

DAIRY INDUSTRY: Milk Tax Will Lead To 50% Foreclosure Rate: Attorney

BY HUBERT MATSON
HELENA — About 50 area dairy farmers packed the Helena Town Hall last Wednesday to listen to attorney Benjamin Carrol explain the lawsuit he is filing for his client, Ed Mulroy, that challenges the 50 cent per hundredweight assessment to be levied on milk after Dec. 1.

Edward Mulroy, the Marcellus, N.Y. farmer who has challenged the assessment, called the proposed assessment "a special fine for northeast farmers," and questioned the alleged surplus that the United States Department of Agriculture claims as the basis for the assessment.

Carrol said that he was "not concerned" about suing the United States Government or the Secretary of the Agriculture Department John Block, if the government had done "something at all questionable" in this matter.

"I don't know when in history so many have taken so much laying down," Carrol said. "Ours is the only suit in the United States in one of the best organized and financed industries in America that is challenging this."

"There is really very little surplus. One problem is that your inventory is visible in the U.S. budget," Carrol told the group. "The inventory in our con-

stitution, in Carrol's opinion. "It's a sound legal principle," Carrol said of this argument. "The power of Congress to tax or to assess in this sense, and to regulate commerce, is not unlimited."

District Court In December
The suit will be brought up in District Court in December, and Carrol indicated that he is hoping for a quick ascent to the Supreme Court, where he feels the suit stands a strong chance of success.

He told the farmers that most of the arguments in his suit are applicable to all dairy farmers, and if the suit is successful, then "all farmers will benefit."

Appealing for a unified support for the action, Mulroy said that they were lacking about \$10,000 for the first steps in the suit, and welcomed contributions toward its cost.

A class action suit is not contemplated currently, because Attorney Carrol would have to identify all members in the class and provide the financial ability to protect the interests of the entire class. He said that a class action would require about \$25,000 to be initiated. The time for a class action would be "when the enforcement starts," Carrol concluded.

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A second problem is that the national dairy leadership has had a policy that believed that large political contributions could make up for the industry's small numbers, Carrol said. He noted that the government was aware of these contributions, and when budget areas needed to be cut, the dairy industry was seen as "a logical place to cut."

50 Percent Foreclosure Rate
Carrol told the farmers that "the only thing to expect from this is a 50 percent foreclosure rate in the next two years." Also, cattle will flood the market when these farms go out of business and farm values will go down, he added.

And he continued, saying that the New York market is actually short of milk, and any decrease in production could cause milk from Minnesota and other dairy states to flood the market in place of domestic milk.

One of the main points in his suit will be the legality of the assessment, Carrol said. Congress drew this bill giving Agriculture Secretary Block the authority and discretion to levy this 50 cents without any instructions whatever. Giving this authority without any restriction violated the separation of powers given in our con-



VISIT CLARKSON — Over 300 visitors from Rochester, Albany and points north visited the Clarkston College campus recently for Engineering, Science and Management Day. The majority were high school students, ac-

companied by several high school guidance counselors and parents. The students spent the day viewing exhibits in the various departments and learning about Clarkson's programs from faculty and current students.

FARM BUREAU: Legislative Issues On Tap

ALBANY — Delegates from the 52 county Farm Bureaus of the Empire State will convene in early December to formulate New York Farm Bureau's legislative policy for 1983. The delegate session will be a major portion of the state organization's annual meeting to be held Dec. 7-9 at Kuthers Country Club in the Sullivan County town of Monticello.

The voting delegates are expected to discuss and address more than 100 legislative issues confronting the State. Many legislators and key government officials who look to Farm Bureau for legislative direction in the field of agriculture will be monitoring the organization's legislative decisions.

One of the state issues that will be addressed by delegates is the preservation of farmland in New York, and specifically the Agricultural Districts Law, which was enacted in 1971 to deter activities that threaten agriculture. Many farmers feel that two state agencies — the Division of Equalization and Assessment and the Department of Environmental Conservation — are going beyond the intent of provisions in the law.

In 1980, revisions to the law were ratified by the state legislature that would have agricultural use values, utilized by many farmers throughout

the state to determine the value of their properties, based on economic data and soil quality. Conflict between Equalization and Assessment and Farm Bureau arose this year when the state agency decided to separate orchard and vineyard values from hay and corn values in the program, which Farm Bureau claimed was not within the intent of the 1980 revisions. Farm Bureau and Equalization and Assessment are hopeful to work together in resolving the issue of how to value fruit trees and vines. The 1983 policy will be seen as a stepping stone for Farm Bureau's views on the situation.

The Department of Environmental Conservation issued an internal memorandum in March stating that proposed agricultural districts, or those that are scheduled for renewal after their eight-year period, will not be allowed if the land within the district contains wetlands targeted for acquisition by DEC. The wetland area would have to be removed in order for the district to be approved by the DEC commissioner. A proposed district encompassing more than 3,500 acres in Schoharie County was proposed, then withdrawn after DEC stated it wanted 53 acres within the proposed district that it targeted for acquisition. A district in Seneca County ready for its eight-year renewal became jeopardized

by DEC's plans to acquire wetlands within the district. Policy decisions made by voting delegates at the meeting are expected to reflect their concern for farmland preservation as it relates to these actions taken by state government agencies.

One national issue expected to be closely scrutinized by voting delegates is the current dairy situation and the production-consumption imbalance taking place. To supposedly counteract the imbalance, the U.S. Department of Agriculture decided to impose a 50 cent per hundredweight assessment against dairy farmers for purchases made by the federal government of excess dairy products. Farm Bureau has voiced its opposition to the USDA action, saying the assessment will cause increased production because dairymen, already caught in a serious cost-price squeeze, will need to increase their cash flow. Farm Bureau's views of ways to help remedy the issue are expected at the meeting through its recommendations, which will be forwarded for the consideration to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in January, where national policy will be formulated for the organization.

The proposals to be discussed at the meeting were summarized and consolidated by the 17-member Resolutions Committee of New York Farm Bureau after Farm Bureau members cast their votes on legislative issues at the many county Farm Bureau annual meetings held this fall. Although resolutions may originate from the convention floor at the state organization's annual meeting, the voting delegates generally rely on the resolutions committee to provide direction in reflecting the views of the general membership.

BUSINESS: Help For Opening Business

For anyone opening a business, especially the new entrepreneur, dealing with the myriad of state regulations and requirements can be confusing and frustrating. Luckily, there is help. The New York State Office of Business Permits stands ready to assist in the process of securing required permits, licenses and approvals.

The Office of Business Permits was established in the state's Executive Department to overcome delays and reduce burdensome requirements on new business. They not only provide direct help and advice to business people, but also work to streamline the procedures of the state agencies so that in the future, there will be a simpler system to deal with.

In just over three years of operation, the Office of Business Permits has helped more than 6,000 New Yorkers with their business plans. And, the office boasts a record of speedy response — most requests for assistance are resolved within 24 hours. The secret to this highly effective service is dedication, experience, sound information resources and a commitment to helping ease the process of starting a business.

Parking Compromise Approved

With some reservations, the Potsdam Village Board last week approved a restricted parking plan for Main Street in an effort to satisfy the concern of Clarkson College for its students' safety.

By a 3-2 margin, trustees voted to restrict parking on the North side of Main Street between Cedar Street and Morningside Drive. In addition, parking will be restricted on both the North and South sides from Market Street to the Pierrepont Avenue-Park Street intersection, except at metered parking places. Parking will also now be

restricted on both sides of Main Street from the easterly retaining wall and fence at Congdon Dormitory and extending westerly to the sidewalk in front of Snell Hall — a distance of 455 feet.

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Among the other services is the master application procedure, which can be especially helpful in more complex business undertakings or when the approval of several state agencies may be required. The master application procedure takes away the guesswork and tells exactly what the requirements are.

The front line of contact with the Office of Business Permits is the permit coordinator. A call to the Office on its toll-free number (800-342-3464) will be answered by one of these dedicated and helpful people. Most have had experience operating businesses in the private sector, and can appreciate the business person's point of view. In all likelihood, the results of this initial phone call will be a permit assistance kit being mailed, providing information, helpful hints and application forms for the business proposal.

'Sweep' Account Is Introduced

John Alan Phillips, President of the North Country Savings Bank has announced the introduction of a new type deposit account, called a "Sweep" Account.

Phillips stated, "the new account combines all the features of a savings account, a checking account and a high-yield investment fund and works as follows: The depositor opens an interest-bearing NOW Account and at the same time authorizes the bank to establish a daily repurchase agreement. Each day the balance in the NOW Account exceeds \$2,500 the excess is automatically transferred into the repurchase agreement and earns higher interest which is compounded daily and credited monthly.

The minimum balance required to open the account is \$250, and there are no fees for the account unless the average monthly balance falls below \$1,000 in which case there is a \$5 monthly service charge.

Phillips further said, "one of the features of our new account is the ability of the depositor to write an unlimited number of checks in any amount."

The bank will provide personalized checks up to \$5 free of charge. Non-profit organizations will receive free checks, regardless of cost, for the initial account they open.

"This account," Phillips said, "offers both existing and new customers the opportunity to enjoy the advantages of a combined account without the necessity of committing large amounts for long periods of time, and without incurring penalties should they need the use of their funds before a maturity date."

"Sweep" Accounts are available to individuals, partnerships, municipalities, local governments, and not-for-profit organizations.

Phillips stated, "we are pleased to be the first bank in the area, and one of the first in the state, to offer this unique service and we see it as one more way for the bank to provide services especially designed to meet the needs of the people of the North Country."

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Potsdam Mayor, James W. Penock, while voting in favor of the compromise, stated that Clarkson College is not exclusive of the community and should not be treated as such.

Two public hearings regarding the changing of parking status on Main Street brought out the fears of several residents that if parking was to be restricted on the North side of the street, it would be at the expense of children on neighboring streets.

Those fears, as well as the loss of parking spaces prompted Trustees Paul Claffey and Barbara Lenhart to vote against the plan.

Bus Garage May Be Included In School Security System

A proposal to include the bus garage in the Potsdam Central School District security system is expected to be under discussion at the regular meeting of the school board at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Tuesday) in the high school cafeteria.

THANKSGIVING: Safety Tips For 'Festive Fowl'

The traditional Thanksgiving table, with all of its colorful trimmings, would not be complete without the festive fowl, turkey. But State Health Commissioner David Axelrod reminds holiday chefs that a few simple precautions taken in the preparation of this main course will assure a turkey of succulence and safety.

"The improper handling, cooking and storage of poultry and stuffing can result in the growth of salmonella bacteria, which can cause food poisoning," the commissioner said.

Dr. Axelrod offered the following safety tips for an enjoyable and healthy Thanksgiving meal:

- When refrigerating raw turkey, wrap it securely and place away from other cooked foods to guard against contamination.
- Never allow a frozen turkey to thaw at room temperature; this encourages the growth of harmful bacteria. Let it thaw slowly in the refrigerator or under cold running water.
- Make sure the work area where you prepare raw turkey for cooking is washed thoroughly before preparing other foods.
- Always wash hands thoroughly before and after handling raw poultry to avoid spread of bacteria.

Use a meat thermometer to ensure turkey and stuffing and thoroughly cooked (above 165 degrees Fahrenheit). Cook turkey and stuffing separately since adequate temperatures may not be reached inside the bird to adequately cook dressing. If preferred, pre-cook dressing separately and place it in the bird for final cooking.

—Stuffing should be removed from the turkey before storing since bacteria can begin to grow if warm turkey is allowed to cool at room temperature. Leftover turkey should be sliced before refrigerating so that it will cool faster and prevent bacterial growth.

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—When reheating leftover turkey and dressing make sure to reheat at temperatures above 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

Woman Charged In Refund Scheme

CANTON — A Parishville woman has been charged by St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Deputies for allegedly shoplifting goods, returning and trying to obtain a refund on the items, and later lying to deputies about it.

Audrey Lindsay, 30, Parishville was issued an appearance ticket last Tuesday for petit larceny and allegedly making a false statement to deputies.

Deputies say the Parishville woman allegedly shoplifted merchandise worth about \$25 from Kinney's Drug Store in Canton and later attempted to return the merchandise for a rebate.

When the store officials refused her request and contacted deputies, deputies allege she made a "false statement" about it.

She faces an appearance in Canton court on the larceny charge and an appearance in Parishville court on the false statement charge.

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Dated: Nov. 23, 1982
Lorraine Bartlett
Village Clerk
34w1c

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Colton will accept bids for insurance coverage from February 1983 to December 31, 1983 in conformance with present coverage which may be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours.

Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 P.M. December 8, 1982 at the Town Clerk's Office, Colton, New York at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Town Board.

A fully executed non-collusive bidding certificate must be attached to the bid and made a part thereof.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Envelopes must be marked "Insurance Bid".
Dated: November 8, 1982
Elizabeth Ford
Town Clerk
Town of Colton
33w2c

LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Stockholm will hold a Public Hearing on Dec. 14, 1982, at 6:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building, Winthrop, New York, on the proposed variance for Gary and Mary Ellen Hooper's dismantling yard on the Pleasant Valley Road.

FURTHER PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Stockholm will hold a regular monthly meeting at the Municipal Building, Winthrop, New York at 7:00 P.M. immediately following the Public Hearing.
Dated: November 15, 1982
Freda Frary
Town Clerk
34w1c

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given in compliance with Section 142 of the Highway Law, that George Fisher, Superintendent of Highways, of the Town of Colton, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. has recommended the purchase of the following:
One, New, Hydraulically Driven Material Spreader.
Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p.m. on December 8, 1982 at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Colton, N.Y. at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Town Board.

Detailed specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk, at the office of the Town Clerk, during regular business hours.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Envelopes containing bids must be labeled "Material Spreader Bid" and be addressed to the Town Clerk, Town of Colton, N.Y. A fully executed non-collusive bidding certificate must be attached to the bid and made a part thereof as required by Sections 103A and 103D of the General Municipal Law.
Dated: Nov. 18, 1982
Elizabeth Ford
Town Clerk
Town of Colton
34w1c

NOTICE TO VENDORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in compliance with Section 103, 103D, and subdivision 5 of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, that the Village of Norwood, St. Law. Co., New York, is seeking proposals for furnishing the Village with the following:
One (1) New Current Model Grumman, Two-Stage Fire Pumper in the 1000 G.P.M. Class, mounted on a New Current Model, Gasoline powered Truck Chassis.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the survey of Federal General Revenue Sharing Expenditures (Form RS-9F) for the Village of Potsdam's fiscal year, June 1, 1981 to May 31, 1982, has been filed with the Bureau of Census. A copy of this report and supporting documentation is available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, Civic Center, Potsdam, New York, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
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from the
PAMPERED KITCHEN
By Elizabeth Isenberg, Home Economist

Date-Pineapple Slaw

Good food, no matter how simple the item, must be merchandized. Every meal served requires a public relations campaign whether served in your own home or at a restaurant. Some family members are in a rut; they skip meals and snack all day. Others only eat a few favorite foods and refuse to try anything new. Some people even find food boring and feel that taking a few supplements will suffice.

One way to market your meals is to depart from the common everyday predictable combinations. For example, peas and mashed potatoes with the turkey, blue cheese dressing with tossed salad, and pineapple with ham are all good menu suggestions but are frequently overworked. There are, however, countless ways to treat any basic food item.

Consider, for example, coleslaw. Does it always have to be shredded cabbage with a hint of grated carrot, enveloped in mayonnaise? Shredded cabbage also teams well with pineapple, green pepper, peanuts, and/or dates. Even the dressing can vary from a simple sweet and sour mixture to a mayonnaise flavored with numerous seasonings including celery seed and caraway seed. In other words, there are many ways to get variety into coleslaw and variety means more interesting meals and better nutrition.

Let's look for a moment at the basic ingredient of coleslaw. The cabbage has been part of the vegetable garden since the pre-Christian era. It was highly esteemed by Greeks and Romans who imbued it with such powers as the prevention of drunkenness, protection against the plague and the removal of freckles.

Some type of cabbage grows in almost every area of the world. It is said to have been introduced to America by the Dutch. As a vegetable it does well on its own but it reaches its true pinnacle of goodness when teamed with other ingredients. It can be transformed into such homey delicacies as sauerkraut, wilted cabbage with bacon, cabbage soup, casseroles containing lamb or sausage, a filling for crepes and coleslaw.

The following coleslaw combines cabbage with pineapple and dates. The result is a distinctive salad which is appealing both to the eye and the palate. It can be merchandized even further by serving it in a pretty green bowl to accentuate the green of the vegetable. Underline the bowl with a rugged earthen-tone placemat. Even a candle nearby adds to the total culinary picture.

It does not cost anything more to give your cooking a public relations treatment. The only requirements are a willingness to look for new recipes and a desire to dig out your runners, mats and bowls to give the good food you have carefully prepared its best possible setting. Merchandizing your food is merchandizing the fact that good nutrition still comes from your culinary studio.

DATE-PINEAPPLE SLAW
Yield: 4 servings
1/2 cup dates, pitted and sliced
1/2 cup diced canned pineapple
two and one-half cups finely shredded cabbage
one-third cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lemon juice
one-fourth teaspoon salt
one-fourth teaspoon dry mustard
Combine the dates, pineapple, and cabbage.
Combine the mayonnaise, lemon juice, and seasonings.
Stir into the cabbage mixture and toss lightly. Serve at once.