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One of the first thing American Agriculture does at any function is to raise the flags. More pictures on page 8. (Photos courtesy of Pat McWelsh, Virginia).

## Jenkins Happy with Reagan Camp Meeting

Alvin Jenkins says he came home very happy from the meeting with Reagan advisers, and he feels AAM has accomplished something.

Reagan advisers promised American Agriculture they would be given several days' time for input into farm policy and USDA staffing if Reagan wins the election.

Reagan advisers stressed that no agriculture position in the Reagan administration has been filled. They said all the agricultural advisers were serving in a strictly voluntary capacity. They stressed that Senator Jepsen and Representative Hagedorn are in control of ag policies until Reagan's cabinet is formed.

Jenkins said all agricultural matters were openly discussed, and AAM representatives were received most warmly.

AAMers attending the meeting were Jim Kramer, Kansas; J. C. Lewis, Oklahoma; Alvin Jenkins, Colorado; Stan DeBoer, Nebraska; Don Deichman, Missouri; and Billy Baines, Virginia.

AAMers then met for seven hours with Jepsen and Hagedorn. "We told them what the problems were in rural America and what must be done," said Jenkins. The two knew nothing about the Missouri elevator situation, but they do now.

Jenkins asked for a meeting with Reagan. Reagan advisers and

security okayed the meeting, and Jenkins was notified he could meet with Reagan when he

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AAM chairman Marvin Meek asks all farmers to keep themselves informed of the Missouri situation and stand ready to go to Missouri if the situation warrants it. Meek will issue the call. Farmers may call the following AAM offices for updates:

### Contact Points

DC AAM .... 202-544-5750  
Springfield ... 303-523-6223  
Texas ..... 806-364-7820  
Oklahoma ... 405-525-3243  
Missouri ..... 314-222-6157  
and ..... 314-222-3424

## Missouri Situation Is At Standoff

Farmers still have the Ristine, Missouri elevator secured with a skeleton crew 24 hours a day. There are three locks on the grain bins - one belonging to AAM; one belonging to the Missouri Department of Agriculture; and one belonging to the trustees for the elevator.

Trustees for the elevator filed a petition to sell the grain free and clear of liens. The petition listed all the creditors of the elevator. Farmers names were the very last on the list. Included in the list were farmers who have grain stored in the warehouse, and also farmers who have contracted to sell grain to the elevator.

Federal Judge Charles W. Baker will hold hearings on the petition October 20-22 in Little Rock. If the petition is granted, trustees commissions will be taken out of the proceeds and the money received from the sale will be pro-rated among the creditors.

Judge Baker discussed the case in his chambers Monday, September 22, but Missouri farmers stayed away from the courtroom, thinking the judge might decide to lock them up for contempt of court while they were there.

The contempt charges could come into play because the judge read from the bench on September 17 an order for the

federal marshalls to take into custody any persons blocking or interfering with their actions. He instructed federal marshalls to take the offenders into custody to be brought before the judge in Little Rock. The edict also ordered the marshalls to impound any equipment, locks, chains, etc. blocking their actions.

Wayne Cryts reports that the elevator has sent out letters to other area elevators listing all the farmers who have contracted to sell grain to the Ristine elevator. The letter states that they will be held responsible if they buy any of this contracted grain. As a result the other elevators are afraid to buy ANY grain from these farmers. Cryts said the letter states or implies that the grain is mortgaged to the Ristine elevator.

Wayne Cryts met with CCC representatives September 22 in Sikeston, Missouri. CCC spokesmen said the loans would not be called on the grains in the immediate future. They said CCC had the same interest in the grain as the farmers. Cryts said "There is no way you have the same interest in it as the farmers - you are all on salary and five years from now you will still be on salary, but the farmers will be bankrupt."

Cryts and David Senter were en route to cont. page 3



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## Continuing Story of Elevator Bankruptcy in Missouri

September 16 -- Missouri farmers are continuing to stand firm to protect their private property and the right of farmers nationwide to store commodities without fear of confiscation to pay other people's debts. A lot of people have been "on edge" watching to see if the federal marshalls would attempt to open the elevator over the objections of farmers present who do not want their grain to get away. Speculation and rumors continue to fly as to when or if a confrontation of some sort will occur.

As is common practice with bankruptcies, funds are placed in escrow and often after years of legal maneuvering, most assets are disbursed in fees to lawyers and trustees. Everyone is aware of the tremendous amount of capital it takes to operate -- farmers cannot survive having an entire year's production tied up in a situation such as this.

The Missouri American Agriculture Movement is pleased with the continued support the farmers are getting from their state Department of Agriculture. Tom Hopkins of the Missouri Agriculture Department told the A.A.M. National office over the phone that they are going to the bankruptcy court "requesting that the trustee be instructed to distribute the grain or its value back to the Missouri farmers who are the rightful owners thereof, and that the trustees be allowed to request that the Missouri Department of Agriculture assist with this distribution." Missouri A.A.M. State President, Wayne Cryts, and State Office Manager, Homer Evans, have kept close contact with their Governor and Attorney General's offices as well.

Our National A.A.M. office has contact with the Judiciary Committee staffs of both the House and Senate, various members of

Congress, a U.S. attorney, and U.S.D.A. and C.C.C. officials. General consensus among them is that warehouse receipts constitute legal title to the grain. The question then is: If that is legal title, why hasn't the grain been released? From what we can determine of the bankruptcy laws, the farmers are entitled to the grain or 100% of the sale proceeds, less transportation and sales commissions.

**American Agriculture Memoirs...** This very important history book of our movement is proceeding very well and we are getting great response from hundreds of farmers nationwide that want to have input and provide pictures, etc. We urge those of you who have failed to provide your name and address, please do so, so that you can share your memorable experience with all of us. We have a new address to send the names and addresses to: American Agriculture Memoirs, P. O. Box 684, Lubbock, TX 79408.

## Irvin J. Elkin, President, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., Speaks Out on the Agriculture Situation

The U.S. agricultural economy may be in its worst crisis since the great depression of the 1930's. Growers of corn, wheat, milo, hogs, chickens, turkeys and beef are absorbing losses. The 1980 general election will surely reflect the agony and frustration within the agricultural sector. One notable exception to the list of major agricultural commodities in trouble is milk. Milk, with inherent supply-price volatility exceeding that of most commodities, has the best record of price stability. That is not an accident. It is the result of rational public policy; a

public policy that genuine public interest groups and agencies strongly support.

Better dairy management and genetic improvement of cattle for milk production are enabling the remaining numbers of farms to provide enough milk for U.S. consumers, at lower unit profit margins. The resulting benefits have been passed along to consumers so that they are exchanging less labor for each unit of milk and dairy product purchased.

Statements by President Carter that productivity is the key to curbing inflation are certainly true. Currently, it is estimated that an average U.S. dairy farm produces milk for 900 consumers. As recently as 1950, the average dairy farm was able to supply the milk needs for only 44 consumers. Proof that our dairy programs have demanded and achieved production efficiencies. And from the viewpoint of consumers, that is a success story!

### Results

This highly efficient production system, coupled with the stability provided by the price support program, has prevented dairy products from increasing as much in price since 1967, as have all other food products combined and all consumer items in the Consumer Price Index. That is the ultimate test of our milk marketing system -- results.

### Scapegoat for Critics

Incredibly, the dairy program which has served U.S. consumers and producers so well is under irresponsible attack. These attacks come from several governmental agencies and from cause-seeking consumer activist groups whose very survival depends upon being perceived as the discoverer and eradicator of consumer "rip-offs."

Only through ignorant analysis or a dishonest presentation can dairy's performance be depicted as a consumer rip-off.

### Domestic Food Policy

Milk may be the only U.S. farm commodity with a carefully designed and proven rational public policy. National dairy policy is designed to sustain dairy farm families that will produce enough milk for our domestic needs for the foreseeable future.

That policy has resulted in adequate supplies of fresh,

wholesome milk at reasonable prices. The dairy price support program is genuine consumer legislation designed to provide adequate long-term milk supplies. Congress has long realized that if consumers are to enjoy such benefits, dairy farmers must have the incentive to maintain productive capacity. This system has worked well.

### Milk Price Supports Are The Cornerstone

The cornerstone of this dairy program is price supports. Mechanically, the price support program is simple. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) stands ready to buy cyclical or seasonal surplus dairy products, establishing a "floor" under milk prices. Without such "floors" the market erroneously signals dairy farmers to adjust their productive capacity. The needed productive capacity that would be eliminated is composed of highly specialized dairy labor, management, equipment, buildings and cows.

CCC also stands ready to sell its purchased products back to commercial buyers to meet their market needs. This "sell-back" helps maintain market price stability for consumers during times of decreased production.

### A Case in Point

In 1977, CCC purchases increased sharply. The price support floor prevented milk prices for dairy farmers from falling. Treasury expenditures began to alarm public officials, as well as concern dairy farmers, and there was talk of radical revision of the price support program. Fortunately, such action was not taken and consumers were protected from severe price escalations in subsequent periods. Early in the period 1978-1979 milk supplies were inadequate. Market prices moved sharply upward as consumers bid for these limited supplies. The results would have been even worse with a lower floor price, thousands of additional cows would have been sold for slaughter and without their milk 1978-79 milk prices would have moved much higher. Furthermore, the dairy products purchased by CCC in 1977 moved back into consumer markets in 1978-79, preventing sharp increases in the market prices for such products.

Consumers realized a net savings in 1978-79 as a result of government price support

expenditures of the prior year.

### Critics Ignore Dairy's Dynamic Nature

Numerous superficial appraisals of dairy price supports always appear in those times when surplus product purchases are high, claiming that consumers could have an immediate net gain if milk prices were permitted to drop to market clearing levels, and that those gains foregone, plus the Treasury costs represent a net taxpayer-consumer "rip-off." Such an appraisal is downright dishonest, and ignores consumer benefits from milk productive capacity preserved for future years and from the dairy product sell-back from government stocks.

### Dairy in Perspective With Other Farm Commodities

Agricultural enterprises are characterized by price instability. From the 1930s to the mid 1970s the "farm problem" was that farm productive capacity was great enough to drive commodity prices below costs of production. In the mid 1970s world agricultural production fell and the U.S. farm productive capability was inadequate to meet export needs. New farm prosperity prompted an end to programs restricting U.S. farm output. "Produce to the limit" became our greatest hope of an avenue to avoid national bankruptcy in the new petroleum-dominated world economy.

All the risks of uncertain export markets were placed squarely upon individual farmers. As was ultimately certain, the feather-edged margin between world shortage and world surplus shifted, and the old farm problem re-appeared. Now, U.S. agriculture has become expendable in the game of world politics, subject to the day-to-day whims of world leaders.

In these circumstances, it is not business as usual on America's farms. Business survival now holds paramount priority. Trouble in other farm enterprises accounts for much of the increased surplus milk products purchased by USDA. Farm resources are being shifted to dairy as the brightest prospect for making a profit or for minimizing losses. Yet University of Wisconsin figures show that average

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## Around the Countryside

### South Dakota

South Dakota AAM voted to reaffirm AAM's stand on moratoriums on all FmHA, SBA and ASCS loans.

The AAM booth at the state fair held a drawing for prizes. Darwin Ulmer, Roscoe, won a water jug. Harley Fluth, Emery, won a hat, and Mrs. Steve Burdick, Huron, won a ladies cap.

The Winner district was to host a pork barbecue September 27 north of Gregory.

The next South Dakota state meeting will be October 4 at the Kings Inn in Pierre.

### Kansas

Over 900 Kansas fairgoers signed a petition at the AAM booth regarding the futures market.

The petition read "Since it is highly unfair to grain and livestock producers to allow speculators to sell grain or livestock they don't own, at prices the actual owner never agreed to take: THEREFORE, the undersigned request that legislation be enacted that will make it illegal for any person except actual owners or producers to sell farm commodities on the futures markets at prices below 90% of parity."

The American Agriculture Exhibit was said to be one of the most popular at the Kansas state fair.



### Farm Bureau Sues Over Coyotes

The Farm Bureau is now suing Cecil D. Andrus and the Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to force them to control coyotes.

Robert B. Delano, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said the suit is concerned with the serious sheep and lamb losses from coyote predation in the United States, particularly in the western states.

The AFBF, together with the Wyoming Farm Bureau and several individual ran-

### Nebraska

Harrisburg, Nebraska - At a regular AAM meeting September 11 it was decided to have the office open each Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m., beginning in October. Different people will work.

The regular Thursday meetings will begin at 7:30 each Thursday evening. (Don Lease reporting.)

### Texas

Senator John Tower of Texas has expressed astonishment that Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland was surprised that farmers and ranchers might find some federal regulations burdensome and "stupid." He urges every farmer to flood Bergland with mail telling him what regulations they think are stupid. "The Secretary obviously needs this information, and has stated he would junk those regulations that do not make sense," said Tower.

AAM State Coordinator Key Crawford asks all Texas AAM members to send in their membership renewals. Charter renewals are \$150 per year. "We need desperately to keep our memberships paid as this is the way that the State Office is financed, instead of selling insurance or tires and batteries and plow points," said Crawford.

David Lindsay, president of Lamar County AAM, gave the state office a check to pay off the typewriter and the room for the recent delegate meeting. A big thanks to David and Lamar County AAM.

At the last state delegate meeting, J. B. Stelzer made a motion to the effect that since Mother Nature has

demonstrated very ably with the current drought what the effects of approximately a 25% layout nationwide would have on prices, that Texas support a 25% voluntary set-aside. The motion was passed and will be taken to the National AAM.

James Stair, District 2 delegate, was elected chairman of the delegate body.

Texas AAMers are still eligible for the previously published prizes for recruiting new members. For more information, contact the state office at Hereford.

### Speak Out

### The Energy Non Crisis

I have just finished reading a book titled *The Energy Non Crisis* by Lindsey Williams, a Baptist preacher who was with the Alaskan pipeline for 2½ years. If there is anyone in this country who really believes we have a shortage, they should read this book.

The energy crisis we have is deliberate, brought on by our very own government. They want to nationalize the oil companies so they will have complete control of the American people.

As for the person who wrote in saying Jimmy Carter is the only true Christian we've had in many years, why does he tell us so many things that we know are not right? Like "energy shortage." Why did he want to give the Canal away? Why does he let so many Cubans in to...cost American taxpayers untold millions? You know charity should begin at home.

Reagan has told the people that there is more oil in Alaska than in Saudi Arabia. After reading this book, I know he is telling the truth!

And as far as a communist takeover - the first thing they do is take the guns away. This has been tried for several years. When they get that passed, you'd better look out for we will be under complete government control.

Just wanted to spout off. We are dairymen, members of American Agriculture, and enjoy your paper. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Adelle Talley  
Rogers, New Mexico

## Foley Gets Money From Grain Trade

Representative Tom Foley's campaign coffers have been double those of any of his opponents in the 5th District of Washington state.

Foley's federal campaign reports showed his campaign was given \$1,500 by the American Bankers Association; \$1,000 by Michel Fribourg, New York, president of Con-

tinental Grain Company; \$1,000 by Blanchette Rockefeller, New York, chairman of the Museum of Modern Art; \$1000 by American Rice Inc. of Houston, Texas; \$1,000 by the Commodity Futures Political Action Fund, Chicago; and \$1,000 by the Auction Markets Committee of the Chicago Board of Trade.

## E.P.A. Withdraws Buffer Zone Idea

The Environmental Protection Agency has suddenly withdrawn its proposal for pesticide application "buffer zones" on cotton.

The announcement came after Farm Bureau vigorously opposed the ac-

tion, saying the buffer zones would be nonfarming zones where insects and weeds could thrive to reinfest adjacent crop lands. Further, EPA said this was just the start - that buffer zones would be extended to other crops.

## Missouri Elevator

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Washington D.C. September 24 to meet with more CCC officials and congressmen.

"Farmers will react to the situation as it develops," said Cryts. "We've still got the elevator secure, and personally I'm not going to allow that grain to be sold and put in escrow."

Missouri farmers met with Arkansas farmers at Piggott September 23 to explain the situation. Arkansas and Missouri farmers pledged to stand together.

## Reagan Camp Meeting

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came to Grand Junction, Colorado September 24. Problems developed because there were not enough rooms for the Reagan tour in Grand Junction. However, at press time Jenkins' meeting with Reagan was still on.

After the meeting, Alvin Jenkins issued a challenge to Democrats. "Anybody who thinks they can have input into the Democratic party should get together and go to Washington and meet with Carter and get the same commitment from him." Jenkins said Carter should know he is going to lose rural America if he doesn't change his policies.

"Forget what party you're in - we need the same commitment from all sides," said Jenkins.

Jenkins sees the promise of AAM input as a big step toward getting a

A similar situation exists at a bankrupt elevator in Corning, Arkansas.

Farmers all across the nation are asked to stand ready to go to Missouri if the situation demands it.

As one farmer put it, if the elevator is allowed to sell the grain to pay off its debts, that is no different from someone storing furniture in a warehouse, and when they go to get it, find it has been sold to pay off the warehouse's debts, or leaving your pickup for repairs and returning to find it has been sold to pay the garage's other creditors.

Board of Producers, one of the demands of the original 5-point program with which AAM began.

Jenkins further asks that all AAMers take it upon themselves to get this news into the local papers! Jepson and Hagedorn issued a press release covering the promises made to American Agriculture, but few if any papers have carried it.

Advisers also alerted AAM that Reagan plans to give a major agriculture address in Iowa soon.



A giraffe's tongue may be one-and-a-half-foot long.

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Carol Ebert, Federal Register reader, cook and publisher, displays some of her whole wheat baked goods. (Manhattan Mercury photo)

## Carol Ebert Publishes Cookbook

Carol Ebert, whom all of American Agriculture knows as the reader of the Federal Register, has published a cookbook sharing her recipes for baking with whole wheat.

Carol has been grinding her own wheat and making her own breads and pastries from it for four years. She began developing her own recipes because she couldn't find good recipes for whole wheat.

She has kitchen-tested her recipes using commercial whole wheat flour to be sure the results are the same as with her home-ground flour.

The 60 page indexed book, called *Wheat Country Health Delights*, contains recipes for breads, graham crackers, tortillas, whole wheat pie crust, rolls, dumplings, noodles and waffles. The book also tells the cook how to use honey instead of sugar. The book has a glossary of

terms to insure the success of beginners.

How did Carol get started on her cookbook venture? She was always asked to bring the bread to family gatherings because her bread was so moist and didn't crumble!

Carol Ebert's cookbook, *"Wheat Country Health Delights"* is \$4.50 post-paid from Ebert Farm Supply, Dept. A, Route 1 Box 29A, St. George, Kansas 66535. Kansas residents should add 3% sales tax.

## Clayton Yeutter Talks About Parity

by Dorothy Lau

Corky Jones, Dorothy Lau, and Harold Rice attended a breakfast in Plattsmouth, Nebraska September 24. Dr. Clayton Yeutter and Second District Congressional Candidate Hal Daub spoke.

According to Hal Daub, Mr. Yeutter is one of three people being considered for the position of Secretary of Agriculture.

The following quotations are taken directly from Mr. Yeutter's speech when he responded to questions about parity.

When asked about the percent of parity the farmers are getting now, he said "These are meaningless numbers. I would like to get parity out of the vocabulary of agriculture totally. It does nothing but cause trouble. To suggest parity pricing is sheer nonsense. It is a meaningless, totally outmoded concept. I've been a farmer all my life. Farmers are interested in how much money they are making, not what percent of parity they are getting. To talk about parity just doesn't make sense. I think it is terribly damaging in terms of developing a sound agriculture policy. I get very distressed when we have people talking about parity in terms of prices. We want farmers to have a good income, but to suggest that it is somehow related to parity prices is really terribly, terribly misleading."

Corky Jones then asked "If you don't like the word parity, then let us use the word equal. Where do the farmers stand as being equal?"

Yeutter replied "As well as we should be. Compared to the rest of the economy, agriculture is doing reasonably well, but that is because the rest of the economy is doing even worse."

Dorothy Lau asked how the Reagan administration would implement the agriculture plank of the Republican platform. Yeutter said "You must read that carefully. We are not talking about parity pricing, we are talking about parity income. Governor Reagan says he wants parity through the marketplace, not through the government. We were doing this through the Butz years, with very little government involvement. The Reagan administration would be essentially the same as the Butz years. But then I don't have time to go into that. I have a news conference at 10 a.m."

AAMers, can we honestly let Reagan consider a person like Clayton Yeutter for the Secretary of Agriculture position? What now, sit on our butts and let it happen or do we get on the phone and call the Reagan headquarters and let them know we are displeased?

While calling, put in a few calls to Senators Jepsen (202-224-3254) and Laxalt (202-224-3542) and to Congressmen Hagedorn (202-225-2472) and Kemp (202-225-5205) and Smith (202-225-6435).

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## Baca Food and Fuel Still on Schedule

Baca Food and Fuel in Campo, Colorado, still says they intend to produce alcohol on November 1, the target date set when construction began.

Fermentation and cook tanks have been under construction at the site for two months, and nine have been finished. The building is nearing completion, and the office will be functional soon.

Grain handling and storage equipment is en

route and should be standing ready for use by late October.

The housing for the boiler unit and the boiler itself are under construction. The boiler is being put in separate housing to reduce insurance costs.

Baca Food and Fuel says because of the dedication of the Board of Directors, hard working crews and the support of the Campo community, the November 1 deadline for producing alcohol will be met.

## "Find Something Worth Dying For, Then Live For It"

by Marilyn Ekberg Hamill, South Dakota

Almost thirteen years ago, my senior class chose as a class motto, "Find something worth dying for, then live for it."

As I started through my life, I found several causes to work for with such dedication and conviction. Almost three years ago, I found such a cause in the American Agriculture Movement. It was just beginning at the same time we decided to return to farming. I saw so many injustices and unfair practices that we had to start farming under that I just had to speak up.

The more involved I became the more injustices I found. At first I was merely working for a fair price for our products in order to be able to survive on our farm.

As the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations were uncovered, I felt I had to speak out and try to save our country. So much was being done to destroy the small family farm and our country. We were few in number but seemed to be gaining a few more dedicated people to help battle these evil forces.

But more and more dishonest and harmful practices came to light. We were able to gain little on monetary grounds, so we lost more fighters because they were forced off their farms.

As the days and weeks passed, we still managed to muster our forces and battle a little longer.

Lately, however, as I look around, I see many people giving up the battle. Granted, it has been a long haul. At the same time I saw this happening, I also began to question whether or not I could go on.

I was reminded of my motto and how much I

had invested in this war. I again ran through my mind all the injustices. I began to see a whole new reason for standing up and being heard.

It is very important to me to be able to make enough from my land to be able to hang onto it and farm as my chosen profession. I love this life very much.

The plight of our country also is still a very valid reason for fighting. I began to realize that what I am fighting for ultimately are the fundamental truths our great country was founded on. Our forefathers fled their native lands to escape the persecutions. Where can we escape to? There are no new lands to run to and start a new colony based on the rights of the people and not just a few who decide they want to rule the world.

It is vitally important that we stand our grounds now and not give in. We must overcome our apathy and decide to return to the basic freedoms our country was founded on.

Our Constitution guarantees me the right to live and work at any job that I choose to do. However, low commodity prices, high expenses, and manipulations of the markets have caused many to not be able to continue doing what they want to do most of all with their lives.

I realize that it will be a long uphill run but I can't give up now. My very life depends on whether or not I have enough courage and fortitude to continue to fight for what I believe in.

My children's futures hinge on whether or not we can uphold the freedoms this country was founded on. There is a lot of work left to be done.

It appears to me that as the battle gets harder, the

## Chaplain's Corner

### Proverbs, Chapter 14

The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.

2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord, But he who is crooked in his ways despises Him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for his back, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

4 Where no oxen are, the manger is clean, But much increase comes by the strength of the ox.

5 A faithful witness will not lie, But a false witness speaks lies.

6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and finds none, But knowledge is easy to him who has understanding.

7 Leave the presence of a fool, Or you will not discern words of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.

9 Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is good will.

10 The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy.

11 The house of the wicked will be destroyed, But the tent of the upright will flourish.

12 There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart may be in pain, And the end of joy may be grief.

14 The backslider in heart will have his fill of his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied with his.

15 The naive believes everything, But the prudent man considers his steps.

16 A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless.

17 A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of evil devices is hated.

18 The naive inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

warriors become fewer in number. But as long as the causes for our plight are around, hopefully someone will continue to speak out and work to right the wrongs.

I will continue to fight because I know that I cannot look my children in the eye and tell them that the reason they no longer live in a free country is because I gave up when the going got tough. I only hope that someone else will stand up long enough to help me win the battle.

19 The evil will bow down before the good, And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor is hated even by his neighbor, But those who love the rich are many.

21 He who despises his neighbor sins, But happy is he who is gracious to the poor.

22 Will they not go astray who devise evil? But kindness and truth will be to those who devise good.

23 In all labor there is profit, But mere talk leads only to poverty.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches, But the folly of fools is foolishness.

25 A truthful witness saves lives, But he who speaks lies is treacherous.

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge.

27 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, That one may avoid the snares of death.

28 In a multitude of people is a king's glory, But in the dearth of people is a prince's ruin.

29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

30 A tranquil heart is life to the body, But passion is rottenness to the bones.

31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who is gracious to the needy honors Him.

32 The wicked is thrust down by his wrong-doing, But the righteous has a refuge when he dies.

33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, But in the bosom of fools it is made known.

34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people.

35 The king's favor is toward a servant who acts wisely, But his anger is toward him who acts shamefully.



Buttons have been found in the tombs of Egypt and Greece, dating back 2,500 to 4,000 years. It wasn't until the 15th or 16th century, however, that the button-hole was invented.

"Vision is the art of seeing things invisible."  
Jonathan Swift



# federal register

**FEMA publishes final regulations** to implement EO 11988, Floodplain Management, and EO 11990, Protection of Wetlands. These regulations apply to specific procedures and criteria to FEMA for the Agency's actions in or affecting floodplains and wetlands. pp. 59520-59538.

**FEMA proposes rules** for state assistance programs for training and education in emergency management. This includes a rather notorious statement -- FEMA was formed, it says, in response to State and local expressed needs to coordinate and manage all disaster planning and response in one agency. The truth is, President Carter "created" FEMA in one of his reorganization executive orders, which has been documented time and again in other volumes of the Federal Register, and the powers it has go infinitely farther than disaster planning and response. Comments on their latest proposed rules must be made by September 30, which is convenient since the public never got in on the ground floor anyway. Comment to Rules Docket Clerk, FEMA, Rm. 801, 1725 I St. NW, Washington, DC 20472. These proposals are on pp. 59344-59348, and include ways by which States will be awarded, etc.

**Beekeeper Indemnity Payment Program** has been terminated even though 718 comments were received, of which 92% favored continuing the program. Terminated anyway, effective September 9, 1980.

**ASCS, USDA announces** the Secretary of Agriculture proposes determinations regarding the 1980 Feed Grain and Soybeans programs -- whether to have a set-aside, NPA, DIVERSION, ETC. Comment by October 9, 1980 to Jeffress A. Wells, Director, PAD, Rm. 3630 S. Bldg., Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013.

**CFTC proposes a futures contract on plywood.** Comment by October 9 to Ms. Jane Stuckey, CFTC, 2033 K. St. NW, Washington, DC 20581. (I hope they include

spec short selling so they will have a lot of non-existent plywood to build houses with, which will make for see-through houses, and we will finally get to see how the other half lives.)

**CFTC proposes to eliminate** the maximum load-out charges on grain, thereby allowing warehouses to set load-out charges freely. This proposal is of major economic significance. The maximum load-out charge on the BOT futures contracts was 5¢/bushel. Comment by October 9 to Jane Stuckey, Secretariat, CFTC, 2033 K. St. NW, Washington, DC 20581. Fr. Vol. 45, No. 176; September 9, 1980.

**FTA is conducting a study** of consumer response to the availability of advertised specials. A study was conducted for the commission by Market Facts, Inc. and indicates the ways and extent in which consumers relied upon price advertised specials, their reactions to instances of unavailability and the benefits that consumers believe they obtain from this trade rule. Comment by October 30 to Richard Donohue, FTC, Rm. 272, 6th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. Golly, I wish they had said how much they spent on this one. Fr. Vol. 45, No. 177; September 10, 1980.

**FSQS solicits comments** from all interested public on the regulation which allows the withholding of water from cattle for 24 hours before slaughter. This falls under the humane handling and treatment of livestock. Comment by November 12 to Annie Johnson, FSQS, USDA, Washington, DC 20250.

**CCC amends its rules** on the Grace Reserve program for 1976 and subsequent crops to provide that farmers may have up to 90 days for settlement of a reserve loan after a commodity in the reserve is called. Formerly, 30 days was the time for settlement. Effective September 11, 1980.

**CFTC announces its members** which will serve as the Commission's Performance Review Board. They are Robert W. Clerk,

Executive Assistant to the Chairman; James Culver, Chief Economist and Director, Division of Economics and Education; John Gaine, General Counsel; Thomas Loughran, Acting Director of Enforcement; John Manley, Division of Trading and Markets; and Donald Tundick, Executive Director.

**Barley, FGIS proposes study of barley standards** to determine their effectiveness and responsiveness to current marketing needs. All grain standards are reviewed every five years. Comment by November 12 to Director, Issuance and Coordination Staff, FGIS, USDA, Rm. 1127, Auditor's Bldg., 1400 Ind. Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250 in duplicate.

**CCC announces new specifications** for wrapping cotton bale packaging materials. Contact CCC.

**CCC proposes considering supporting prices** to domestic producers of 1980 crop sunflower seed, either through loan and purchase or purchase agreement only. Levels of support being considered are \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 per cwt. Also considering general provisions under which producers may obtain price supports on seeds. Comment by October 15 to Jeffress Wells, Director, PAD, USDA-ASCS, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013.

Carol Ebert



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*Are Textbooks Harming Your Children?*, by James C. Hefley, originally published as *Textbooks on Trial*, is the story of Mel and Norma Gabler of Longview, Texas and their battle against bad textbooks in use in our schools. In 1961 their son pointed out omissions and contradictions in his history books. The Gablers found more of the same in other books. These books were selected from a list acceptable to the State Textbook

Committee; since that time, the Gablers have read, reviewed, and presented testimony for and against textbooks used in Texas public schools.

From their first encounters with the committee, the press, the publishers, and the public, to their acceptance today as textbook experts, Mr. Hefley outlines the triumphs and defeats of a family that cared enough to speak up for what they believed. It is difficult to imagine what textbooks would be today without the Gablers and thousands of other concerned Americans. The battle is far from being won; it still needs to be fought. It is possible to lose all that has been gained by resting on the laurels they have worked for. Heroes are merely average people in extraordinary circumstances and the Gablers fit this mold. Textbooks can destroy the values you have instilled in your children or they can reinforce them. If you are not sure of the quality of textbooks in your school, a good place to start is with this book, *Are Textbooks Harming Your Children?*. James C. Hefley, paperback, \$3.95 from Mott Media ISBN 0-915134-38-1.

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cows at today's prices can only return \$2.59 per hour for a dairy farmer's labor after paying other production costs.

#### Dairy -- a Useful Pawn

A measure of milk price stability has been achieved, but when compared to the stability of non-farm segments of the economy, such as the average hourly wage received by U.S. manufacturing workers, milk price variations are erratic indeed. Consumer advocates, both within and outside the Department of Agriculture, should be deeply concerned about potential milk price instability. But irresponsible "advocates" can be expected to continue to pursue minimum commodity prices regardless of the longer-term effect upon farm productive capacity. Such a course serves their purpose of building constituencies.

Dairy farmers have been used as pawns in world trade matters. Substantial volumes of 1980 price support purchases are a direct result of irresponsible concessions for additional foreign government subsidized cheese imports. Even larger volumes of 1980 price support purchases are a direct result of imported casein. Casein imports continue to escalate to higher levels in 1980, increasing government purchases of displaced domestic cheese, butter and non-fat dried milk.

Irvin J. Elkin, President  
Associated Milk Producers

The American Agriculture Movement has been active to help maintain 80% parity on milk. It is very short-sighted to advocate reducing net farm income to control production and do nothing to adjust imports which increase supply or charge faulty economic policies which reduce consumer demand.

Bill Holdren  
Cresbard, SD

## Calendar of Events

**October 1** - Michigan Delegates meeting at Neal Rogers home, Eaton Rapids.

**October 3, 4, - 5** - First Ozark Community Congress, held at New Life Farm, Inc., Drury, Missouri. "All citizens concerned about environmental and political aspects of life in the Ozarks are invited to attend and to testify on behalf of their individual and community interests. You as representatives will begin to form a plan and platform for a new bioregional order based on sustainable energy, renewable resources, human rights, and responsible growth under environmental law," the invitation reads. Pre-registration needed. Mail to OACC, Drury, MO 65638, or call in Arkansas, 501-253-7149; in Missouri 417-683-2089. \*5 fee in cash or barter. Bring camping equipment.

**October 4** - South Dakota State AAM meeting, Kings Inn, Pierre.

**October 6** - Kansas state meeting in Black Angus restaurant at Great Bend, 9 a.m. Meeting room donated by Black Angus.

**October 12 - 17** - Alcohol workshop at Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia. Hands on workshop. Fee \$450. For more info, 804-520-6655 or write Box FF, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA 23803.

**October 31-Nov 1** - Inventors workshop, Dallas Fort Worth, U of Texas at Arlington. For info, see Atlanta workshop.

**November 5, 6, 7** - West Coast Gasohol Conference, Spokane International Airport, Spokane, Washington, Ramada Inn. Registration, \$65. For more info, Washington Gasohol Commission, 51 NW Alder Street, Ephrata, Washington 98823.

**November 17 - 19** - Farm Bureau "Energy Idea Symposium" at Des Plaines, Illinois. The top 10 ideas on energy production, conservation and development submitted by FB members will be presented. Several university and industrial specialists will speak on energy.

**November 17-20** - "Outlook '81" the 57th annual Agricultural Outlook Conference sponsored by the USDA.

**November 18** - Ken Hilton's trial in D.C. Anyone who saw the incident or has pictures, please contact Ken at Cambridge, Nebraska, 308-697-4571.

**December 16-17** - Farm Energy Expo, West Des Moines, IA, Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Extensive display of alternate energy and on-farm energy production equipment. Sponsored by Iowa Corn Growers. For more info, 515-225-9242.

### Washington Gasohol Seminars

**October 6, 7** - Pasco, Washington.

**October 14, 15** - Bellevue.

**October 30, 31** - Yakima. Registration is \$35 for each two-day seminar and \$65 for each 3-day seminar. Send to Washington Gasohol Commission, 51 NW Alder Street, Ephrata, Washington 98823.

### Fundraiser and Subscription Drive State Tally

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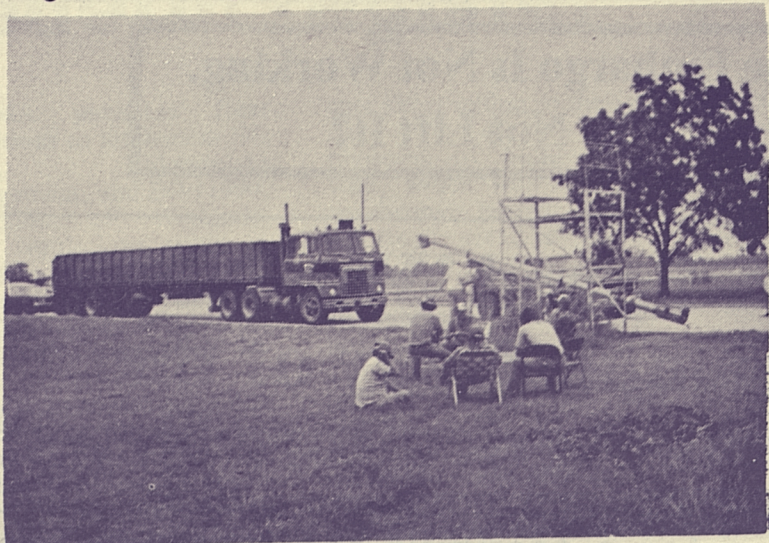
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Farmers wait outside the elevator for something to happen.



Farm tractors and trucks maintain a vigil near the bankrupt elevator.



A farmer's truck waits in line to reclaim beans belonging to an AAM member. Picture was snapped from atop the Ristine elevator sign.

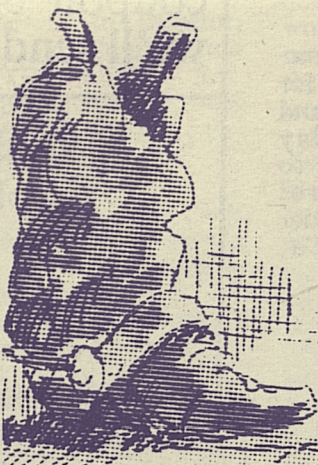


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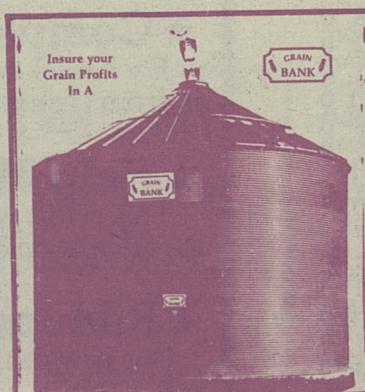
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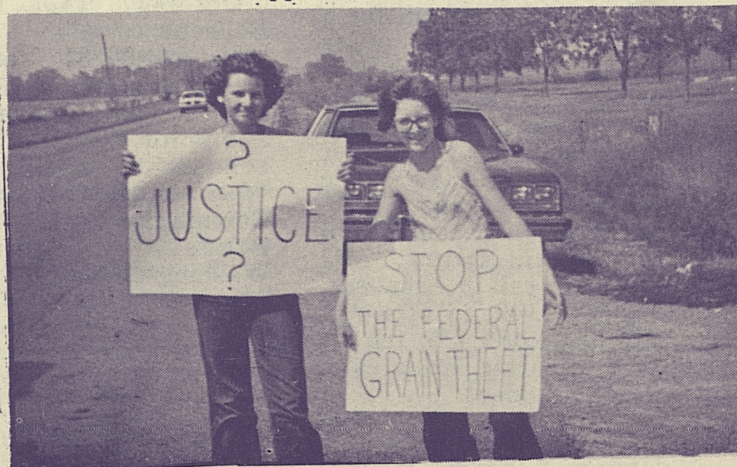
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