On being a farm wife

—And other hazards

By JOYCE BUPP

While attending a wedding shower recently, I watched the beautiful glowing face of my niece bride-to-be as she lovingly unwrapped packages of fragile glasses, delicate pitchers, sturdy cooking bowls and a variety of other household necessities.

Thanks to thoughtful friends who had questioned color preferences and pattern choices, the gifts matched her decorating schemes and blended with each other with almost decorator planning.

I winced. The almost-fifteen-year collection of household necessities back home was painful by comparison.

Our kitchen cupboards are filled with a matchless, priceless set of Early Farmhouse Mixed-Chipped-Cracked.

This collection came about because of my chronic affliction, "break-itis."

We drink beverages from glasses that depict "Milk Is A Natural," ole buddy Ronald McDonald and the Hamburglar, and a scattering of pieces with a vague history.

On the cuphangers are three cups of mix-n-match supermarket specials, two large, heavy-duty mugs (one chipped from too many trips to the barn), and two that proclaim allegiance to the Ohio State Buckeyes. (Fellow Penn State fans, forgive me-I got' em on sale.).

Mixing and serving bowls that grace our shelves range from long-ago wedding gift survivors to garage sale specials to an assortment of sturdy plastics—which refuse to break but collapse when put in a dishwasher. Plastics have been relegated to the top shelf.

Pots and pans do match. Well, partly anyway. They all have a dent in the same side. Except for the two that have look-alike broken handles.

Plates come in a variety of integrated darks and lights, with a couple of renegades left from our first-married "good set."

While this beloved assortment lacks grace, style and elegance, I suppose it goes with everything.

No. On second thought it doesn't go with anything. Who cares?

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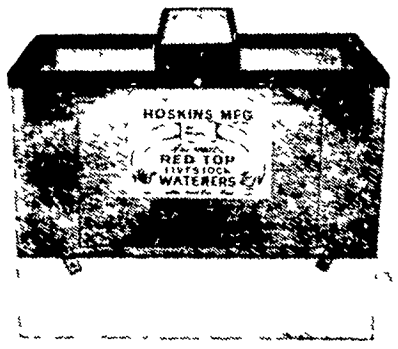

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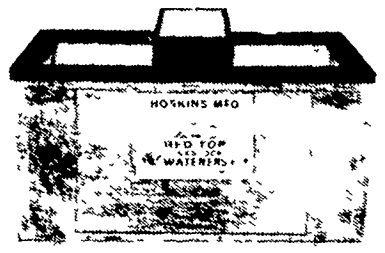

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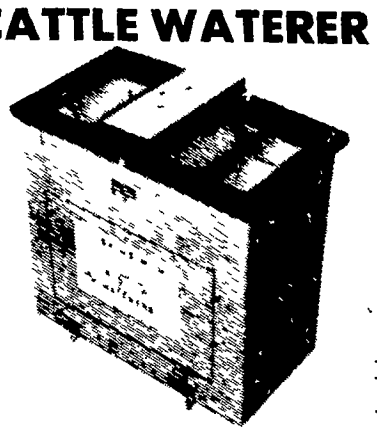

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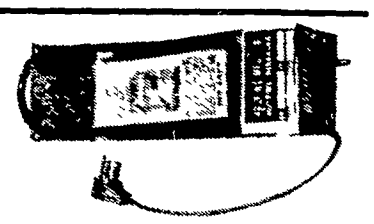

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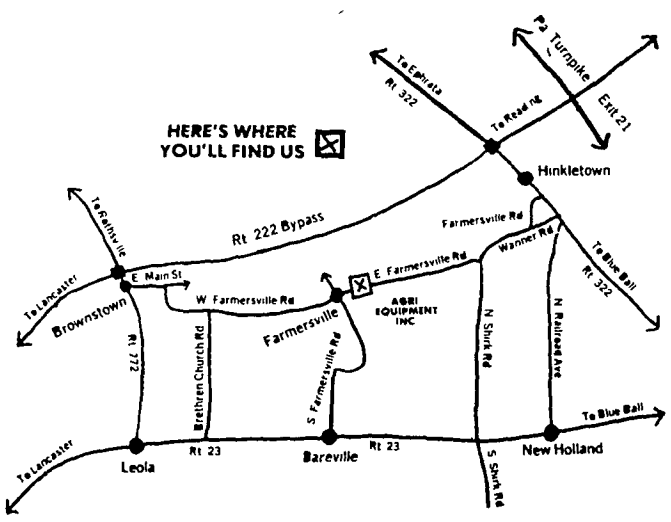
B-500 Watt



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