

Ida Risser

"It's so peaceful in the country", goes the line from a song. Not necessarily so---there are big noisy tractors, a sump pump, compressor motors to cool the milk, mowers and conditioners plus the constant parade of trucks.

At 5 a.m. comes the tank truck for the milk, then during the day there may be a gasoline truck, a liquid protein tanker, a propane gas truck or the feed truck equipped to blow it in the bin outside the milk parlor. While the feed is being unloaded, the driver puts on his ear muffs to protect his ears from the noise, and sits and swings gently on my little girl's swing under the locust tree.

However when the water pump in the cellar isn't running and the dishwasher isn't going, the dryer

isn't drying nor the washer washing clothes then it really is peaceful in the country and we can hear the birds twittering constantly.

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My "second" garden is well on its way. The pea fences have been removed and the ground rototilled again. There are rows of celery, sweet potatoes, endive, cucumbers, squash and other autumn crops. The children bring boxes of raspberries picked along the woods and I pick the big blueberries near the house. We do keep busy.

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My big boy has just surprised me with a talent I didn't know he possessed.

We needed a new motor in our pick-up truck. The garage man's estimate was about one week's wages. Well, in less than a day Jeff removed a motor from one truck and put it in another, and jubilantly drove it down the lane, honking the horn. You should have seen those greasy clothes.

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, July 14

1:30 p.m. -- Farm Women Society 25 meeting, home of Mrs. John Metz.

2:00 p.m. -- Farm Women Society 7 meeting, sew Cancer Dressings, Mrs. Mary Eshelman, hostess.

Farm Women Society 3 -- Annual Picnic, Walter's Meadow

Farm Women Society 2 -- meeting, Ruhl's picnic grove, Manheim RD3

Sunday, July 15

12:00 noon -- Farm Women Society 29 Family Pool Picnic, Verne Ranch's.

Monday, July 16

7:00 a.m. -- Farm Women Society 31 bus trip to Shore, leave from Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

Tuesday, July 17

10:00 a.m. -- Farm Women Society 30 Hershey Park Day, leave Lancaster Mennonite High School, bring picnic lunch

Clashing Thimbles

4-H Club Meets

The fifth meeting of the Penn Manor 4-H Clashing Thimbles club was called to order by the vice-president Linda Sickman. The members repeated the 4-H Pledge and the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was taken followed by the business meeting. It was decided the cooking club will bake cookies for the final meeting

Clean-up committee for the week was Darlene and Joanne Metzger.

The meeting was adjourned and a work period followed.

Kay Shertzer
News Reporter

Key To Modern Housewife's Success

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Janis is an active member of the Heidelberg Church of the Brethren, where she was a Sunday School teacher and now helps with Bible School each year. She also works with the women's group, who for several years have had a project of making chow-chow. "Last year we made 1000 quarts of chow-chow," Janis laughs as she recalls the sight of all those vegetables and women working together. "It was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun."

At two different times, the Horst family opened up their home to International Farm Youth Exchange students who were visiting in this country. One year they hosted a girl from Italy and once a girl from Thailand. Janis said, "It really helps you learn a lot about another country. I heartily endorse the program." She said they always had a few qualms just before their guests arrived and wondered, "Will we be able to understand?" She said, "Food is the most exciting part. The girls wanted to take recipes home with them, but they didn't have the ingredients available in their countries, so they would ask what could be substituted. Measurements also vary in other countries, so it was always interesting, especially when they prepared their native food." All in all, Janis said, "It was a very rewarding experience."

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Food eaten at home today costs the average American worker only 15.7 percent of his take-home pay. In 1952 he was spending 23 percent of his take-home pay on groceries.

Janis doesn't have to help milk the cows, but as many a farm wife, she said, "I often run errands."

Gardening is her bailiwick, and she does a lot of freezing and canning. But with two 4-H daughters, she gets lots of help. Cindi helps make jams and jellies to fulfill requirements of a 4-H project, and Connie helps with the freezing for her project.

Family is important to Janis, so the Horsts enjoy sharing family activities. They mostly like to "swim in the pond and play volleyball, and the boys play softball."

Her husband "loves fishing" and has his own boat, so occasionally the whole family goes on a boating outing. Janis says they don't go more often

"because we have to travel so far to get to water for boating."

Janis says she was not a farm girl - she came from Bethel in Berks County - but it's obvious that she really enjoys the farm, and the role of a busy homemaker.

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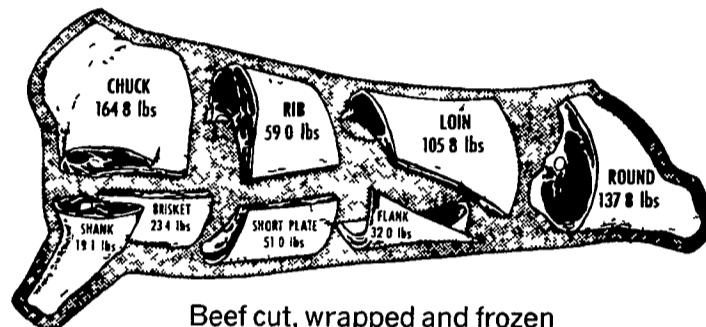
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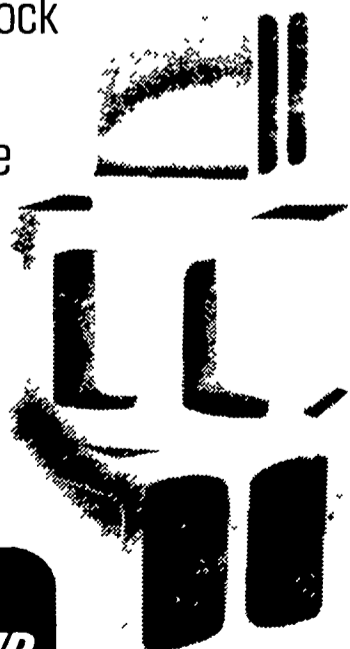
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