

# NOW IS THE TIME

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**LIFE THAT IS "LIFE INDEED"**  
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### To Be Careful Around Manure Pits

This is the time of year that many liquid manure pits will be cleaned out and spread on the land; the crops have been harvested and the ground is open enough to absorb much of the liquid; this is necessary rather than to apply it on frozen ground. A pass over the field with a disc will reduce the possibility of odors a great deal.

When these pits are emptied there is a danger of poisonous gases being present. If the mixture is agitated before being moved, then good ventilation must be provided above the pit. Also, never go into a pit without a gas mask or some type of respirator. Keep in mind that these gases can be explosive as well as poisonous to man and animal. Special care is needed in and around manure pits.

### To Evaluate Farm Records

The 1985 cropping season is about over and soon it will be time to summarize your farm accounts and be reporting to the IRS. In addition to the need of good farm records for tax reporting purposes, I'd like to suggest these farm records be used for future farm

planning in making major farm decisions

When time permits and as the outside work winds down this fall, it is a good idea to spend some time in your office and do some "pencil pushing" regarding the most profitable parts of your farming business. Your records of success or failure of the various enterprises are the best guide to future expansion or termination.

### To Inspect Heating Systems

With colder weather upon us, we'll be using different types of heating units. In order to prevent the potential for fires and other problems, we suggest that all chimneys and flues be checked for cracks and places where sparks can escape.

In this part of the country, tobacco sheds have stoves to provide comfort for the winter job of stripping tobacco. Many of these have been in operation for years and may need some attention. The mortar around pipes and between bricks may have fallen out; in some cases a repointing job with mortar will make the system much safer.

Don't take chances with a faulty system; it could start a major barn

fire or the fumes could cause suffocation.

### To Control Mice and Rats

Birds may migrate south for the winter, but mice and rats migrate from the outdoors to the indoors. And they may choose your home.

When nights become chilly, mice and rats move into garages, storerooms and barns. And if there is food in the area, they're likely to set up housekeeping there until colder weather drives them into your house.

Mice can crawl through holes or cracks as small as a dime. They can enter where pipes go through the wall. And some are so bold, they'll run through an open door while you're entering the house.

If you find signs of mice activity, there are two good ways to get rid of them. If there are just a few mice, a trap is a good remedy. Bait the trap with bacon, peanut butter or cheese and set it near a wall so that the trigger is pointed towards the wall. If a large number of mice are present, then baits are more effective. The bait should be put in bait stations so children or pets cannot get to it.

### Background Scripture

1 Timothy 6 1 21

### Devotional Reading

1 Timothy 4 11 16

I am torn between the Gospel of Christ and the gospel of the world. The gospel of the world tells me that my salvation is in things. Success—which many mistake for salvation—is dependent upon money and power. My happiness is tied directly to what I can acquire for myself. But Christianity tells me that "things" do not last, that the essence of life is to be found in the immaterial, the intangible, the realm of the spirit.

There is an area of my mind that says the world is correct; things are all that matter. But there is a deeper part of me that just as loudly and even more persuasively proclaims that the essence of life is not things but spirit.

### NOTHING IN, NOTHING OUT

1 Timothy puts it in inescapable logic: "For we brought nothing into the world and we cannot take anything out of the world" (6:3). If this earthly life is all there is, then by all means, let us eat, drink and be merry and get our fill of things. Except that with things, there never seems to be a "getting our

fill." No matter how much we get, we seem unable to ever get enough. Thus, even in this life, things do not have the power to satisfy us.

But, as followers of Jesus Christ, we do not believe this earthly existence is all there is. Although we may be uncertain as to the exact nature of what lies beyond death, we believe that that is our ultimate goal. Earth is but our temporary home. In that existence beyond death, all of this world will be left behind.

### TO BE CONTENT

There's a popular saying: "I've been poor and I've been rich—and 'rich' is better." But "rich", even though "better," is not necessarily satisfying. The secret, says 1 Timothy, is this: "if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content" (6:8). To learn to be content with the necessities of life is one of life's greatest achievements. For it is contentment, not things, that satisfies us.

With our minds, we know this. Yet, we find it difficult to order our lives by this principle. Our society is afflicted with the short-range view of life. Still, there is a long range reality, an ultimate destiny, from which we cannot escape. "As for the rich of the world...They are to do good...thus laying up for themselves good foundations for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that is life indeed" (6:17-19).

The life you live, is it "life indeed"—real life—or something else?

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## Apply now for Maryland Holstein Futurity

CHESTERTOWN, Md. — Applications will be accepted until Oct. 31 for the 1988 Maryland Holstein Futurity. All owners of registered Holstein calves, not only Maryland breeders, are eligible to participate in the Futurity.

The purpose of the Futurity, which is sponsored by the Maryland Holstein Association, is

to stimulate interest in the breeding and exhibiting of outstanding registered Holsteins.

Any registered Holstein female born Sept. 1, 1984 through Aug. 31, 1985 is eligible for the 1988 Maryland Futurity. The first entry fee of \$2.50 must be paid prior to Oct. 31. The second fee is \$4 before July 31, 1986, third fee \$6 before

April 31, 1987, and the fourth fee \$10 before January 31, 1988.

The 1988 Futurity will be held in conjunction with the Maryland State Fair Holstein Show. The purse for the event will be \$800 for the first-place three-year-old, \$575 for the second, \$400 for the third, and additional monetary awards through 30 places. The top three production winners will also split a \$100 prize.

For application blanks or additional information, contact John E. Hall, Chairman, R.D.2, Box 165, Chestertown, Md 21620 Or call 301-778-1768

## Farm Calendar

### Saturday, October 19

Adams County 4-H Dairy Club banquet, 7 p.m., Bonneauville Fire Hall

New York Sheep and Wool Festival, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, N.Y., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Monday, October 21

SE. Pennsylvania Greenhouse Grower's Meeting, Longwood

### Gardens

Adams County Beekeepers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Penn State Fruit Research Laboratory, Biglerville

### Tuesday, October 22

Pennsylvania Poultry Federation Convention, Holiday Inn, Grantville, continues through Thursday Contact FFF at 717-652-7530

### Thursday, October 24

Adams County Holstein Club banquet, 7 p.m., York Springs Community Fire Hall  
Chester County Holstein Club banquet, 7 p.m., Upper Otteraro Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg

### Friday, October 25

York County Holstein Association annual meeting, 7 p.m., St. John's Blymire Church, Dallastown

### Saturday, October 26

Dairymen Inc annual meeting, Middle Atlantic Division, Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, Md

### Sunday, October 27

Joker Ride, 1-15 p.m., Our Gang Riding Club grounds, Hellam

### Monday, October 28

Pennsylvania State Grange Convention, Library Theatre, Warren; continues through Oct 31

### Tuesday, October 29

ADA/DC District 16 meeting, Whitneyville United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, October 31

Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program advisory board meeting, Autoport Motel and Restaurant, State College; continues tomorrow

## Southeast Holstein Seminar set for Nov. 8

FREDERICK, Md. — The 1985 Southeast Holstein Seminar is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 8 at the Walkersville Fire Hall, Walkersville, Md. The theme for the seminar is "Be Aware A New Dawn in Dairying"

Dr. Robert A. Milligan and Dr. Frank N. Dickinson will address the crucial impact of biotechnology and the development of bovine growth hormone during the day-long seminar, sponsored by the Maryland Holstein Association and the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service.

The program, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., Nov. 8, also includes optional farm tours in the

afternoon. At 7 p.m. the Southeast Holstein Sale will be held at the Frederick Fairgrounds, featuring outstanding cattle selected from Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. An informal ladies' program is also planned for the day.

Pre-registration is requested by Nov. 1 for the event. Lunch will be \$4.25 and \$7 will be charged for the beef barbecue prior to the sale. Reservations for overnight accommodations can also be made.

For reservations or more information, write Maryland Holstein Association, John I. Morris, 5804 Jefferson Blvd., Frederick, Md. 21701, or call 301-371-4023.

## 'Century' Farms still being sought

LANCASTER Lancaster County Agent Jay Irwin has announced that applications for Lancaster County Century Farm nominations are still being accepted by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

To qualify as a Century Farm, the farm must have been owned by the same family for 100 consecutive years, said Irwin. A family member must currently live on the farm, he added, and the farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holding. OR gross over \$1,000 annually from the sale of farm products.

Lancaster County currently has 74 registered Century Farms.

Fifty-seven Century Farms have been recognized around the commonwealth during 1984, bringing the state's total to 902.

Century Farm information and applications may be obtained from the Lancaster County Extension Service, 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 1, Lancaster, PA 17601, or from the Department of Agriculture, Press Office, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Irwin said that Century Farm nominees whose applications are processed prior to October 31 will be honored at the Lancaster County Farm-City Banquet in November.

