

# The James Mimm Hilton for Horses

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holding leashes attached to the animals' halters. "We had to make the pool extra deep,"

Mimm said, "so the horses couldn't touch bottom. If they could touch bottom with their hind legs, we'd create problems

in the pool instead of solving them." Mimm said he knows of only two other pools reasonably close

to this area. One is in Pittsburgh while the other is in Rising Sun, Maryland. Horse training by water isn't a new idea. Some owners have been taking their animals into the Chesapeake Bay for years. Swimming pools, though, aren't too easy to find. In fact, Mimm says he has a waiting list of customers. Most of his tenants are regular starters at Brandywine and Liberty Bell race tracks, which feature trotters and pacers rather than thoroughbreds.

Mimm himself started raising race horses about eight years ago, and has had a few good years. One horse, which cost him \$1800, won \$80,000 worth of purses in one year of racing. One of his current favorites is Seafield Countess, an 8-year-old pacer from New Zealand.

"The secret to success in raising horses is to always have some young animals coming along," Mimm says.

Horses for Mimm are actually a hobby. When he's not at the horse farm, he's a few minutes away at the Christiana Milk Company, where he is president. Mimm started working in a creamery in 1928 and started his own dairy business in 1945. He now ships 80 million pounds of milk annually to the New York market.



Mrs. James Mimm's is shown here with her special pet, Bonita Wick, a brood mare retiring from racing. Her husband is

holding Kingsley Pleasure, a two-year-old hopeful for the Mimm stables.



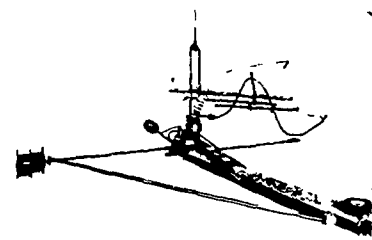
One of the tenants at the James Mimm horse farm getting his daily workout in the swimming pool. The trainer leads the animal around the pool for therapeutic exercise. A man with a dip net is a very popular person at a swimming pool for horses.

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