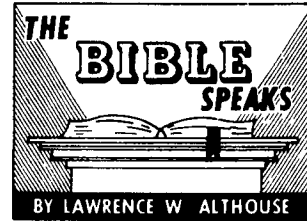
NY Farm Bureau Dairy Policy Forum, Morrisville College, Morrisville, NY.

4-H Regional Achievement Day, Juniata Valley Elementary School, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Thursday, July 10

Western Judging School, Crawford County; continues through July 11, noon to noon.

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### OLD COVENANT LIVING July 6, 1986

Background Scripture: Jeremiah 31.  
Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 30: 18-22.

One of the truly high moments in the Old Testament is in Jeremiah 31 when, through the prophet Jeremiah, God says, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah" (31:31). And, of course, if you look on the title page of your New Testament, you may find these words, "The New Covenant commonly called The New Testament."

What makes Jeremiah 31: 31-34 such a high moment in the Old Testament is not just that the term "new covenant" is carried over into the New Testament, but that the principle is at the heart of the

message of Jesus:

*I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me...*

### UPON THE HEART

Essentially, the religion of Jesus was the law written upon the heart rather than the law written on scrolls and in books. As Jesus had to point out time and time again, his purpose was not to do away with the laws of Israel, but to go beyond them. In contrast to the Judaism of his day, Jesus offered a religion of the heart and the personal encounter with God. This is what Jeremiah had prophesied some 500 years before the coming of Christ and this was the new covenant which the early Church offered in place of the old covenant of legalism.

Christians like to emphasize this superiority of the new covenant over the old. How strange, then, that while we celebrate God's giving of the new covenant in Jesus Christ, we fashion our Christianity on the old covenant, as if the new had never been given, as if the prophecy of Jeremiah were still waiting for fulfillment. What I mean by that is that for many people, Christianity is still a legalistic approach to life. We not only still live by religious laws and rules, but we spend a lot of our time proclaiming the superiority of our rules over those of others who are just as certain that their rules are the "truly Christian" way.

### NO LONGER

How wonderful to proclaim that God will put his law within us and write it upon our hearts. But many of us do not trust for God to do so. We are unwilling to trust our own hearts and even less willing to trust the hearts of others. So, despite what we find in Jeremiah 31:34 — "And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother..." — we are still saying to each other, "Know the Lord." And what we mean is not only "Know the Lord," but "Know the Lord... my way!"

It matters little that Christ brought us a new covenant to supercede the old if, in fact, our religion is still pretty much old covenant living.

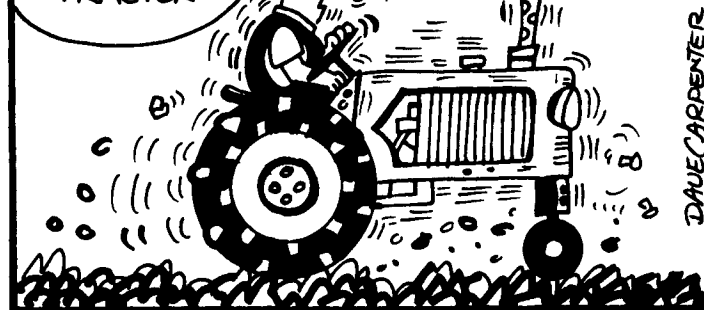
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## UNCLE OTIS'S (DAIRY MONTH) MILK SHAKE RECIPE

\*FIRST, YOU DRINK DOWN TWO GLASSES OF COOL, DELICIOUS, NUTRITIOUS MILK.



THEN YOU HEAD BACK OUT TO WORK ON YOUR OLDEST TRACTOR



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