



OPINION

Cows, Fact And Fancy

The "Cows, Fact & Fancy" exhibit at the Academy of Natural Sciences Museum, is one of the best public relations events for dairy farmers we have seen in a long time. Located right in the heart of Logan Square, in the City Hall district of Philadelphia, the exhibit of photographs, objects from the dairy industry and two holstein heifers from Saul High School, really gives city people a chance to become comfortable with what dairy farmers experience each day.

Not only does the visitor learn about "Cow Facts," and "Cow Biology," the whole group of photographs, illustrations and videos bring together the association of human and cow. The maze of passageways built into a huge padded sphere allows visitors to walk through a cows simulated digestive tract. Not only is this part of the exhibit captivating, it is very educationally done with signs that tell what happens in each of the cow's stomachs.

And the exhibit capitalizes on the present public fascination of cows and turns this interest into an educational experience that can only create better understanding from city to farm.

And the heifers from the Saul High School dairy herd with the daily student attention to barn keeping duties adds the final touch of class to the exhibit.

Truly, the farm community owes the Academy a big thank you for this exhibit of cows in the city. And since individual dairymen, farm organizations, and agri-businesses helped make the exhibit possible too, a letter of appreciation to all the people involved in the exhibit would be in order.



NOW IS THE TIME

By Jay Irwin
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To Appreciate Farm-City Week "Partners In Economic Progress" is the theme of this year's Farm-City Week being observed November 17-23. Farm-City Week was created to bridge the gaps that may occur between rural and urban residents. It presents an unparalleled opportunity for city and farm folks to cement bonds of friendship. We hope that a better appreciation of the contributions of both rural and urban Lancast-

er Countians is recognized. In observing Farm-City Week, the Lancaster County Farmer's Association has opened nine farms for urban and suburban people to visit. These farms will be open for visits on Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The farms range from dairy, sheep, hogs, steers, pheasants, horses, grain storage and drying, a machinery display and a Century Farm with a black walnut grove. If you would like a list and directions to the farms, contact our extension office. We urge you to take part in Farm-City events.

To Exercise Dairy Cows
I know that many of our dairy farmers keep their milking cows confined to the stall barns much of the time. This is easy to do when you are short of labor during the winter months. In order to have a healthy herd, the cows should be allowed outside to exercise daily unless severe weather conditions exist. The exercise will not only keep their feet and legs in better condition, but will permit the cows in heat to be detected: this is often a problem when cows are kept confined too much of the time.

If the herd is turned out for 15 to 30 minutes each day, the time involved will be very worthwhile. You'll find very few days when the weather

will interfere. **To Mulch Strawberries**
Winter injury has been a problem in strawberries for a number of years. Crown injury can be reduced by applying mulch to protect them for the winter. The best time for application is from mid-November to mid-December. The exact date depends on weather conditions. But a good rule of thumb is to apply mulch when the temperature begins to stay around 20 to 25 degrees F. If it drops to 15 degrees or lower, unprotected strawberry crowns could be injured. In any case it's a good idea to mulch the plants after they have been exposed to a few good freezes. Mulching is a very good practice to insure a better crop next summer.

To Adopt Winter Driving Habits
The hazards of winter driving are many, and drivers should change their habits when roads become icy or snow covered. Most importantly, be patient and reduce your speed to allow more time for braking the car or truck. Winter or all-season tires should be mounted soon to give extra protection. Batteries should also be checked and kept in top condition. We must be aware that cold weather puts extra stress on all parts of the car. Always be alert to recognize road conditions and drive accordingly.

Readers Write

Dr. Herb Cole's comments at a recent apple growers' meeting as reported in your paper deserve a response.

By following the recommendations of the Universities over the years farmers have used and then been told not to use D.D.T., Dieldrin, Aramite, Heptachlor, Benzene Hexachloride, Ethylene Dibromide and several other widely used products. With such a record behind his service, Dr. Cole should not be quite so arrogant towards we "economic illiterates." After all, we were following his peers' advice and could not imagine that we were polluting our water supply and air as well as building up residues of these chemicals in our bodies.

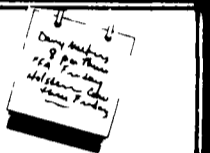
The use of a chemical to improve the appearance of an apple or any other fruit is an unacceptable risk to our children born and unborn until that material is proven to be 100% safe.

It was not the T.V. program which caused the furor over Alar, but questioning responsible researchers in the field of health. T.V. merely brought the matter to public notice.

In the future, Dr. Cole should ask himself before he recommends a chemical for any food use whether the safety of the material is based on adequate and honest testing. Blindly following the promotional sheets sent out by chemical manufacturing has been an expensive business for growers over the years. If we were more literate and less gullible, Dr. Cole's job would be a lot more demanding.

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Farm Calendar



Saturday, November 4
Berks County livestock banquet, Kutztown Grange Hall, Kutztown, 7:00 p.m.
Adams County Beef Producers Association club calf sale, South Mountain fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m.
North American International Livestock Exposition, Kentucky Fair and Expo Center, Louisville, Ky.; runs through November 17.
Mid Atlantic Goat Seminar, Cherry Hill Middle School, Exton, Md.

Monday, November 6
Chester County DHIA meeting, West Fallowfield Christian Day School, Atglen, 7:00 p.m.
Berks County ag preservation information meeting, Berks County Ag Center, Leesport, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7
Home-Based Business Workshop, Part 2, Penn State York Campus Administration Building Conference Center, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; register by calling 757-9657.

New Jersey/Pennsylvania Equine Short Course, Part 2, North Hunterdon High School, Cafeteria A, North Hunterdon, N.J., 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; for information, call 201/526-6293 for New Jersey, 215/746-1970 for Pennsylvania.
Feeder cattle meeting, New Hol-

land Sales Stable, New Holland, 7:30 p.m.
Mid Atlantic Fruitgrower's School, Priests Fields Pastoral Center, Middlesburg, WV; runs through November 9.

Wednesday, November 8
Bedding Plant Clinic, Howard Johnson Motel, Monroeville, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

New Jersey/Pennsylvania Equine Short Course, Part 2, Holiday Inn, Kulpville, Pa., 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; for information call 201/526-6293 in New Jersey, 215/746-1970 in Pennsylvania.

Feeder cattle meeting, B&R Cattle Co., Marietta, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 9
Berks County Farm-City banquet, The Riveredge Restaurant, Reading, 6:00 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. dinner; make reservations by November 1 at 215/378-1327.

Cumberland County DHIA banquet, South Middleton Fire Hall, Boiling Springs Farm, 6:30 p.m.

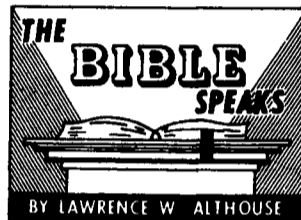
Lancaster Farmland Trust dinner meeting, Plain & Fancy Restaurant, Bird-in Hand, 6:30 p.m.

Centre County Holstein Association annual meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Erie County Holstein Association annual meeting, Moose Lodge, Union City, 7:30 p.m.

Lackawanna County 75th anniversary of Extension celebration,

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WHO IS WORTHY?
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Background Scripture: Revelation 4 through 5.
Devotional Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-10.

The Rev. James T. Parsons is the pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in America, but his marriage is a failure. (This name, as all those that follow, is fictitious.)

O.T. Penneypacker owns a string of the most successful banks in America, but two of his teen-age children are hooked on hard drugs.

Ima Commer is a cinch to win her party's nomination for the Vice Presidency, if her alcoholism can be kept under control.

Just when we think we've found someone whom we can look up to, the media or someone informs us that there is something in their past or present that proves they are not quite so worthy of our esteem and support as we had imagined. "How the mighty are fallen low!" seems a growing and recurring theme in our society.

TO OPEN THE SCROLL
For many of us this is a hard reality to bear. We need some untainted heroes and unvarnished role models. We need someone to be all those things that we are not. For some people, this takes the form of extreme cynicism about human nature. These people

expect to be disappointed by everyone and their expectations are hardly ever disappointed.

The writer of Revelation helps to put this into proper perspective when in his vision he sees and hears "a strong angel" asking "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" (5:2).

Up to this point, his vision has been of God's great majesty and holiness. God is on his throne. The whole hierarchy of heaven is prostrate before Him and the four "living creatures" sing unceasingly: "Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come" (4:8). But his experience quickly changes from exaltation to sorrow when he realizes that "no one in heaven or on earth was able to open the scroll or look into it, and I wept much that no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look into it" (5:3). **WEEP NOT!**

It is at this moment of despair that the writer of Revelation is lifted up with the assurance that there is one who is worthy — one who, unlike all others, is unstained, uncompromised, and unspoiled: "Weep not; lo, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals" (5:5).

We need not be lifted up into ecstasy, as was the writer of Revelation, to share his assurance that, although all others may fail us, there is one who has never and will never fail us and thus is worthy of our full and complete faith and commitment. For his worthiness is the only cure for the imperfection that we share with all other human beings.

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