

Now is the Time

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that bears repeating. With the holiday season approaching, there are many extra decorations and events that can present fire hazards. We urge every parent to discuss the need of safety measures that will prevent serious fires and possible human injury. Too many people are careless with evergreen decorations and Christmas trees. Candles, fireplaces and overloading of our electrical lines are all possible fire hazards when not carefully handled. We urge everyone to make an effort to be careful with holiday decorations and certainly don't take chances. If there is a possibility of a fire, then eliminate that item.

To Properly Store Firewood

We are more energy conscious than we've ever been...and this is certainly a good trend. Many homes are equipped with a fireplace or wood stove. This means the use of more firewood. Proper storage is important.

When storing your firewood, keep it outside since many insects may hibernate in the wood piles. If you keep it inside they'll think it's spring and wake up to become a pest in your home. If this happens, use an ant and roach aerosol for control. It's a lot easier just to keep the firewood in a cold garage or some outside shelter. The important thing is to keep it as dry as possible, even if it means covering it with a plastic tarp. Wet firewood takes a lot of heat just to dry it out.

Berks plans Avian meeting

LEESPORT — An Avian Influenza meeting will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Berks County Agricultural Center.

Speakers will include Dr. L. Dwight Schwartz, Penn State Extension Veterinarian; representatives of the Federal Task Force and Mark Yorgy, of Red Wing Farms.

This meeting is being held to inform poultry producers, industry personnel and others about the problem and what is being done.

Time will be spent on what producers need to do to keep their flocks free of the disease.

A question and answer period will conclude the program.

For directions and more information call Clyde Myers, County Extension Agent, Berks County Extension Service, Leesport, 19533 at (215) 378-1327.

Water, sewer study slated

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — An ad hoc committee has been appointed as a Water Resource Team to consider water and sewer problems especially in the rural areas of Maryland.

The team represents both extension and research interests and the Agronomy, Agr. Engineering, Agri. and Extension Education, CRD and AREC Departments. A recent survey done by the Maryland Rural Development Corporation found water and sewer to be one of the major problems of Maryland communities of less than 10,000.

An example is the situation examined recently in a small Maryland town. The water system was built 30 years ago, and wells,

pumps and the storage tank are aged and inadequate. The recent installation of a public sewer system is putting an added burden on both the water system and the town pocketbook. One well recently failed and had to be replaced.

One section of town has small pipes which will not support fire hydrants and creates concern for fire protection. A flat annual rate of around \$70.00 is charged to all water traps including industrial, commercial multi-family and single family units. The major problem is how to finance the steps which should be taken to begin meeting the problem and the second problem is to set priorities on the steps to be taken.

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

Thanks for nothing

Editor:

Well now I can't help but add a few more dislikes and a P.S. to my letter in the November 19th issue.

Hidden but bold headlines read, "Legislators accept pay hike voted themselves". Now don't that give you farmers a nice kick in the pants. It's \$5,000 today, \$5,000 more next year, plus judges got \$12,000 a year effective Thursday, December 1.

My question is what amount of your dairy money is going towards that new expense account money?

If they, our so called government lawmakers, can have pay hikes of \$10,000 for expense accounts, why can't the dairy farmers of Penn-

sylvania get some help? Instead they keep telling you not to produce dairy products, don't plant this and that.

As I wrote in my last letter, charity begins at home. But it seems like that saying isn't true. It's the poor get poorer and the rich reap the harvest. But for how long, time will tell, for the dairy farms are getting less and less, because they can no longer afford them.

Our big shots have nothing to worry about. Maybe they should

put on some work clothes and spend a little of the expense account time working on a farm, just to learn what the farmer does, smell the first cutting of hay, and plowing the ground in the hot sun. Milk the cows and clean the barns from the beginning to the end of the day's work. It's a lot different than sitting in your plush, air-conditioned offices. Maybe, then you would think about taking your fat raises.

Give that raise back to the people who feed you.

Support the "Pennsylvania farmers". They stood by you when you needed their votes. What are you going to do for them? Continue to push them out of farming?

All I can say is "Thanks for nothing".

— A Farmer's Mother

Farm Calendar



Monday, Dec. 12

Kent County Extension crops meeting at the Delaware State Fairgrounds Restaurant in Harrington, Del.

Central Jersey Farm Supply Dealers and Extension Service at the Union Hotel at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Kent and New Castle County Extension Crops Meeting, Clayton Firehall, Clayton, Del.

Swine herd health management meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Bermudian Springs High School vo-ag room.

Adams County Beef Producers Association meeting at 7 p.m. at the Adams County Extension Office.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Mid-Atlantic No-Till meeting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Timonium Fairgrounds, Md.

Dairy Computer Conference at Penn State. Continues tomorrow.

Avian Influenza update at 7:30 p.m. at the Berks County Ag Center, Leesport.

Thursday, Dec. 15

W. Pa. Commercial Vegetable Growers Seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the David Bradley home, Wexford.

Maple directors meeting at 8 p.m. at the Bradford Co. Extension office.

Friday, Dec. 16

Sussex County Extension crops meeting at 8 a.m., Georgetown, Del. Substation.

ATTENTION

The following sign is posted on our door



STOP



DUE TO THE RECENT EPIDEMIC OF AVIAN INFLUENZA PLEASE LEAVE ALL THOROUGHLY WASHED PARTS FOR REPAIR OUTSIDE WAREHOUSE DOOR THANK YOU!

Please obey! When coming to our warehouse, please come washed and in clean clothes. Also, please wash any parts you bring. This is for everyone's protection!



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