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*Says Pa's first family of farming*

## Dairy life 'grows 'em better'

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**OTTSTVILLE** — The dairy industry, like most industries, often measured by dollars generated, market impact and jobs created. Much credit also is given to researchers responsible for inroads in genetics, nutrition, health care, etc.

Beneath the surface, however, lies an invaluable quality that contributes beyond the most sophisticated business analysis or laboratory. The family structure, bonded together by generations of toil, hardship, laughter and love is the unsung hero of this great industry.

Responsible adults, necessary to operate this sometime troubled world, draw from their background for needed strength and support. The chores and challenges of dairy farming often provide the responsible background. And one Bucks County family views life on a dairy farm as the only way to grow.

"I wouldn't trade it in on anybody's lifestyle," says Susan.

Her brother Pen agrees, "It was a perfect childhood. We lived it to the hilt every chance we got." Their sentiments were echoed by two more siblings Jim and Emily.

On these next few pages, Pen, Jr., 30, Jim, 28, Susan, 27 and Emily, 23, the children of State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell and wife Trish, pull together years of memories of growing up on a dairy farm.

Chores at the Pennywell Farm required an annual family meeting to assign after-school duties, recalls Pen, Jr. He would invariably volunteer to shovel silage just two days a week.

"I hated doing that the most," he laughs.

Jim adds, "It was only a twelve foot silo. Dad could go up there and unload in five minutes. The two of us would go up and it would take a half an hour."

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Recording a family's growth on the pages of a photo album has long been an American tradition. To the right, the four Hallowell children, in younger days, (l to r) Penrose, Jr., Jim, Susan and Emily line up in their Sunday best. Below, the family adds another chapter with a third generation. The group includes (standing l to r): Emily, 23; Jim, 28 and wife Nancy; Trish; Pen, Jr. holding son Benjamin, 2½-years-old; Susan, 27; seated, Penrose, Sr., with 5-month-old granddaughter Elizabeth (Jim and Nancy's daughter); and 4-year-old Jesse (Pen Jr.'s son).



**L.F.'s salute to our dairy farm families**