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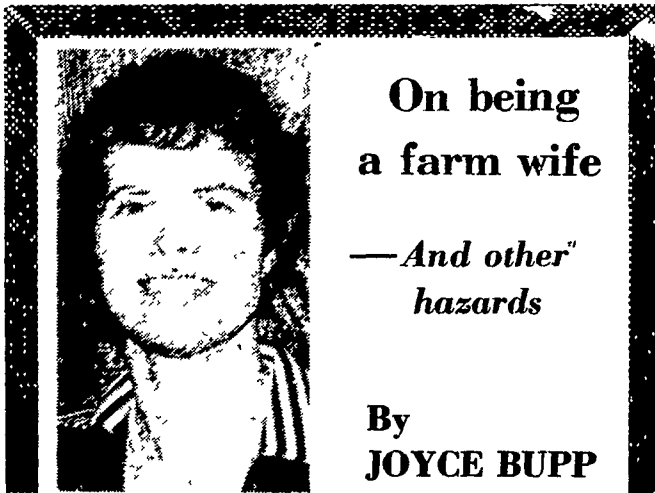
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On being a farm wife

—And other hazards

By JOYCE BUPP

Did you say you love to travel by air? Well, that makes two of us. But the next time I'm asked to fly to a far-off meeting via the Wright brothers magnificent invention, you may see me make a mad dash to the nearest bus station. Why? Read on.

On a recent early Monday morning, three farm wives depart Harrisburg Airport at 8:15 a.m. en route to Green Bay, Wis., to attend the American Agri-Women national convention. First mistake: having to fly on a foggy day. Three hours later, finally touch down at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, after being "stacked up" in the traffic pattern for an extra hour because of poor ground visibility. Rush to catch connecting flight to Green Bay; sorry, flight cancelled. Stand in ticket line for another hour to reschedule flight. Pass time eating lunch. By stroke of

sheer luck, get called as stand-bys on early afternoon flight. Important meetings to attend, so eagerly wait for take-off. Wait. And wait, and wait. Disembark after 40 minutes; plane not moving an inch because Green Bay still fogged in. Retrace quarter-mile walk to ticket offices. Wait in line hour and a half. Tiny chance of after-dinner flight leaving. Pass more time eating—this time at airlines expense. Evening flight finally leaves the ground with passengers warned they'll probably end up in Milwaukee for the night. Miraculously, fog lifts just enough for plane to set down at Green Bay. Ah ha, here at last. Wait long, long time for hotel limousine to arrive, finally discovered masquerading as a plain old car. Near 11:00 p.m., three exhausted farm wives collapse on a sixth floor hotel room, mulling over the marvels of travel by air.

Four days later, on a beautifully crystal clear night, same trio checks out of hotel, eager to return to York County. Perfect flight south over Wisconsin, with Chicago spectacularly lit like a sparkling jewel in the black night.

Too good to last. Connecting flight home to Harrisburg delayed hour and a half due to technical difficulties. Pass time-eating again. Jet finally arrives and whisks Pennsylvanians home for weekend. By midnight we should be home in our beds.

But wait: the car left all

week in the parking lot is dead. (No, it was not my car.) Lights left on all week. Call road service. Wait two hours. Where is road service? Airport good samaritan finally starts car with persistent use of jumper cables. Walk through door at home in wee hours of morning to find father, daughter, and cat sound asleep in living room waiting. Beautiful!

And now I know why my beloved country-folk singer, John Denver, takes guitar in hand to sing: "I'm leavin' on a jet don't know when I'll be back again...."

Answers for Thanksgiving Riddle

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| 1. Turkey | 4. Thanksgiving |
| 2. Pumpkin | 5. Venison |
| 3. Corn | 6. Mayflower |

Three PFU meetings set

HARRISBURG — Three countywide Farmers Union meetings are scheduled for the week of November 20 in Pennsylvania.

The question of property taxes, low farm prices, and the issue of farmland condemnation will be among problems discussed by

farmers at the policy meeting of Snyder and Union County Farmers Union members on November 21.

Then, on November 22, both York County and Perry County Farmers Union members will meet separately to discuss problems facing farmers today.

Adequate supplies and fair prices for energy resources needed by farmers will be a major agenda item at the York County Farmers Union meeting. To be discussed by Perry County Farmers Union members is the cost and supply of energy resources for agriculture as well as the present economic crisis facing farmers today.

The Snyder and Union County meeting is scheduled to be held at the ASCS building on Route 104 at the North end of Middleburg at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Election of county officers for the coming year and of delegates to the state convention will also be held at this meeting.

Perry County's meeting is set for the New Bloomfield Courthouse at 8 p.m. Farmers Union members from both Perry and Juniata County are invited to attend.

In urging all members from these two counties to attend the meeting, Truman Holman, county president said, "Farmers themselves can best describe their individual problems and we hope to get input from the entire family—mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters—about how to improve and strengthen the future of the American farm situation."

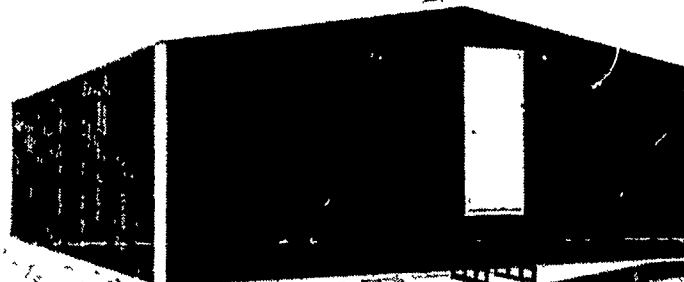
The York County meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H center in Bair. Elections of county officers for the coming year and of delegates to the state convention will also be held at this meeting.

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