

On being a farm wife

And other hazards

By **JOYCE BUPP** 

Hey all you gardening buddies-isn't this a really super time of the year!

Every February I plan to plant the greatest flower and vegetable garden in history. Visions of spotlessly weed and insect free green rows of bountifully bearing varieties fill my snow-stunned brain.

August brings reality back, with delight over a few successes and blushing embarrassment about the year's disasters.

Those doggone string beans sneaked up on me

again. They always pick a week to suddenly ripen when our schedule calls for six new calves to feed, four daytime meetings and a

weekend yard party. Now, cucumbers are something really fun to watch grow. First they send door and beat it into the those creepy crawly runners around hunting the row of onions or lima beans to seeds I sent for came up casually smother. One beautifully, took one look at they've taken over the entire the working conditions and center of the garden, one of two things will happenn.

bugs may vote to build a condominium in your pickle patch, smashing overnight hopes of pantry shelves bending under jars of crunchy, green gerkins.

Or else, Mother Nature will deliver you a windfall and bushels of cucumers will swoop down upon your unsuspecting kitchen. No matter how hard you search for every last ready cucumber, a little green man that lives under the leaves will hide a few. Then, on your next harvesting visit, you'll be greeted by a half-dozen tough old yellow fellows to throw at the groundhog raiding the sweet corn.

When you really get in a "pickle" and never want to look another cucumber in the stem again, sneak them over to your neighbors front porch, knock loudly on the hedge!

The expensive cantaloupe went out on strike. Actually, cantaloupes are really the First a horde of squash big farmer's pet crop. He

### Keystone winners named

YORK, Pa. - The York County Agriculture Extension Service is proud to announce their 18 4-H Keystone winners. This means that in the program entered, these 4-H'ers records were selected as one of the best in all of Penn-

takes the easy way out and buys started plants-how ego crushing to admit they do better than my special-order jobs.

One sweet potato row is way over chatting with the beans and vacationing among the pumpkins. Alas, a later sweet potato patch across the way has turned sour.

Gotta run now. I have an appointment with a delegation of visiting Japanese beetles about my ''Made in America' grapevines. They'll receive a gift-wrapped going away package of Sevin.

to Penn State July 22 for an interview with judges. The score on the record and the score on the interview will determine the final selection of the state winners, who will be announced in August.

Those 4-H'ers receiving Keystone winner in two project areas are: Tim Beck. Seven Valleys, in Beef and Commodity Marketing; Beverly Brown, Delta, agriculture and horse; Karen Hemminger, Glen Rock, citizenship and foods and nutrition; Joyce Hemminger, Glen Rock, dairy foods and food conservation; Pearl Kneller, Brodbecks, home management and poultry; Brooke Palmer, Shrewsbury, food preservation and recreation; Shaub, Megan Shrewsbury, achivement and gardening; Gary Welsh, East Berlin, automotive and safety; Tommy Welsh, East Berlin, achievement and dairy; and Joanne Zumbrum, Hanover, home en-

viroment and leadership. The 4-H'ers who were selected in one project area are: Laurie Dobrosky, Glen Rock, wood science; Jonathan Myers, Thomasville, bicycle; Paul

sylvania. The 4-H'ers will go Myers III, Thomasville, health: Kay Swartz, Hanover, health; Gary Thoman, Seven Valleys, field crops; Joey Welsh, East Berlin, petroleum power; and Bonnie Wire, Spring Grove, photography.

Two other 4-H'ers who won in the specialized area of outstanding girl and outstanding boy are Linda Ebaugh, Delta and Tim Beck, Seven Valleys.

### 4-H club meets

KUTZTOWN, Pa. - Hoof trimming was the subject of a demontration given at a recent meeting of the Western Berks 4-H Club. Given in the barn, the demonstration gave each member a chance to learn the proper method of trimming an animal's hooves.

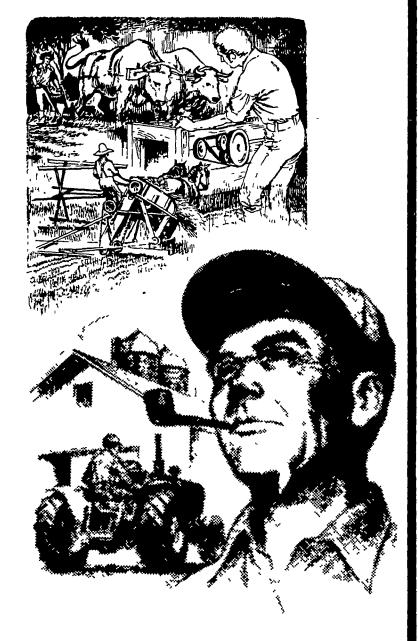
During the meeting, new business was discussed. Plans were made for the field day and Kutztown Fair activities.

The next meeting will be held at the Kutztown Fair.

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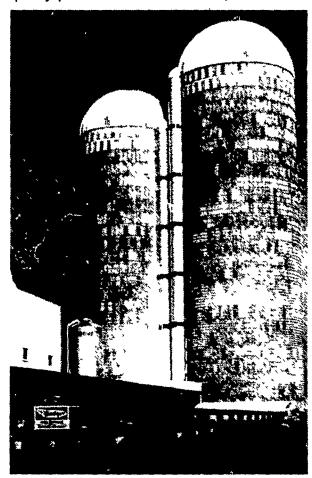
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