

On being a farm wife

—And other hazards

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Driving down the road, past the shop and then the barn, I searched carefully to see if I would be caught returning.

Not a soul in sight. Maybe, if I hurried, I could sneak into the house without being spotted.

Could I cure it, this addiction of mine? Would I spend the rest of my life hiding brown bags in closets, stealthily snatching from the stash hidden under the beds and bureau drawers?

It began shortly after we were married, this compulsion, this weakness. Probably no man could ever understand the desire that drove me to so indulge.

But another woman might. In fact, I knew several afflicted with the same uncontrollable weakness.

My mother understands completely. So does my mother-in-law.

She had, in fact, just caught me in the act.

"Are you here again, too?" she whispered,

glancing around the store to be sure we were unseen and undiscovered by a possible acquaintance.

We tried to be strong. We tried to bolster one another's weakening will power.

We failed. She dashed for the cashier. I was right behind her.

"I'll take two yards of this

Berks Co. FWS Board meets
OLEY - On January 15 the Berks County Farm Women Society Board meeting was held at the Berks Ag-Center.

bolt, one yard of this, and three of that one!" Fabric-mania had done us in again.

If you also sew your own clothes, you'll understand, I know.

If you don't, just spend a day looking at and pricing the newest fashions. This year's latest high fashion designs, dubbed "the naked look," may drive you in desperation into becoming a fabric addict, too.

It's enough to make you want to invest your life savings in a yard-goods store.

Twenty-two members were present.

Two new members were introduced from Society 12, they were Mrs. Betty Zerbe, president, and Mrs. Rita Stump, vice president.

A slate convention report was given. Plans were continued for the April 1 Ho-Down at Hamburg. Consideration is being given to participate in the "'79 Ag-Expo" at the mall in June. The next meeting will be on March 5 at 8 p.m. at the Berks Ag-Center.



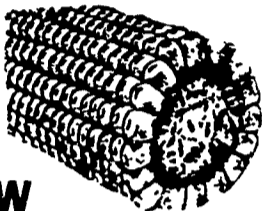
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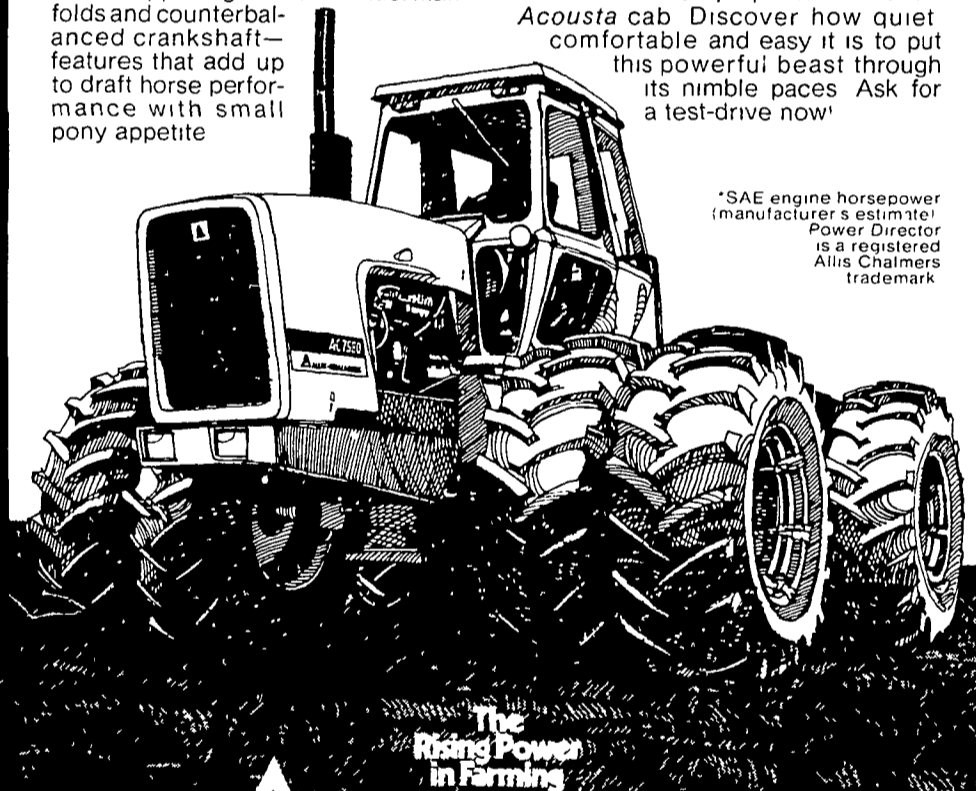
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