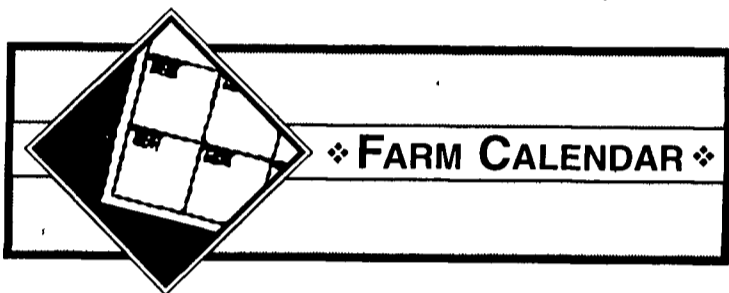




OPINION

Shine In '99

If cows with excellent type catch your fancy, the annual Pennsylvania Holstein Convention promises the little extras that always make attending worthwhile. Set to run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, "Holsteins Shine in '99," follows the Juniors convention last week with the same theme. Held in the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, The Northeast District welcomes all state breeders. A trip to Hillside Farm with the Conyngham family will be a highlight. Also, you can take in the discussion groups on time management and employee relations. It's always fun to see good cows and meet other dairy farmers who have the same interests in life. But there will be a lot of business too. A panel discussion with the theme "Recapturing Time" will be part of the Thursday program. Everybody can use time management ideas, and this panel promises a wealth of information on how to make the most of your valuable time. For families with small children, there will be affordable babysitting available. The registered cow business is what makes dairy farming fun. See you there.



Saturday, February 13

SWCS/Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference, Embers Inn, Carlisle, 9 a.m.-3:25 p.m.

Beginning Beekeeping Seminar, Ag Center, Beaver, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day!

Monday, February 15

Solanco Young Farmer meeting, Other Business Applications, Solanco High School, 7:30 p.m.

Adams County Fruit Growers meeting, Biglerville High School, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Bradford County Dairy Day, SRU School, East Smithfield, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Understanding Tax Reform Changes In Pa., Central High School, Martinsburg, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Feeder School, Penn State Ag Arena, University Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16

Franklin County Fruit Growers meeting, Savoy Restaurant, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Direct Marketing Conference and Trade Show, Ocean City, Md., thru Feb. 20.

Western Pa. Potato Meeting, TaTa's Restaurant, Lyndora, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion for Vegetable Growers and Orchardists, York extension office, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

World Wide Web and Agriculture, Venango County extension office, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

ADADC annual meeting, Four Points Hotel Sheraton, Liverpool, N.Y., princess pageant 6 p.m. and meeting Feb. 17, 8 a.m.

Franklin County Farm Financial Management Forum, Light-house Restaurant, Chambersburg, 9:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Northumberland County Conservation District/Cooperative Extension Winter Conference, Otterbein United Methodist Church Hall, Sunbury, 10 a.m.

PQA Certification/Recertification

Meeting, Middleburg High School, 7 p.m.

Beekeeping Short Course, James Rumsey Technical Institute, Martinsburg, W.Va., also Feb. 23 and March 2, 9, and 16.

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Wednesday, February 17

Mid-Atlantic Direct Marketing Conference, Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, Md., thru Feb. 20.

Delmarva Corn and Soybean Conference, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pa. Christmas Tree Short Course, Penn State, thru Feb. 19.

York/Lancaster Fruit Grower Meeting, York extension office, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

World Wide Web and Agriculture, Clarion County extension office, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Farm Credit Ag Outlook Forums, Troy Fire Hall, Troy, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., and Best Western Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association Annual Meeting, Regal Constellation Hotel, Toronto, thru Feb. 18.

Northeast Region Landscape Seminar, Holiday Inn, Bartonsville, 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m.

Land-O'-Lakes Members Resolution Meeting, Solanco Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.

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Editor,

On Wednesday, February 17, 1999 a meeting of Land-O-Lakes members will be asked to discuss and give a vote of confidence to a Special Resolution Committee's proposed resolution demanding that their well paid employees (Land-O-Lakes administration at

Now Is The Time
By John Schwartz
Lancaster County Agricultural Agent

To Store Pesticides Correctly

Spring is now coming at a rapid rate and many chores associated with spring will soon be upon us. The proper storage of pesticides should be high on our list of priorities to get done, according to Robert Anderson, Lancaster County Extension Agronomy Agent. If you store pesticides during the winter, remember many liquid pesticides will freeze and need to be protected from freezing. If pesticides are delivered to the farm before the threat of freezing passes, these too must be protected from freezing. In addition dry materials must be kept out of wet conditions. All containers, including bags, cans, jars, etc. need to be protected from damage or breakage.

Maintaining the quality of pesticides in storage is extremely important. Care needs to be taken to ensure that pesticides do not contaminate each other or other farm products including livestock feed. Good storage facilities help prevent accidents.

To Plan Pesticide Storage

According to Robert Anderson, Lancaster County Extension Agronomy Agent, pesticides should be stored in a separate building at least 50 feet away from other buildings. The building should be located in a manner which protects wells and surface waters from spills. The building should prevent unauthorized persons from entering. Children should be locked out of the building and taught not to play near pesticide storage locations.

The small shed which is so common in residential areas is almost ideal for pesticide storage. Whenever possible, the storage should include separate locations for herbicides, insecticides and fungicides to help prevent contamination of the products.

The building should have a ventilation system and have the necessary protective equipment to handle all products stored there. Washing facilities should be

Minnesota) follow the Co-op by-laws in reference to the following issues:

1. Equal member representation at all levels of governance.
2. Membership's right to assemble to discuss co-op business.

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available to deal with spills or skin contamination. When possible, provisions should be made in the building to contain any spills.

To Call Before You Dig

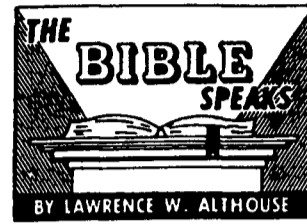
Anyone planning to dig, drill, blast, auger, bore, grade, trench or demolish anywhere in Pennsylvania including engineers in design phase must call Pennsylvania One Call System at 1-800-242-1776.

You are required to give the utilities a 3 working day noticed before construction and 10 working day notice in design stage. In addition OSHA requires before any excavation actually

begins, the employer must determine the estimated location of utility installations sewer, telephone, fuel, electric, water lines or any other underground installations that may be encountered during digging.

The contractor must ask the utility companies or owners to find the exact location of underground installations. By calling Pennsylvania One Call System, you could save your life and the lives of the people living and working around you.

Feather Prof.'s Footnote: "The one who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely the one who dropped it."



HANDLING HOLY THINGS!
February 14, 1999

Background Scripture:

I Corinthians 11:17-34

Devotional Reading:

I Corinthians 12:14-27

At first glance, the situation in Corinth to which Paul addresses himself in I Corinthians 11:17-34 seems almost totally irrelevant to Christian life today. I'm sure none of us can identify with the problem which leads Paul to write this passage.

It appears that in the Corinthian church, members gathered from time to time to share a common meal that included a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Paul learned that the more prosperous members of the church arrived first with generous amounts of food and drink. The poorer members apparently arrived later because they worked longer hours. When they arrived, they had meager provisions and found that the more prosperous Corinthian Christians had not waited for them, nor did they share their provisions with them. In fact, Paul learned that some of the early arrivers ate and drank to excess, making a shameful travesty of the Lord's Supper.

AN 'UNWORTHY MANNER'

Paul concludes that the Corinthian Christians did not really understand what the Lord's Supper was all about. They may call it the Lord's Supper, but it is not. "When you meet together it is not the Lord's Supper that you eat" (11:20). Instead of a Holy Communion, the Corinthian experience is a very dangerous practice. There can be, and perhaps there already have been, fearful consequences: "Whoever... eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord... For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement upon himself" (11:27, 29).

As I have already said, this specific situation is probably not applicable to us today, but the burden of Paul's message is pertinent to Christians in any day and age: do not handle holy things in a careless or unmindful manner! To do so is to invite God's judgement upon us and may be spiritually, mentally and physically unhealthy for us as

well. "This is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died" (11:31).

When I first read that verse many years ago, I was very dubious that consciously or unconsciously profaning holy things could have any affect on us physically. But many scientific studies in recent years have demonstrated that there are often physical consequences of our spiritual lives. Dr. Carl Jung said that spiritual problems lay at the heart of the physical and emotional complaints of a large proportion of the people who came to him for psychotherapy.

HOLY EXPECTATION

So Paul sets about to explain to them what the Lord's Supper meant the night that Christ shared it with his disciples and what it should mean to his followers today. Both the bread and the cup are to be taken in remembrance of Christ's betrayal and sacrifice for them. (How could the Corinthians remember Christ's supreme sacrifice and yet practice discrimination and hardheartedness at the Lord's Table?) There is also to be a remembrance of the "new covenant in my blood"—the new relationship with God through Christ. "For as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (11:26). The Lord's Supper is intended to help us live in holy expectation of our Lord's return and the kingdom of God.

Some have pointed to this passage as proof that the Lord's Supper was intended to be only a memorial, a remembrance of what Christ did and promised. Yet, Paul also implies that the bread and wine have a meaning beyond remembrance. In a mystical sense, these common elements become, at least spiritually if not physically, the body and blood of our Lord.

So the Lord's Supper vitally defines the very nature of our relationship with Christ who gave himself for us. Consequently it also defines our relationship with other Christians as a caring and sharing that rises above petty differences. For the follower of Jesus Christ the form of Holy Communion is optional, but the experience is not.

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