



# OPINION

## A Job Well Done

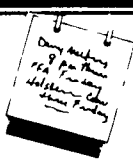
With all the activities packed into the five-day KILE in Harrisburg over last weekend at the Farm Show complex, we need to say things ran smoothly. In the largest show ever, animals were housed everywhere. Almost every species and breed had additional entries over last year.

Fourteen hundred sheep, 12 six-horse hitches and food stands that were constantly restocking because of record crowds are just a few of the statistics that say this was the largest and best show ever.

Saturday night at the challenge of the breeds horse show, the large arena was well-filled. And the small arena was well-filled Sunday for the final judging of the Polled Herefords that included genetic data gathered before the show.

When you consider the small number of people who made this large show function, we say it was a job well done.

## Farm Calendar



### Saturday, October 12 National 4-H Week

Eastern Pa. 4-H Beef Lamb Sale, Allentown Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.  
Franklin Co. Roundup, Greencastle Livestock Market.  
Pa. Holstein Association Junior Executive Committee meeting, Pa. Holstein office, State College, 10:30 a.m.

Sire Power Open House, Frederick, Md.

Washington Co. Sheep and Wool Growers banquet, Washington Co. Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

Harvest Days Festival, Landis Valley Museum, Lancaster, thru Oct. 13.

### Sunday, October 13

Harvest Days Festival, Landis Valley Museum, Lancaster.

### Monday, October 14 Columbus Day

Poultry Management and Health Seminar, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, noon.

### Tuesday, October 15

ADADC meeting, Town of Walk-ill Community Center, Middletown, N.Y., 7:30 p.m.

ADADC meeting, Tally-Ho Restaurant, Richfield Springs, N.Y., 7:30 p.m.

Northeast Pa. Milking Management Seminar, Dept. of Ag Building, Tunkhannock, 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Sullivan Co. Milking Management Seminar, Millview Wesleyan Church, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 16

Basic Arboriculture, Fairmount Park, Phila., Oct. 16-18 and Oct. 21-25.

Dillsburg Community Fair, Dillsburg, thru Oct. 19.

Northeast Pa. Milking Management Seminar, Claverack

Building, Montrose, 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

### Thursday, October 17

Lancaster Co. 4-H Swine Club annual banquet, Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant, Bird-In-Hand, 6:30 p.m.

National Meeting on Poultry  
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## Farm Forum

### Editor:

Fellow dairymen, which brand of supply management do you prefer? An extension of what we already have, with a graduated milk tax according to some reports could go as high as 75¢ for each hundredweight of milk entering regular market channels.

The time for decision is NOW with supplies down partly due to drought in many areas. Fellow dairymen, we deserve better than what the government is currently proposing which down the road a ways promises not only economic disaster for many dairymen but serious shortages for consumers.

Get real! Not many dairymen can continue to produce milk indefinitely given the current risks and uncertainties including the current drought situation. Without a sizable price increase to \$14 or \$15 per hundredweight, \$11 or even \$13 milk just won't cut it.

There are those who are saying consumers will not pay the increased price, but really a \$3 per hundred increase to producers figures out to just a little over 6¢ per quart increase to consumers, not an excessive price to pay to insure

a dependable supply for consumers. And I might add, give dairymen those badly needed dollars to replace old and worn out equipment providing more jobs for those engaged in the manufacturing of some.

For too many years dairymen have been led down the primrose path of more, more, more. It's time to organize and adopt a pricing plan divorced as far as possible from government domination and control. We already have our deductions for milk promotions. Let's review them and make them more effective. We don't need the added financial drain of a government imposed milk tax.

Which form of production controls will you as a dairyman apt to follow? More of the same, or will you join in a system of producer dominated production controls? A pricing system reflecting costs of production plus a reasonable profit for market clearing supplies. In short a base excess plan tailored to market needs with a minimum price for any excess production.

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## NOW IS THE TIME

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### To Submit Century Farm Applications

Has your farm been in your family for 100 years or more? If so, then you are eligible to receive the Century Farm Award.

This program is administrated 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.

A family member must currently live on the farm and the farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holding or gross more than \$1,000 annually from the sale of farm products.

A lot of counties recognize their Century Farms at Farm-City banquets. Lancaster County currently has 115 registered Century Farms.

If you are interested in becoming a Century Farm, applications are available at our office, 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 1, Lancaster, PA 17601 or by calling (717) 394-6851.

### To Be Careful With Ladders

Ladders are very useful around the farm to reach high places. At the same time, many serious accidents may occur through improper use.

When using your ladder this fall, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Read ladder weight capacity and use labels very carefully.
- Do not use a ladder which is too short or too tall for the job.
- Inspect ladders every month and discard unsafe ladders.
- Get help when raising and lowering extension ladders.
- Always check the area above ladders for obstructions and electric wires.
- Do not expose ladders to the elements and heat sources.
- Do not store wooden ladders where moisture may weaken their structure.

### To Make Sure Children's Toys Are Safe

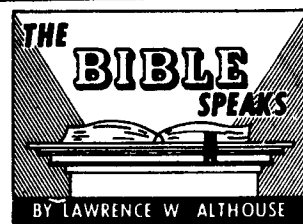
Children are very special people. They provide us with a lot of happy moments.

However, there are very few things worse than accidents involving children. Unsafe toys pose many serious hazards. Toys with parts that may come loose and lodge in children's throats are one of the leading causes of choking in children.

The holiday season is particularly critical, since so many toys are sold. Parents and relatives play an important role in protecting children from unsafe toys.

Never give a child toys that are meant for display purposes only. Examples would include the 1/16th scale farm toy tractors. The muffler, air cleaner, and wheels of these replicas can separate from the tractor's main body and cause a choking hazard.

Examine all toys your children play with to make sure buttons, wheels, and other parts will not come off. Taking a few minutes to examine toys could prevent a serious and sometimes fatal accident.



REGARDING  
JESUS  
October 13, 1991

Background Scripture: Acts 16:16-40.

Devotional Reading: Philip-  
pians 1:1-11.

Last week I saw a movie entitled Regarding Henry. This is the story of a very hard-driving and successful lawyer who is shot in the head during a robbery. The bullet takes away much of his memory and, during rehabilitation, while he is discovering who he was, he comes to realize that he doesn't much like the man he used to be.

People want him to hurry up and get back to being the old Henry, but instead he decides to be the new person that feels so "right" inside him — a man not driven by compulsions to "succeed at all costs," a man who appreciates the values of home, family, friends, justice and compassion over the values of the marketplace and his fast-paced society.

Reactions are very mixed. Most of his old associates in the lawn firm assume that the shooting has left him a bit brain-damaged. Others, including his wife, daughter and secretary, find the new Henry a much kinder and admirable man. When he decides his law career, they do not feel that he has thus become a failure. The new Henry is a success of another kind all too rare today: successfully human.

### PAUL: "OLD" AND "NEW"

So it was with Paul. The old Paul had a reputation for his zealous and relentless persecution of Christians. He was a go-getter. The new Paul, however, they could not understand. And it was this new Paul that caused some people to think about the Christ whom he served. So when Paul and Silas are thrown into jail, it is the new Paul who at midnight is found with Silas, praying and singing hymns to God. The old Paul would have been breathing threats and ultimatums, but the new Paul was a very different man who seemed quite unshaken by his terrible ordeal.

Even more, when a great earthquake damages the prison so that Paul and Silas could have easily escaped, the terrified jailer — knowing he would be held responsible — finds his prisoners sitting peacefully in their cell. The jailer is dumbfounded: any other captive would have fled, but Paul and Silas remained behind out of consideration for him and his plight. They don't seem to understand: he is their jailer, but they are obviously not his captives.

WHAT MUST I DO?  
These men have something that sets them apart from other human beings. He doesn't know what it is, but he wants it for himself: "Men, what must I do to be saved?" What must he do so that he, too, can have this peace and serenity that has nothing to do with their troubled circumstances. The answer: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household." From that day forward, he was a marked man. He would forever afterward stick out like a sore thumb in Philippi, because his life would reflect the life of Jesus, not the life of his society.

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