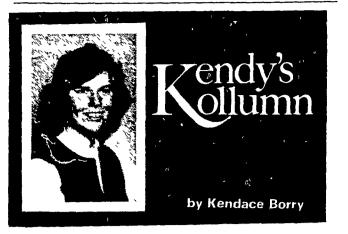
50-Lancaster Farming, Saturday, September 23, 1978



No, it just couldn't be raining that hard, i groaned to myself, as I rolled over in bed. Opening one eye, I roused myself long enough to look at the clock. It said 4 a.m

Outside, the tempo of the rain increased, if that was possible And the lightning flashed across the sky while the thunder refused to let me drift into sleep again And the whole time I thought about those two poor horses stuck out in that pasture

The weatherman had prosmised me that it was going to be fair, so I had taken the pregnant broodmare and the three-year-old gelding and put them out in the pasture overnight But both of them are nervous horses, and thin skinned, and jumpy, and spooky, and as I lay there, worrying about them, endless possib:lities of what they might do to hurt themselves rambled through my

There was only one solution, painful as that might be.

Still more asleep than awake, I slid from the warm bed, crawled into my clothes, and stumbled from the house Outside the cold rain was a shock to my system that made me doubt my sanity for even attempting to check on those horses But on I plodded.

There they were, down at the pasture gate, huddled together and shivering. Overscived at my arrival, they immediately charged towards me, demanding attention and action

Later, the problem solved, with two happy horses stabled in the barn, I turned towards the homestead again to rest my weary, soaking wet bones

But it's times like these that make me wonder about the advantages of living in a small apartment in a big town far from the life on the farm. Don't worry, it'll never happen.

Ethel Gross to speak

Gross, the state coordinator of Penn's Agri-Women, will speak at the YWCA in Lancaster, on September 26, beginning at noon.

Her topic will be "The Farm Connection", where she will take a lok at the production and distribution 393-1735. A donation of \$1 is of food as the over-riding requested to cover costs.

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Everyone is welcome to attend. People may bring their lunches, and beverages will be available. Child care can be arranged in advance by calling the YWCA at 717-

728 million bu. grain stored

WASHINGTON, D.C. -There were 737,885,478 bushels of feed grain and wheat in the grain reserve as of Sept. 8, according to Ray Fitzgerald, administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). As of that date, the reserve

held 30,696,637 bushels of barley, 234,873,491 bushels of corn, 34,526,948 bushels of oats, 35,035,602 bushels of sorghum, and 392,752,800 bushels of wheat.

The figures cited by administrator Fitzgerald were based on a telephone survey by ASCS.





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