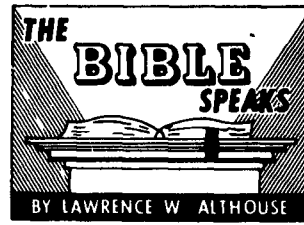


# NOW IS THE TIME

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GETTING EVEN  
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**To Be Aware of Bio-Security**  
The isolated outbreak of Avian Influenza, H5N2 strain, in Snyder County is a chilling reminder that we cannot be too careful with our health security. It is not known how the outbreak started, but scientists indicated that it is not associated with the 1983-84 outbreak - even though it is the same H5N2 strain. The confirmed flocks have been depopulated to prevent further virus spread. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation are to be commended for their quick action.

We must continue to practice good bio-security by not allowing any unauthorized persons in your poultry houses; stay away from other poultry farms, especially the quarantined operations; use only new or disinfected filler flats and just plain good judgement. Good health security is important on all poultry and livestock farms.

**To Gather Information for Herd Buyout Decisions**

All the facts and procedures may not yet be known about the Dairy Herd Buyout program, but Lancaster County dairy agent Glenn Shirk encourages farmers to start assembling data now, before they send all their information to their tax accountant.

Think about your plans for the future. Itemize your income and expenses for 1985. If you sell the

herd, which of these will be eliminated, partially reduced or not affected at all? How much of your debts are: accounts payable, operating loans, mortgages or in the form of other loans? What is your total debt payment (interest plus principal) for the year, and how much of this is for production loans? What future income will you have from: farm rent, sale of crops and livestock, other employment, ACP payments, selling the herd or from selling the farm or equipment?

You will also need a record of your milk shipments, which will probably be provided by your milk plant. Answers to the above-questions, plus what you expect the program to do for you, the competition from other dairymen will have a bearing on how much you may want to bid.

**To Appreciate Your Farm**

Life can become so hectic - too much to do - on the run. You've been on the tractor almost nonstop since sunrise and there's too much on your mind to notice the stunning sunset. Farming is still full of the best of life. Probably many of the reasons you wanted to be a farmer or live on a farm are the very things you don't pay much attention to anymore. It's more than machinery or livestock, bills or market fluctuations - it's a way of life which in itself holds much to be desired and appreciated.

Don't let the excessive stress on the farm interfere with your home and family life. Medical research estimates as high as 90 percent of today's illness and disease is stress related. Farming is one of the most stressful occupations today. We must admit that stress exists before we can deal with it. Most importantly, take time to "smell the flowers". And say to yourself, just for today, I will live through the next twelve hours and not try to tackle all life's problems at once.

**To Update Private Applicator Pesticide Certificate**

Many farmers have private applicator licenses to buy and apply restricted-use pesticides to cropland, livestock and poultry buildings. These are usually issued for three years. A number of these will expire on Sept. 30, 1986. This means you will need to attend a meeting where current pesticide uses and recommendations are discussed and explained. By so doing, you can qualify to receive an updated training certificate which in turn will get you a license renewal.

During the winter time, a number of meetings are held by Extension and agri-business. These are ideal times and places to receive your update training certificates. Dairy Days, Crops and Soils Day and Poultry Day are three such meetings. Don't miss the opportunity to update your license before it expires.

**Background Scripture:** Matthew 18:21-35; John 8:2-11.  
**Devotional Readings:** Psalms 85:1-7.

Last night I watched an episode of the television mini-series, *North and South*, based on the novel of the Civil War by John Jakes. In one of the scenes, Charles (I think that's what his name was) is being assisted by Orrie Main to prepare for a duel. Charles is confused by Orrie's willingness to help him. Before, when he had engaged in a number of fistfights, he was reprimanded by his family. Now, however, he is being assisted in fighting a duel by the very same people. "Why?" he asks Orrie. Orrie's response is that duels are governed by rules of honor—and that is the difference.

**The Limits?**

Orrie's response to Charles struck me as holding the key to one of our most important problems today. Although we no longer sanction duels to defend family and personal honor, we still honor the desire for revenge and surround that urge with rules by which we make it acceptable in our society. We haven't solved the problem of vengeance, we have only changed the rules by which revenge is sanctioned.

Wars are still begun and con-

tinued because of "honor." (Actually, this is not "honor" at all, only what we think is honor.) In movies and television, the heroes are usually those who are able to exact vengeance for themselves or someone else. Limits are drawn and when those limits are exceeded, we feel compelled to seek "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

In Northern Ireland the tragedy of violence, suffering and death is perpetuated by the compulsion to "get even." Often it is called "justice," but it is really vengeance that is sought. The problem is similar in the Middle East--Lebanon, Israel and elsewhere. Life has pretty much become a ceaseless ritual of retribution, of "getting even," of protecting one's "honor."

**The Debt**

But the problem is that these people never "get even." As soon as they commit one act of violence, the score is not evened, for a new sense of debt is created by the erasure of the old one. One can never really "get ahead" by "getting even." Getting even simply puts us deeper in debt.

The insanity in Northern Ireland and the Middle East—as well as in our own neighborhood—will continue until we get rid of that old idea of vengeance that we know is contrary to the teachings of Christ, but nevertheless, sticks in our consciousness. We will not know peace in our world until we can learn to forgive as readily as we know how to condemn.

"Don't get mad," says the world, "get even."

But God says, "...forgive your brother from your heart."

Which will it be for you?

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## Farm Calendar



**Saturday, January 25**  
Witmer Fire Company Turkey Supper, Witmer Fire Hall, noon to 7 p.m. Contact Jay Hershey, 291-9897, or 392-0804.  
Computer Fair, Greenwood Elementary School, 9 a.m. to noon, Millerstown, Perry County.

**Tuesday, January 28**  
Pa. Vegetable Conference and Trade Show, Hershey Convention Center; continues through Jan. 30.  
Manure Storage and Handling Systems, Ephrata Sr. High School Ag Department, 7:45 p.m.

Dairy Economics Meeting, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
DHIA banquet, Mercer County; 11 a.m., New Vernon Grange.

**Wednesday, January 29**  
Pa. Farm Builders Conference, Holiday Inn, Chambersburg; continues through Thursday. Contact Dan Meyer, 814-865-7685.  
York County Corn Clinic, York 4-H

Center, Bair, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Mt. Joy Farmer Co-op annual meeting, noon, Hostetter's in Mt. Joy.

Lebanon Valley National Bank luncheon seminar, Prescott Fire Company, Prescott, 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

**Thursday, January 30**  
Southeast Beef Feeders Meeting, Risser's Restaurant, Stouchsburg (Rt. 422), 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Montgomery-Bucks Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Christopher Dock High School, Kulpville; contact Michael Zapach at 215-723-4355.

York County Winter Swine Meeting, 4-H Center, Bair Station, 7 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation, 6:30 p.m., Farm and Home Center.

**Friday, January 31**  
Cattle Feeder's Day, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, February 1**  
York County Sheep and Wool Producers annual meeting, 6:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Ephrata Area Young Farmers annual banquet, Mount Airy Fire Hall.

Beaver, Butler, Lawrence County lamb and wool day.

**Monday, February 3**  
1986 Keystone Cornucopia, Hershey Convention Center; reception at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 4**  
Penn-Jersey Tillage Conference, Lehigh University; contact Jeff McClellan, 215-374-9682.

Farm Computer Seminar and Trade Exhibition, Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Regional Manure Management Conference, Chambersburg Holiday Inn.

Delmarva Corn and Soybean Conference.

**Wednesday, February 5**  
Pa. Young Farmers Association Winter Convention, Grantville.  
Delmarva Corn and Soybean Conference, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Farm Computer Seminar and

Trade Exhibition, Embers, Carlisle.

Conservation Equipment Operators Workshop, Berks County Ag Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Regional Manure Management Conference, East Brandywine.  
Special pseudorabies meeting, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 1 to 3 p.m.

**Thursday, February 6**  
S.E. Pa. Extension Swine Day, Midway Diner, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Regional Manure Conference, Holiday Inn East, Bethlehem.

**Friday, February 7**  
Lan-Chester Pork Day, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Delmarva Dairy Days, 9 a.m., Hartley Fire Hall, Hartley, Del.

Regional Manure Management Conference, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Lewisburg.

**Saturday, February 8**  
Butler Holstein Club Annual Meeting.

## Manor Young Farmers Winter Workshops

The advisors of the Manor Young Farmers announce their schedule for the Winter Evening Workshops to be held at the Penn Manor High School, Millersville.

**Monday, Jan. 27**  
Ag Department - 7:30 p.m.  
Topic: Soil Conservation--Chesapeake Bay Clean-Up

The speaker for the evening is from the Soil Conservation Extension of the Farm and Home

Center. He will be speaking on the seriousness of the Bay's pollution problem and also the need to save our precious top soil. He will elaborate on the funding that is available to farmers to assist in the expenses of land terracing, etc.

**Thursday, Feb. 6**  
Ag Department - 7:30 p.m.  
Topic: What's New in Dairy in '86  
Speaker: Brian Perkins, nutritionist, Pennfield Corp.

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**  
High School - Room 125  
Topic: Tobacco Farmers Meeting  
Purpose: A look at the auction process—past, present, future.

All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information contact Penn Manor High School, 872-9520

