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We are asked to conserve energy. Somehow it is difficult to do, as we gradually add more labor-saving motors in our homes and barns. Why scrub clothes when a washing machine will do the job and why sweep carpets when an electric sweeper does a better job? Even the farmer succumbs to the advantages

of a milking machine or an elevator to lift those heavy bales of hay. If perchance all the motors humming and buzzing should stop at the same time, I'm pleasantly surprised to notice the sighing of the wind through the evergreens beside the house. Why even the twitter of the sparrows at the bird feeder can be

noticed. We'll just have to keep looking for ways to cut down the size of our electric bill which somehow keeps growing bigger and bigger. xxx This spring our third child will graduate from college. It is difficult to realize that he is a senior at Penn State. As jobs are not easy to find in a particular field, he will probably do graduate work in agronomy and biochemistry.

Our oldest daughter is taking courses at the University of Washington in Seattle even though she has several degrees already. She tells me she has the "learning bug" and it is due to all the books we have in our home and the fact that we always took time to read to her when she was little. I always wanted to be a

teacher and go to college but didn't have the opportunity. Now, it seems my children are making up for my lack. My mother tells me she always wanted to write and didn't accomplish it and is glad that I am writing. Apparently, it is true, that the dreams of the parents are fulfilled in the children.

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, March 15
Farm Women Society 12 meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth Brinton.
Monday, March 17
Farm Women Society 31 meeting at 7:30 p.m. for a safety program.
Farm Women Society 30 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Raymond Horning in New Holland. An auction will be the program.
Farm Women Society 29 meeting at 7:30 p.m. program will be a gingham flowers workshop.
Wednesday, March 19
Farm Women Society 1 Berks Co. meeting at the home of Agnus Knall.

Thursday, March 20
Farm Women Society 15 meeting at 1:30 p.m.
Farm Women Society 10 of Berks Co. meeting at the home of Mrs. Donald Daub.
Farm Women Society meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 21
Farm Women Society 27 meeting and family night at the Teen Challenge at Rehrsburg.

Saturday, March 22
Farm Women Society entertaining Society 21 at the Ironville U.M. Church 12:30 p.m.
Farm Women Society 5 meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Society 19

Farm Women Society 19 met on Saturday, March 8, at the home of Mrs. Daniel Rohrer Jr., Manheim R1. There were 31 members present. Devotions were led by Mrs. John Graybill. Program for the afternoon was a talk on "Our Amish Neighbors" by Mrs. John Becker, a member of the local toastmistress club. Contributions were given to the Easter Seal Society and the Association for Retarded Children.

Society 2 will entertain Society 19 on April 19 at the Coca Cola Building on the Manheim Pike. Society 19 will host a luncheon for Society 5 on April 12 at the Lititz Church of the Brethren at 12 noon.

GULLIVER'S CUCUMBERS
In "Gulliver's Travels," Jonathan Swift proposed extracting sunbeams from cucumbers and storing them to warm inclement summers



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